

The Duke of Leinster's country house is said to have passed into the ownership of an Irish farmer who was formerly its tenant, under the operation of the new Irish land laws.

The London Economist says that the shrinkage of business on the Stock Exchange of London in 1891 as compared with 1890 equal forty per cent.

The United States has made another contribution to the advancement of industry and with it the cause of civilization, observes the Chicago Times, with pride.

The postage stamp will be fifty-two years old in May, 1892. Its inventor was a printer, James Chalmers, of Dundee, Scotland, who died in 1863.

The difference in character between the people of the various sections of Brazil, a country about as big as the United States, are very marked.

The floral display at the World's Fair will be something perhaps without parallel in beauty and variety, opines the New York Post, if Mr. Thorpe, Chief of the Bureau of Floriculture, is successful in his mission to the East.

It says the St. Louis Star-Sayings: When, at the close of the war, we found ourselves burdened with a National debt of \$3,000,000,000, with State and municipal obligations to the amount of \$400,000,000, it looked as if we had taken on our shoulders all we could carry, and that part of it might as well be repudiated at once.

There had been a warm discussion at the Judge's about inviting Mark to the party that was to celebrate Essie's eighteenth birthday and her final return from boarding school.

The village was essentially democratic, and the fact that Essie was the only child and heiress of the richest, most influential man in the place did not prevent her from visiting Mrs. Lamson upon terms of perfect equality.

A WOMAN'S ADIEU

Our love is done! I would not have it back, I say, I would not have my whole year May!

AGAINST WIND AND TIDE. BY ANNA SHIELDS.

People in Maysville always shrugged their shoulders when Mark Lamson was mentioned, and usually the expressive gesture was followed by some deprecating remark.

But Mark Lamson inherited none of the leading traits of his parents. Probably in some remote ancestor there was a mixture of energy, resolution and ability of which the Maysville gossips had never heard.

As he passed from boyhood to manhood, Mark began the unequal struggle against fate and circumstances, that was dictated only by his own energy.

And Mark, struggling to attain better things, with only a vague, undisciplined longing for improvement, met no encouragement at home or abroad.

He tried to obtain a situation, but employers were shy about giving work to a Lamson; he met but a cold reception at the Maysville social gatherings.

He was twenty-one years old, when into his dull, monotonous life came a new stimulus—a hope, bright as a vision and almost as baseless.

The touch of the soft little hand offered to greet him riveted the chains Essie's face had cast about Mark's heart, and made him her slave then and there.

The new house being completed, Essie became housekeeper. Mrs. Lamson gladly resigning her feeble reign.

the easy-going indolence that made her home such a scene of confusion and discomfort; and, in her gentle, pleasant way, she endeavored to brighten that home for Mark by suggestions and offers of help that fell to the ground.

There are six schools in Ireland where 'Irish is taught.' The Brogan's diamond, the largest in the world, weighs 1830 carats.

The human heart, in a lifetime of eighty years, beats 309,000,000 times. The tallest and the shortest people of Europe, the Norwegians and the Laps, live side by side.

A certain country parson in England has written 125,000 begging letters. His wife has written 11,000 more, and his children a few thousands besides.

A few days ago a Chinaman bought three turtles in Portland, Oregon, and then threw them into the ocean.

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The suggestion by Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, that the Government should establish a hospital for lepers, is of the utmost importance.

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(1) That the sailor or soldier served at least ninety days. (2) That he was honorably discharged. (3) Proof of death, but it need not have been the results of his Army or Naval service.

(4) That the widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."

(5) That she married soldier prior to June 27, 1890, the date of the Act.

DEPENDENT PARENT'S CASE. (1) That the soldier or sailor died of a wound, injury or disease, which, under prior law, would have given him a pension.

(2) That he left no wife or minor child. (3) That the mother or father is at present dependent on her or his own manual labor, or the contributions of others not legally bound for their support.

(4) That in case a minor child is insane, idiotic or otherwise permanently helpless, the pension shall continue during the period of such disability, and this proviso shall apply to all pensions heretofore granted, or hereafter to be granted, under this or any former statute, and such pensions shall commence from the date of application therefor after passage of this Act.

The rules and regulations of the Department will govern all applicants and attorneys.

Under Act of June 27, 1890, pensions are granted to Soldiers and Sailors disabled from old age, infirmity, etc.

NOTICE.—Dr. W. R. Lastrapes, having recently been appointed U. S. Examining Surgeon for Pensions at Opelousas, La., it is now of special interest to them that they can now be examined without having to sustain the expenses of going to New Orleans for medical examination, at which place they have heretofore been directed to go.

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