

A grate want—Cool. Always awake—A vessel's track. Played out—An extinguisher fire. A suitable dowry for a widow—A widow.

France has 25,734,040 inhabitants and 8,232 physicians. A philosopher fell sick, and was ordered to drink sage tea.

Ninety-six murderers were hanged in the United States last year. A handsome pair of slippers—Two pretty girls riding on the ice.

Edison now sleeps in the day and works at night, to avoid visitors. The nose in red, the lips are blue; the weather is cold, and so are you.

Geography has replaced spelling bees as a winter amusement in the West. Brain-haired children are sometimes born in Alsace, but the color disappears after a few months.

Many a boy who handles a billiard ball with consummate skill, can't get the ball to do what he wants it to do. Uncle Sam's large family has licked nearly ten billion postage stamps since their introduction in 1847.

There are two kinds of men who tell the truth—one for the force of circumstances and the other for a change. Kalkanus, king of the Sandwich islands, has invented a gun, and thinks of taking out a patent for it.

The most beautiful girl we ever heard of was the young lady who blushed when she was asked if she had been courting sleep. A friendship that makes the least noise is the most useful, for which reason I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one.

Some one says that nothing is healthy than to be in the habit of committing murders. Even Friday is unhealthy—on cold winter mornings. A clock is being exhibited at Paris which will show a man's pulse and the hour of the day.

"Paris for \$5" said a seedy-looking man, reading a sign in the window of a little shop in the Rue de la Harpe. I never panted so for \$5 in all my life.

An Idaho editor proposes to mail answers to his correspondents in a box, and make it look like a wood-chuck skin on a country barn door in bean time.

"Blessed for the beautiful snow!" he cried. "How brilliant, sparkling and clear!" But he quickly changed his tone, for a wicked gopher plastered some on the snow.

A country lad says his Uncle Ben made a scarecrow so frightful that one of the black-feathered thieves went and brought back a pair of shoes he had stolen from him the previous days.

Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more noisy. When you have bought one, you must not be too sure that your neighbor's ass may be all of a piece; but it is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy it.

When poor Melinda's eyes have come, she will see the world as it is. Melinda, poor Melinda, she is a poor creature, loaded down with grief, and she is a poor creature, loaded down with grief.

How would that would be! 1800.—Only two weeks ago now left alive in Europe. The socialists were kept the thing down to a dot, and pop the new ones off as soon as they are crowned.

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A lady who arrived recently from the East in Sacramento, Cal., on a train, in her pocket had a turtle. The land turtle which she seemed to think very much. The animal's shell had been highly polished, and she wore it as a necklace.

The following anecdote is said to show the character of the crown princess of Germany and the rigid etiquette of the German court. One day the princess was in the park and met the prince.

An account is given in the French journals of a new and interesting invention for the purpose of producing a cloth from glass, which has some special advantages over ordinary textiles; that is, it is produced in all colors and does not require any dye.

A Fatherly Man. Griawold street, from Fort to Congress street, in the winter, that all the newspapers and bootblacks who look upon the bright and cheerful side of life find themselves in a great deal of trouble.

"Select your spot!" they yelled as he reached the descent, and in about a minute he had gathered there to see him fall. Some men would have jumped aside into the street, but this fatherly man continued to stand there.

"Now these boys are poor, forlorn boys. They seldom have any fun. They are hungry, ragged, and do not look forward to Christmas, they wish to fall. If, by falling, I can do it, I will do it."

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THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAG.

The History of the First American Flag. "The History of the First American Flag," though often read or less read, is a most interesting and valuable work, especially to younger readers.

FOR THE FAIR SEX. Green color is a favorite shade for evening gloves. The newest chateaux bags are of seal skin, with fur trimmings.

When the Sultan Dies. "Necessarily has the sultan drawn his last breath," says the London Standard.

Spain is of more account in this world than is generally supposed. It took, together with the colonies, 250,000 men to conquer all kinds at the Paris exhibition.

A consignment of 970 sheep from Kentucky, said to be the finest ever raised in this country, brought eight and seven cents a pound in a Massachusetts market recently.

