

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, if a man desired to wed a girl, he had to pay a tax of three shillings and fourpence a year for the privilege.

The church people of Pittsburg are to erect a club-house for chorus girls. All kinds of entertainment of a refined character will be available, but no intoxicants.

In Hindustan, when the parents of a baby cannot agree upon a name for the child, two lamps are placed over the names. The one over which the lamp is brighter is chosen.

The Chinese were once fighters, but that was long ago. They twice reached Moscow—once in 1227, and again in 1293.

Superstitious people believe that crickets bring good luck to a house, and to kill one is considered unlucky. If they forsake a house it is the general belief that a death will follow.

A life-size marble statue of Venus was placed in her parlor, as a surprise to her husband, by Mrs. Scholer, of Manayunk, Pa. In the wee sma' hours her husband rambled in and viewed the statue as a burglar in the gloom, and planted a pistol-ball under the marble maiden's fifth rib.

Boston has an automobile fire-pistol wagon. There is the customary seat for the chauffeur, and a seat beside him for one man. In the rear are carried the other men and the fire-fighting equipment. In ordinary use the wagon will carry four men, but in an emergency it can carry six or eight.

One of the real Gibson girls, it is reported will soon marry Prince Francis of Teck, brother of the Princess of Wales. She is Miss Nora Langhorne, a sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, who is supposed to have been the type the artist had in mind in his famous creations of feminine beauty.

In the French navy, during the present year, there will be nearly sixty submarines, most of them with pickled crows—not the least interesting among the staff on each boat being three white mice, regularly accounted for on the expense ledger. It is the duty of these tiny "naval officers" to detect by their squeals the ominous odors of any escape from the gasoline tank.

Recent discoveries in the ruins of Pompeii prove that the ancient Romans used windowglass; but for centuries houses in England were without window-glass, the place which was frequently supplied with waxed linen or oiled paper. At the end of the eighteenth century there were men living whose occupation it was to paste oiled paper into window-sashes. Horn was also used as a substitute for glass.

From the Iowa State Register and Farmer, Feb. 21, 1908.

A TORNADO.
The time of year is near at hand when we may expect a tornado, as any place in Iowa is subject to them.

It is the part of wisdom to be prepared for them; both for protection of life and property. You can protect your life by having a good, safe place to go into in case of storm, but the only protection to property is by having it insured in some reliable company.

The attention of the readers to the great Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association of Des Moines. This Association has had a wonderful growth, and now has over \$122,000,000 of Iowa property insured and has paid losses of over a half million dollars, and saved many from financial ruin.

In several cases the entire set of buildings and contents were destroyed. The remarkable cheapness of the Association makes it very popular with the people. For prompt payment of losses, it cannot be excelled by any other company on earth.

There has been no assessment for two years and the Association has over \$70,000 cash on hand. The business the past year exceeded that of any previous year by over \$4,000,000 and yet the business of the past three months of its fiscal year exceeded every month for the same period the previous year. This is the twenty-fifth year, and the Association hopes to make it the banner year for business.

This is the people's association, and it is what they make it. It has not only saved its members more than a million dollars, but has reduced the cost of insurance by stock companies, so every one is getting their insurance cheaper on account of its existence. When you pay your assessment in this Association, you are helping those who have met with a misfortune and it is a pretty good way to make a contribution.

The insurance is too cheap to be without. This Association operates in connection with the Farmers' Mutuals and the Town Dwelling Association. If there should be no agent in your locality, address the Secretary, J. B. Herriman, Des Moines, Iowa, for further information and a good map of Iowa.

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165 CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE IN OHIO SCHOOL BUILDING.

OVERHEATED FURNACE CAUSE Pupils on Upper Floors of Building Were Victims of the Flames.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—At 2 o'clock this morning 165 bodies had been identified and 107 were still unknown.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—At midnight 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collinwood, six children were still unaccounted for, and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained number of children, some fatally, and many less seriously injured.

All of the victims were between the ages of 6 and 15 years.

The school contained between 300 and 325 pupils, and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt.

The list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are now lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—Death in one of its most terrible forms claiming between 160 and 170 school children of the North Collinwood school, in the village of Collinwood, an eastern suburb yesterday, when the school building, catching fire from a defective furnace in the basement, was wrecked in the space of half an hour.

The building being inadequately protected by fire escapes, the children were unable to make their way to the lower floors in time, to escape the flames as they shot up from the basement and cut off egress.

Starting about 8:30 o'clock in the basement from the overheated furnace, the fire gained tremendous headway before its presence was noted.

