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The Medical-Legal Journal makes a plea for every passenger railway to have a surgeon.

To cut a track through the high and precipitous mountains of North Queensland the men are obliged to be hung in chains, and notwithstanding this precaution, about fifty have lost their lives by losing their footing and being dashed down 1000 feet into the chasms below.

Edward M. Greene, of San Francisco, has designed a novelty for the mid-winter fair to be held in that city, which he hopes will rival the Eiffel Tower and the Ferris wheel.

Reports from the recruiting station of the United States Army in Boston and from the recruiting station of the Marine Corps in the same city show that at both stations an unusually large number of men have presented themselves the present summer as recruits.

The shut-down of some of the Lowell (Mass.) mills brings out the interesting fact that for the last few years a constantly increasing number of the French Canadian employes have been buying little farms with their savings.

The New York Medical Journal recently contained a paper on ozone in the treatment of diphtheria, written by Doctor Irving S. Haynes, which deserves attention and is in the nature of a medical discovery.

The commercial and industrial failures in the panic of 1873 numbered 5188, with total liabilities of \$228,490,900. Until 1878 these failures steadily increased in number though not in volume of liabilities save in 1878, when 10,478 failures covered liabilities to the amount of \$284,382,000.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, Over you are this time of year, O, my lost love, who was false as fair. When the cry of the whippoorwill falls on your ear.

HIS OPPORTUNITY.

BY LOUIS MANZE.

HERE was one sentence that Deacon Chandler had never omitted from his prayers since he was converted and began to pray in the little wooden church on the hill.

Lord, some great opportunity for doing good. Strange as it may seem, his prayers had never been answered. The seasons rolled around with their accustomed regularity and brought increase to his flock and plenty to his storehouses, and as yet nothing unusual had happened.

One night Deacon Chandler entered his home with a stern look on his face that boded no good for whoever the culprit might be. His wife looked up from her sewing as he entered.

Where's Tom? he said shortly. I don't know, was the reply. Why is anything the matter? Before he could reply the door opened again and the subject of their conversation came in.

Well, sir? was Deacon Chandler's greeting. Well? came in insolent tones from the boy, who remained standing. You are found out.

The stern tones of the father rang in the mother's ear like a deathknell. You may as well confess. There is no need if you have found me out, replied the boy defiantly.

Are you proud that you and your gang have been detected stealing fruit from Mr. Dean's orchard, and that unless I settle you will be arrested? Can you offer any excuse for removing the gates from half a dozen houses in town and making a bonfire of them in my orchard lot?

Oh, Tom, it isn't so? Say it isn't so, she implored. But he was silent. Then the deacon continued: I shall settle to save your brothers and sisters from disgrace, but from this night you are no son of mine. I disown you.

After that life went on about as usual at the Chandler farm. The deacon still offered his accustomed prayer, only there was no Tom to make fun of him, for since that night Tom Chandler had not been seen.

So the time went on for eight or ten years, until one day Deacon Chandler awoke suddenly to the fact that his wife was one of the things that no one doubted, and when he noticed how pale and thin she had become he spoke to her at once in an unusually anxious way.

Is there anything I can do for you, wife? he asked. No, I don't know as there is. Is there anything you want? Her eyes filled with tears. Shall I tell you? she whispered. Yes-do.

Sadly and firmly she told him then the whole pitiful story. I want my boy. I want Tom to come back to me. He was my first-born, and I cannot forget how I loved him when he was a baby in my arms.

The words came sharp and fast now and ended in a smothered sob. The deacon was surprised. Never before had his wife questioned his wisdom or censured him for what he did.

Oh, freely! she answered him. He read in her wistful eyes the unspoken wish and answered it. I will find our boy and bring him home, he said.

Know Thomas Chandler? Waal, I reckon I do, drawled one loafer who was warming himself in the sun. Can you tell me where I can find him? asked the deacon.

Waal, I kinder reckon about this time or day he's ter be found over to the Senter House. Having learned where the Senter House was, Deacon Chandler walked slowly up the main street of the well-kept western city.