Phillips writes to the London Times that he finds a horse's shoes will decrease (he being worked lightly at first) wear down till a strain of the hoof is reached.

Willie Williams was taken from the post office by a woman who was a little boy, and made a draught in a physician's family.

English photographers avoid the strain on the sitters' eyes, which usually results in a ghastly stare, by having a camera which is so arranged that the eyes are directed, the eyes being allowed to travel slowly from the figure XII.

The latest exploit of the San Francisco capitalists is the experiment of a process for manufacturing hens' eggs from deleterious materials.

Hereditary Effects of Drink. Dr. Willard Parker, referring to the hereditary effect of drink, said to a New York reporter that he was convinced it is the most potent in establishing heredity of mind and body.

Death in a Man's Bite. Is a man a poisonous animal? It would seem so, when he is very angry, and that he bites those he hates.

Viruses of a Nevada Nut. Pineapples are for sale at most of our fruit stands where other ones are kept.

There are eight languages in the bonds of Christian civilization that may be accounted powerful, because they are spoken by so many people.

The Bill that Followed the Dinner. An American gentleman paid a round sum for a dinner at a fashionable Paris restaurant.

Brave heart! He free from every chain, though he glistening with gold, and adorned with jewels, and the true pride of life, even if her name be sorrow.

Plants are often treated through neglect and allowed to rot in ignorance. Some of those that have been neglected are very pipped may be saved if treated properly.

When people flock into a place of business as if they were making a run on a savings bank, there is no occasion for alarm.

A Lady Knitting Electric Sparks. A Nevada City lady of high social standing presents a singular case for the consideration of scientists.

Rome Sentinel Brevities. The average dayrider is a good astronomer; at least he knows all about the Milky Way.

Thibet and its People. Captain Gull, in a recent address before the British Geographical society, gave some interesting information.

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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Large Lemon Tree. Make the juice of a large lemon very sweet, then pour in gently a pint of boiling cream, and stir it up very well.

Pop-Owens. One pint flour, one pint milk, two eggs, eggs beaten to a froth; mix quickly, and bake in hot buttered cups. Serve with the sauce of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of molasses, one cup of coffee, four cups of flour, two cups of raisins, two teaspoonsful of baking powder.

Mince Pie. Boil a fresh tongue; mix it very fine, after removing the skin and roots; when cold, add one pound of chopped suet, two pounds of currants, two pounds of citron cut in five pieces, six cloves powdered, two teaspoonsful of nutmeg, and one of mace.

Chicken Soup. Take a chicken weighing about three pounds. Cut it in quarters and place in a porcelain pot. Boil the chicken in water until it is well done.

Strawberries and Raspberries. G. M. F. writes to New York paper: "What kind of raspberries are called strawberries? Is not clay, well worked up with loam and manure, good?"

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A Warning.

I knew two friends as much alike as ever you saw two sticks; And no philologist could find A difference in the bumps.

One took a paper, and his life Was happier than a king's; His children all could read and write, And talk of men and things.

The other took no paper, read, While strolling to and fro the wood, A tree fell down on his crown, And killed him as 't should.

Had he been reading of the news At home, like neighbor Jim, I bet a cent this accident Had not befallen him.

The Poor Fiddler's Ode. THE POOR FIDDLER'S ODE. BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE POOR FIDDLER'S ODE."

When I was young, my father said, "Be good, my son, and be true." He said, "Be good, my son, and be true." He said, "Be good, my son, and be true."

SHOOTING FOR LIFE.

A COSACK'S ADVENTURE IN BOKHARA.

When the Turkomans captured me on the Syr-Darya (said Captain Kostakov, landing me on the river bank and knew that I would need some refreshment before his story ended, they carried me to a house in the city.

But I didn't stay there long—for in Central Asia a slave changes hands as often as a horse does among us—and before I had time to get my bearings, I was in the hands of a man who told me that it was a little covey of dirty streets, with a big palace in the middle and a mud wall ten feet high all round it.

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