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SPORTING NEWS AND NOTES.

Thousands of Guesses for "The Evening World" Contest.

The Bridgemen and Philites Off to Florida for Practice.

The spring contest between Peter Maher and Robert Fitzsimmons before the Olympic Club, New Orleans, on March 2, is occupying wide-spread interest not only in sporting but in other circles. Recognizing that the fact that the Evening World will present a Twenty-Dollar Gold Piece to the person who guesses correctly the winner and calculates the exact duration of the contest, in taking account of time the rest between rounds will be counted.

My choice is..... Time of contest..... Name..... Residence.....

Local interest in the fight between Peter Maher and Bob Fitzsimmons, which is to take place before the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, on Wednesday night, has assumed an expectant attitude. Most of the New York sportsmen who intend to witness the contest are already on their way South, and the others will start to-morrow. Local betting is being done in the majority of cases on even terms, but in the few instances where odds are made the Maher men are taking the short end.

The favorable reports that have been received from New Orleans in relation to Fitzsimmons' condition have had a wholesome effect upon his supporters here. The followers of Maher, however, are as enthusiastic as ever over his chances. The latter, while not extravagant in their assertions, still insist that the Irishman will undoubtedly win. Not less than 25,000 guesses as to the outcome and duration of the battle have been sent to THE EVENING WORLD by readers who have entered the contest for the prize of \$20. Each succeeding mail brings more coupons than the last, and it is estimated that the contest will be closed in a few days.

An eight-story building in Brooklyn with three floors pronounced absolutely fire-proof and the others approximately so, was taken up by flames in four hours yesterday. The proof here does not seem to have been against the flames. Not even the charges of bad work made against the firemen can explain the rapidity of the building's destruction.

An Indian has turned up in New Jersey as one of a trio that lunched \$6,000 out of a farmer by the gold-bribe process. The "untutored mind" will thus occasionally surprise the world with a bit of evidence of its susceptibility to the influences of modern culture.

Possible penalties for Train-Robber Tenny's offenses foot up to 161 years of imprisonment. This is a reminder again of the old story of the prisoner who, sentenced for ninety-nine years, asked for a commutation to imprisonment for life.

The man whose billiard gets caught in those years when February catches a twenty-ninth day, like the one, is entitled to a little extra license in his celebration.

Political jobbers may meet upon the level, but they are likely to part upon the divide.

The man who constantly needs cautioning to go slow rarely succeeds in holding fast.

I ran across ex-Dept.-Gov. Jones in the Park Avenue Hotel last evening. His mistakes were there, but they lacked the jaunty twist they had before he retired to private life.

The Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church has a wistful club which meets fortnightly. Is not this an innovation?

I hear that the new sanctuary lamp which is being made for St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, in the city, will be ten feet high and 6 feet in diameter. The body is of silver tinned with gold and studded with jewels. It will cost something over \$4,000.

It is the thing nowadays for millionaires to have guards for their houses. Mr. Jay Gould has three; Mr. Rockefeller, three; Mr. Schuyler, one; Mr. Starn, one; John R. D. Hanson, one; Mrs. Hucksford, one; Mrs. William Astor, one; Russell Sage, one; the Vanderbilts have two apiece, and a score of other wealthy people employ from one to two.

I met Mr. Garrett P. Servis, the popular astronomer, yesterday, and asked him about his "Trip to the Moon" at Music Hall. "Do you really think it would be worth the trouble for anybody to go to the moon if he could get there?" I asked. "Why, certainly," he said, "because although the moon is a dead world now, I believe it has had it upon it in some former time, and if we could once get there and contrive some means to obtain air to breathe, we should very likely discover the most wonderful results of extinct races that science ever dreamed of. The moon carries a great many secrets, but none as interesting as those that relate to the inhabitants that once swarmed upon its surface and adorned the beauty of the distant earth."