The fire drill was inaugurated at once and those in the rooms on the lower floors quickly moved out of the building. But when the panic-stricken little ones in the upper rooms attempted to make their way to the stairway, the jam was uncontrolled and many of the children were crushed.

Various and unconfirmed statements are made as to the cause of the fire and also that the doors of the building had been locked at the front entrance, while but one door of the rear entry was unfastened. The janitor, Fritz Herter, himself bereaved of three children, says the doors were open, according to custom.

At any rate the congestion of fleeing children in the hall below effectively barred the way and the little ones went to their death totally unable to avoid the flames.

Within three hours after the start of the fire it had burned itself out and the work of recovering the little bodies proceeded. The fire department had only two engines and neither upon arrival after the alarm was given was at all effective in stemming the flames.

The school was a two-story and attic brick building and was so overcrowded with pupils that it was found necessary to utilize the attic for those of the ages between 6 and 8. Nearly all the children were killed in the jam at the first floor door, which was finally opened by men from the Lake Shore railway shops, who hurried to the scene. A wall of flame had formed across it and most of the children already were dead by the time the doors were swung open.

Janitor Herter, after telling of discovering the fire, turning in an alarm, and opening the front and rear doors, said:

"I cannot remember what happened next, except that I saw the flames shooting all about and the little children running down through them screaming. Some fell at the rear entrance and others stumbled over them. I saw my little Helen among them. I tried to pull her out, but the flames drove me back. I had to leave my little child to die."

Herter was badly burned about the head.

Miss Catherine Weller, one of the teachers in the school, lost her life in a vain effort to marshal the pupils of her class and lead them to safety.

When the children, under her guidance, reached the hall and saw the fire, they became panic stricken and plunged into the struggling mass ahead of them. Miss Weller attempted to stem the rush, but went down under it and her body was found an hour later piled high with those of her pupils.

Miss Fisk, another teacher, was taken out alive, but she cannot live.

OHIO INDORSES TAFT.
State Convention Favors Tariff Revision After Election.

Columbus, O., March 5.—Tariff revision after election and indorsement of Taft as presidential nominee is the net result of today's Ohio republican state convention convened here yesterday.

Charles P. Taft, Myron T. Herrick, A. E. Vorys and Andrew L. Harris were chosen by acclamation as delegates at large.

Persian Newspapers.
Printing types are not used for Persian newspapers. The "copy" is given to an expert penman, who writes it out neatly. The various articles are then arranged in page form, and lithography multiplies the copies.

For Mothers.
Don't forget that you are, and ought to be, your children's ideal of all that is perfection, and that it is your duty to live up to their ideals in every possible way. Not an easy task, but wonderfully inspiring.

Method in His Gift.
Mr. Mooney—It's your birthday tomorrow, my dear, and here's half a dollar to you. You'd better, p'raps, keep it by you, because it's my birthday next month.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH 200 MARK

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT 180 CHILDREN LOST LIVES.

FEW OVER HALF IDENTIFIED

Tendency to Blame Janitor of Collinwood School—It is Thought the Boiler Exploded.

Cleveland, O., March 6.—Twenty-four hours after the disaster which swept into eternity approximately one-third of the school children of North Collinwood, the death roll numbered 164. Of these, 137 had been identified at the Lake Shore morgue, while 27 bodies remain there in condition of mutilation; probably forever beyond the chance of being recognized.

The work of digging in the ruins of the Lake View school house, in further search for remains of children still missing, began with the break of day. Dawn found mothers and fathers waiting about the fire-ravaged building after having spent the night in an effort to find their children's remains at the extemporized morgue.

But the work of the dead is the burden according to those of authority in the little village. The arrangements for the funerals of the victims were discussed last night at a meeting attended by the mayor of Collinwood, members of the board of education, the clergy and school officers. The idea of having a public burial of all the dead has been abandoned, though it is probable that where it can be done, bodies will be grouped in one church.

Last night the work of removing the identified bodies to their homes was completed and the undertakers set to work to take the bodies to their homes.

In an effort to fix the cause and responsibility for the holocaust, various investigations were set under way. Coroner Burke issued subpoenas for the seven surviving teachers of the Lake View school. The inquest was held yesterday afternoon, and a number of witnesses were examined, without, however, developing any testimony that was beyond mere opinion.

An investigation conducted by the Collinwood school board, which lasted for the night, at which a number of survivors of the horror told their stories, brought forth these facts:

That one of the inner doors at the west entrance of the school was closed and fastened, while the children were piling up against it in the passage; wing partitions in the vestibule narrowed the exit by about three feet; the flames came first from a closet below the stairway at the east entrance; the closet contained lime and sawdust; three little girls had been found hiding in play in the closet earlier in the morning; there was but one fire escape, and that its use was never taught as a part of the fire drill.