His meditations were cut short by the gilded sign directly in front of his eyes and he saw in large letters Senter House. He was almost ashamed to ask this gentlemanly fellow about his errand son, but he did.

Can you tell me where I can find Thomas Chandler? Yes, sir, answered the brisk clerk. Then he turned to a boy who stood near and said, Go and find Mr. Chandler.

So, after all, Deacon Chandler's opportunity was a wasted one, for now there was no need of any effort on his part in his son's case.

As it happened, everything had turned out right, but the chances for that had been so few and for another and more painful one so many that he could only thank God that he had taken into his own hands the most successful working out of Deacon Chandler's opportunity.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

There are electric railways in New Zealand.

A Paris medical journal declares jaundice is, or can be, cured by eating nothing but lettuce and lemons.

Doctor E. M. Hale, the dermatologist, states that Bright's disease is most common in New Jersey, and least frequent in Virginia.

In the museum at Cambridge, England, is the skeleton and stuffed skin of an adult hybrid between a lion and a tigress.

It appears that the camel does a good deal of harm in Egypt, by eating the trees as they are growing up. Already the massive Cairo camel is a type distinct from other camels, surpassing all in its cumbersome, massive proportions.

Some investigations carried out by Doctor Alexander A. Houston, of Edinburgh, respecting the number of bacteria in the soil at different depths from the surface go to prove that the micro-organisms become less and less abundant as the depth from the surface increases.

Extensive draught will cause the soil to close its doors, to prevent the evaporation of its bodily moisture and dry up. These little animals are possessed of astonishing vitality, retaining activity after having been frozen in solid blocks of ice, and enduring a degree of heat for weeks which daily crisps vegetation.

The common purslane, which grows anywhere as a weed, produces more seeds than any other plant. One seed pod, by actual count, has 3000 seeds, and as a plant will sometimes have twenty pods, the seeds from a single year's growth may, therefore, number 60,000.

The Bible fixes the creation of life in successive periods, the creation of the higher order of animals in the last period, and immediately before the appearance of man. According to Moses, the order in which living things appeared was: Plants, fishes, fowl, land animals and man.

Space for a fort on a hill near London is being cleared of tree stumps by an electric root grubber or stump puller. The dynamo for supplying the current is about two miles from the hill. The current is taken by overhead wires on telegraph poles to the motor on the grubber carriage.

A wily horse trainer some time ago provided the jockey who was riding his horse, for a valuable cup, with a complete electrical outfit for supplying current to a pair of electrical spurs.

Birds have very acute vision, perhaps the most acute of any creature, and the sense is also more widely diffused over the retina than is the case with man; consequently a bird can see sideways as well as objects in front of it.

Mrs. George M. Pullman's pretty daughters give names to the palace cars built by their father.

Mr. Kinnear does not hesitate to say that it is possible for a person to live 200 years if the formula of diet which he prescribes is followed daily from early youth.

It follows naturally that in order to prolong life the foods containing the most destructive elements to life should be avoided and that some substance which will check the deposits or expel them from the system should be used.

The Sengal bacaba, some of them are said to be 6000 years old. The tree of Anandhapura, in Ceylon, is perhaps the oldest specimen of another very long-lived species; it is held sacred upon the ground that it sprang from a branch of the identical tree under which Buddha reclined for seven years while undergoing his apothosis.

The cedars of Lebanon may also be mentioned, and there are, according to Dean Stanley, still eight of the olives of Gethsemane standing, whose gnarled trunks and scanty foliage will always be regarded as the most affecting of the sacred memorials in or about Jerusalem.

A Trinity professor and his young son were dressing together one morning not long ago when the father thought he saw a chance to inculcate into his son a few good ideas.

The boy mused for a minute or two, then looked up at his father and said: Papa, do you see Mr. Jones over there? He's been up since 5 o'clock working hard in the garden, planting corn and peas. Now, there's a man for you.

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