A Big Profit \$200 Realized on \$2 Investment of \$2

Mr. W. P. Fitzroth, an esteemed school-teacher in the town of Merrow, who states his net worth to be \$200,000, has just received \$200 from the sale of a share of stock in the Merrow and District Electric Light and Power Company. The share was purchased for \$2 in 1870, and the company has since that time been a success.

Go and Do Likewise Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been worth \$100 a head to the thousands of men who have been teaching school for 3 years. Last fall I became tired out, and no appetite, couldn't sleep at night, and became so debilitated it was impossible to perform my duty as a teacher. I wrote my resignation to take effect in two weeks, but I was persuaded to hold on for a few more weeks. I had a small letter that mentioned my school and said that I had been discharged. I took 2 bottles, feel like a new man, and have \$200 clear from \$2 for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills are the best family Cathartic.

FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR

Pathfinding memorial meeting at Cooper Institute last evening. There were nearly seven hundred lives sacrificed by the fire at the Cooper Institute last evening. The fire broke out at 11:30 p.m. and was extinguished at 1:30 a.m. The loss was estimated at \$1,000,000.

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HARLEM'S CROSSING.

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After He Had Spent Years Under the Treatment of Several Physicians, Doctors McCoy and Wildman Take Hold of His Case and Cure Him. A wonderful story of a man whose case baffled the doctors.



Doctors McCoy & Wildman, 136, 138 & 140 West 23d St. Theirs all curable cases are treated with success. If you live at a distance write for a symptom book. CONSULTATION AT OFFICE OR BY MAIL FREE.

SOLID OAK CHAMBER SUITS, SIDEBOARDS, etc.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Successor to Carter & Williams, 136, 138 & 140 West 23d St. SPRING GOODS COMING IN.

Silk and Wool Effects with Stripes or Dots Among Them.

Spring goods are coming in, but it will be weeks before the shoppers arrive. Many silk and wool effects are noticed with stripes or dots of silk, Pompadour stripes, raised figures on silk, etc.

No more blanket modes for the really stylish woman. Instead she now delights in rubbing herself in the softest of weaves. Clinging materials that fall about the figure in artistic folds are the rage, and she is a wise creature who acknowledges this fact.

Pongee, which washes like white cloth, can be procured in all the latest tints, the surface powdered with unique and graceful designs.

The following is an extract from a London society report of the Benetton-Taylor wedding which may interest Flora McFlinn: The bride was attended by four bridesmaids, who wore very pretty dresses of cream cloth, dem-lung, edged with two rows of dark tan mouffon fur; Empire bodices, made of off-colored ribbon; hats of brown beaver felt, matching the fur, and trimmed with white jays feathers. Each bridesmaid carried a muff of mouffon fur. The bridesmaids wore lovely diamond "Merry-thought" brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom.

Little mops for washing dishes are to be had in hardware stores, and the housewife who recoils from putting her clean, well-kept hands in the kitchen sink with dirty dishes and grubby pots and pans will find them convenient and serviceable.

Erratic designs appear upon the wash goods in the form of Turkish crescents, while grotesque and grotesque designs of various kinds and dark backgrounds.

In all women over twenty-one can be seen in all quarters of the city, the new fashion of wearing a corset, conducted by women. The native women have not good opportunities for education, but they are said to be possessed of fair mental ability, and boast of one native woman doctor. In many they are modest and dignified, in person small and delicate.

STORM ON THE JERSEY COAST.

The Meadows Between Atlantic City and Pleasantville Submerged. Pleasantville, N. J., Feb. 20.—A terrific gale has been raging here for twenty-four hours. The wind is from the northeast and has blown down the coast for several days. The water has risen several feet. The houses between here and Atlantic City are submerged under a foot of water. The Atlantic City and Pleasantville Railroad are under water and the trains are being delayed. It is reported that the tracks at Pleasantville have been washed out.

Terribly Told Tales of the Town. Rev. Dr. De Witt Holman, for years pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and who has been a resident of Atlantic City for many years, has just published a book of "terribly told tales of the town." The book is a collection of stories of the strange and wonderful events that have taken place in Atlantic City.