Survivors among the teachers estimate that only two or three minutes passed between the time of the alarm until all escape was cut off. The building was a fair sample of the kind of school construction in use in small towns. The hall and stairway were enclosed between interior brick walls, forming a huge tube through which the flames shot up with great rapidity.

It is generally admitted that the school building was of approved fire-proof construction, and that the fire could not have been avoided, looked at from this standpoint. Also it is now believed that the fire did not have its origin in the furnace or that it resulted from the explosion of the heating boiler. From the testimony of the janitor, it is believed that the fire was never taught as a part of the fire drill.

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HER GOOD FORTUNE.

After Years Spent in Vain Effort.

Mrs. Mary E. H. Rouse, of Cambridge, N. Y., says: "Five years ago I had a bad fall and it affected my kidneys. Severe pains in my back and hips became constant, and sharp twinges followed any exertion. The kidney secretions were badly discolored. I lost flesh and grew too weak to work. Though constantly using medicine I despaired of being cured until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. Then relief came quickly, and in a short time I was completely cured. I am now in excellent health."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

The "Patrolman" Wagon. The telephone in police headquarters rang. "Is this the police station?" inquired a woman's voice.

"It is," said C. E. McVey, the desk sergeant.

"Well, I wish you'd send the patrolman wagon over to Fourth and Oak streets right away. Ole Bill's got drunk again and he's just raising Cain. And say," the voice added, "if you all don't send that wagon mighty quick you all might as well send a hearse, 'cause I'm goin' to hit that fool nigger in a minute."

The wagon made a "hurry" run, but returned empty a few minutes later. The driver reported that he could find no trouble.—Kansas City Star.

Hog Cholera. The greatest drawback to the hog industry which breeders in this country have to contend with is what is known as "hog cholera" and "swine plague."

Hog cholera is a highly contagious disease and unless checked is liable to carry off a great number of hogs in a very short time.

Mr. A. P. Williams, of Burnetts Creek, Ind., tells of an experience which he had with some hogs that had the cholera. "Five years ago," says Mr. Williams, "I was in the employ of Mr. J. D. Richardson, Lafayette, Ind., as his barn foreman. Some fine hogs that I was feeding took the cholera. I gave them Sloan's Liniment and did not lose a hog. Some were so bad they would not drink sweet milk and I was compelled to drench them. I have tried it at every opportunity since and always find it O. K."

Write for Dr. Sloan's free book on the treatment of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and Poultry. Address: Dr. Earl S. Sloan, 615 Albany Street, Boston, Mass.

DIFFERENT EFFECT.

Mrs. Goodsole—My boy, it makes me sick at heart to see you smoking. Kid—Dat's funny. It seems to ketch me right in the stummock.

With an Eye to the Future. Queen Alexandra attended last spring's annual Mansion House fete in London, and because of that auspicious fact there is a tale to tell—and worth the while. One of the diminutive flower maidens was both pretty and plump, and when her majesty stopped for an instant to smile down upon her, what did she do but put up her wee (and tempting) mouth for a kiss, which she received.

"Molly!" gasped her astounded mother, and after the distinguished visitor had passed on, "how could you?"

And Molly gave a good reason. "I fought," said she. "It 'ud be interestin' to tell my grandchildren."—Harper's Weekly.

OLD SURGEON
Found Coffee Caused Hands to Tremble.

The surgeon's duties require clear judgment and a steady hand. Aslip or an unnecessary incision may do irreparable damage to the patient.

When he found that coffee drinking caused his hands to tremble, an Ills. surgeon conscientiously gave it up and it is his story.

"For years I was a coffee drinker until my nervous system was nearly broken down, my hands trembled so I could hardly write, and insomnia tortured me at night.

"Besides, how could I safely perform operations with unsteady hands, using knives and instruments of precision? When I saw plainly the bad effects of coffee, I decided to stop it, and three years ago I prepared some Postum, of which I had received a sample.

"The first cupful surprised me. It was mild, soothing, delicious. At this time I gave some Postum to a friend who was in a similar condition to mine, from the use of coffee.

"A few days after, I met him and he was full of praise for Postum, declaring he would never return to coffee, but stick to Postum. We then ordered a full supply and within a short time my nervousness and consequent trembling, as well as insomnia, disappeared, blood circulation became normal, no dizziness nor heat flashes.

