

If all the black haired and other kind of-haired people in Washington should resolve to shut the red haired people out of all places of amusement and have no dealings with them, except as inferiors, our red haired friends would be in a similar plight to the Negroes of some Southern State where every colored person is jimmied because of his racial identity, regardless of merit.

So the Bryan forces in Nebraska propose to "take down" Parker and Davis and "put up" Watson and Tibbles. This being true, if Watson and Tibbles are running in Roosevelt's interest, as some of the democratic journals are fond of claiming, it looks as if Mr. Roosevelt had corralled Mr. Bryan with the same lasso he used on the head of the populist ticket.

A QUEER COMBINATION.

Corset Maker and Doctor in Paris Join Forces and Do-Thriving Business.

One of the shrewdest business combinations on record has been formed in Paris by two sisters, one of whom is a doctor and the other a corset maker.

Since they have joined forces they have been receiving more business than they can comfortably attend to.

Customers calling are first ushered into the doctor's consulting-room.

There they undergo a regular medical examination. They have to answer the usual practitioner's questions, the pulse is felt, lungs sounded, heart listened to and so on.

The doctor then writes out a prescription—in other words an exact description of the kind of corset which the build or state of health of each customer requires that she shall wear.

They are then ushered into the room where the sister presides over her branch of the business and takes the measurements in strict accordance with the medical instructions.

The partnership of stay-maker and physician has proved so successful that, although the charges made are on the highest scale of the corset trade, consulting-room and fitting-shop are always crowded.

CHOOSING A WIFE BY MUSIC.

Novel Scheme of a German Professor for Ascertaining the Feminine Temperament.

A German professor proposes to solve the difficulty some people seem to have in choosing a wife by "trial by music," reports the London Express. Everything depends on the taste of the subject under study. If she prefers waltz music, and above all Strauss' intoxicating strains, she is certainly frivolous. If she loves Beethoven she is artistic, but not practical. Does she prefer Liszt? Then she is ambitious; while a devotee of Mozart would be rather prudish. Why an admirer of Offenbach should be cunning is not very clear; but remembering the opera of "Faust" it is easy to understand that any girl preferring Gounod must be romantic and tender hearted.

It is hard upon Flotow that because his music is out of fashion a taste for it denotes a vulgar soul; while Gottschalk fares little better, pleasing, according to the German professor, only the superficial. Massenet is supposed to attract the timid; while a devotion to Wagner's music is a distinct proof of egotism. Saint Saens, however, is a composer the admiration for whom denotes a girl of intelligence and well balanced character.

How He Evaded the Suicide Law.

Lord Chief Justice Hankford of England, who lived in a former century, notwithstanding his high position became so tired of life that he determined to shuffle off this mortal coil. But he feared to commit suicide, because at the time a verdict of *felo de se* followed as a matter of course and the body of the suicide was buried at four cross-roads, with a stake thrust through it. Further, he had to avert the consequences to his relatives of forfeiture of his goods, which was also one of the penalties for self destruction. He adopted a novel expedient. Several of his deer having been stolen, he gave orders to his keepers to shoot any person they met in or near the park at night who did not immediately stand when challenged. Then on a dark night he threw himself in the path of the keepers and, not answering the challenge, was shot dead on the spot. The stump of an old oak under which he fell still marks the scene of the tragedy and goes to this day by the name of Hankford's oak.

New York's Harbor Eagles.

Above the pier—close to it and together, as if for comfort—huddled a cluster of tugs, those curious, powerful, persistent little steam craft that ply back and forth and up and down, saucily and busily important, their rows of fenders trailing in the water, their black smoke bannered out behind. Often I had watched them nosing in and out among the heavier craft, nudging a great ocean liner into mid-stream and singly or together pushing or pulling some huge helpless bulk, as an ant or as two might seize and trundle a great dead bumblebee. Their power and their impudence had filled me with wonder. Viewing them now in repose, I was impressed by the fact, hitherto unconsidered, that upon almost every pilot house was a golden eagle with extended wings—a symbol of power and swiftness—and it was borne in upon me that the tug in truth is the harbor eagle, with all other craft for its prey.—Scribner's.

Trees and Rainfall.

Some persons ask if trees affect rainfall. That question is one on which foresters differ, but the large majority are satisfied they do induce rainfall. Vonmuller, Schenck and many others are emphatic in the claim that forests induce rainfall. It is certain they retain humidity to a great extent, and that alone would affect the rainfall; but the point on which all agree is the value of forests for the conservation of water, preventing floods or drought, distributing the water evenly the whole year. It is a matter of history in foreign countries that when forests have been destroyed the rainfall has been greatly lessened and more spasmodic.—T. P. Lukens in Maxwell's Talisman.

Foliage and Colors.

The colorings of variegated foliage plants cannot be intensified by the use of colored glass. A curious Belgian horticulturist, after a long series of experiments, concludes that brilliant light favors high coloration of foliage. Trees and shrubs with golden leaves, when poorly illuminated—that is, through either blue or red glass—became green or in some cases blanched. In no case did the colored glass have a beneficial effect, most plants after a month's exposure putting forth smaller leaves, less vivid in coloring. In some cases a very apparent stunting of the plant's growth was observable.

Why Popcorn Pops.

Why does popcorn pop? The department of agriculture answers the question, which was propounded to it by a small boy. Popcorn pops by reason of the volatilization of the oil contained

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Mr. Taggart, the democratic campaign manager, is out west telling the big contractors to help him carry Indiana, and he will "put them next" to some big contracts in New York after that State goes democratic this fall—but the story has a good many "ifs" in it, and is far from what a business man would call a "snap."

The last report from the Treasury of Mississippi is that there is exactly seventy cents on hand. Here is other work for Messrs. Var'amen and Williams besides abusing Negroes. Two killings per day have been reported from Mississippi for the last 30 days, and only seventy cents in the State Treasury.

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