"My friend became a Postum enthusiast, his whole family using it exclusively.

"It would be the fault of the one who brewed the Postum, if it did not taste good when served.

"The best food may be spoiled if not properly made. Postum should be boiled according to directions on the pkg. Then it is all right, anyone can rely on it. It ought to become the national drink." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

WINTER WHEAT CROP

HE REALIZED \$38 PER ACRE. HIS CATS \$37 PER ACRE IN SOUTH-ERN ALBERTA, WESTERN CANADA.

Coaldale, Alta. Can., Nov. 19, 1907. Sir: I beg to say that this year we had 349 acres of grain, consisting of 197 acres of spring wheat and 152 acres of oats. The average yield of wheat was 38 bushels per acre and oats 74 bushels. We were offered \$1.00 per bushel for wheat and 50 cents for oats, making the acre value for the two crops \$38.00 and \$37.00 respectively.

We also had 50 tons of hay worth \$12.00 per ton, and 500 bushels of potatoes, worth 60 cents per bushel, the latter off 2 1/2 acres of ground.

Our best yields this year were 107 acres of wheat, making 41 bushels per acre at \$1.00 per bushel, would be \$41.00 per acre; 47 acres of oats, yielding 95 bushels per acre were sold for 50 cents per bushel. Proceeds, \$47.00 per acre.

I might add that 50 acres of our oats were "stabled in."

During the spring of 1906, we hired about 300 acres broken by steam. We put in and harvested 55 acres of grain last year, did the remainder of our breaking, worked up the ground and seeded this year's entire crop, put in seven acres of alfalfa and five acres of garden potatoes, trees, etc., all with one four-horse team. During harvest we hired other teams, but aside from this, and part of the breaking, the one team did the work of raising practically 19,000 bushels of grain, worth \$12,000.

Yours truly,
W. H. PAWSON, JR.

WINTER WHEAT 25 TO 30 BUSH-ELS TO THE ACRE IN SOUTH-ERN ALBERTA.

Warner, Alta. Canada, Jan. 9, 1908. Dear Sir: This is the first year of farming in this settlement. Mr. A. L. Warner raised twenty-five hundred and fifteen bushels of fine winter wheat on one hundred acres of breaking and Tenny brothers had sixty acres that winter wheat that is in this year looks fine.

Spring wheat here went thirty bushels per acre, oats fifty to eighty, barley fifty, and flax ten to fifteen on sod.

The settlers here are all well pleased with the country. The stock have not required any feed except the grass up to this date and are all fat.

Yours truly,
F. S. LEFFINGWELL.

(Information as to how to reach these districts, rates, etc., can be secured from any agent of the Canadian government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.—Ed.)

Every Lover of Good Music should take advantage of the offer the Jerome H. Remick Co. of New York make in the advertising columns of this paper to send for 25 cents the words and music of nine of the best pieces of the Merry Widow Opera. It is adapted for use in London, Paris and New York.

If a young man sits half the time on a hot stove and the other half on a cake of ice he's just like being in love.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, it is like a rubber hose and cannot conduct sound to the hearing part, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are cured, if you will follow our simple method. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free.

J. C. QUIGLEY & CO., 1200 N. O. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

All Beach. Wilfred was sitting upon his father's knee watching his mother arranging her hair.

"Papa hasn't any Marcel waves like that," said the father laughingly.

Wilfred, looking up at his father's bald pate, replied, "None; no waves; it's all beach."—Harper's Weekly.

Unhappily Alike. "He has no ear for music," said Bulger, pityingly. "It's actually a fact that he couldn't distinguish between the air of 'America' and that of 'God Save the King.'"

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE. From October to May, Colic is the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Groves on box 2c

It is her winning ways that often enable a woman to get the better of a man in the matrimonial game.

Digestive Difficulties? Headache? Sal-low complexion? The remedy is Garfield Tea, the Herb Laxative. Write for samples. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

No man realizes how silly it is possible for him to be until his love letters are read in a breach-of-promise suit.

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Always remember the full name. Look for this signature on every box. 25c.

E. W. Groves

RESOLVED TO SNUB EVE.

Mrs. Intheswim Intended to Draw Social Line in Heaven.

The minister had dropped in to tea, and the conversation had drifted through various channels to the question of whether or not we should know each other in heaven. Presuming that our physical beings would be perpetuated, and that recognition would be assured, the minister had asked various ones at the table among whom the Biblical characters they would be most interested in recognizing.

Some mentioned one prophet and some another, but one lady, noted for her social exclusiveness, had