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UNITED CHARITIES ASSOCIATION. The appeal in behalf of the United Charities Association should meet with a prompt and generous response on the part of the citizens of Newport News.

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STEPS TO HEAVEN. The Legend of How Mount Omi's Stairway Was Cut. Mount Omi, on the border between western China and Tibet, has the longest staircase in the world.

Mary, Queen of Scots. Mary, queen of Scots, was tall and slender, but very graceful in all her actions. Her face does not seem to have been especially beautiful.

Preventor. The word preventor is from the Latin and originally meant a straddler with distorted or misshapen legs. In the Roman courts of law the expression was applied to one who in a suit was discovered to be in collusion with his opponent to compass some dishonesty.

A Raft on Sea. Mrs. Chugwater—This paper says the passengers escaped on a raft. How could they make a raft at sea? Mr. Chugwater—They could use the ship's log, couldn't they? Why don't you use your own reasoning faculties once in a while?—Chicago Tribune.

Wheat and Oats. While the millionaire is making money in wheat his son is often blowing it on wild oats.—Tom Watson's Magazine.

DEFEAT OF THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT. The decisive defeat of the suffrage amendment voted on in Maryland at the recent election has caused widespread comment and discussion. This explanation is offered by the Frederick (Md.) Citizen, which supported the amendment.

The amendment is defeated, but not discarded, despite the tremendous majority against it. The amendment was defeated, not because it was inherently bad, not because it was a wily scheme of clever politicians, no, because it was forced upon the people against their will, but because partisans have purposely misconstrued its meaning and beguiled and led away the uncertain voter.

The explanation of our esteemed contemporary may be right, but we have a suspicion that the defeat of the

amendment was encompassed by the support of the "bosses." It was bad day for the political machines. Not only in Maryland, but elsewhere organization schemes went awry. From one end of the country to the other the people had become suspicious of the men who were dominating the affairs of the ruling parties, and when Senator Gorman, who is recognized as the Maryland "boss," made the amendment the shibboleth of the organization it turned many persons of independent proclivities away from support of the measure.

The vote in Maryland was not an endorsement of universal suffrage. It rather was intended as a rebuke to the presumption of one man who, with the assistance of a small coterie of advisers, makes and unmakes men and measures. Who considers himself above the party. No doubt the subject will be taken up again, and, if the negro vote really threatens the interests of a large section of the State, the people of Maryland may be trusted to take such action as will be necessary to protect themselves and their children from material harm from that source.

According to recent utterances accredited to Secretary Shaw, we infer that he does not hold a high opinion of the independent voter. In view of the fact that the secretary wants to be President and the independents usually select that individual, he may wish he had kept quiet.

The Chicago police are guarding a statue erected by an eccentric individual to Satan. In view of Rev. Sam P. Jones' oft expressed views concerning the location of hell, it seems to us that Old Nick ought to be able to look out for that statue himself.

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HAWAIIAN SERVANTS. A Story Which Illustrates One of Their Peculiarities. "Hawaiian servants," said a brown woman, "are the best—the best in the world, but they are strangely unsophisticated, strangely naive.

"Hawaiian servants insist on calling you by your first name. Ours were always saying to my husband, 'Yes, John,' or 'All right, John,' and to me, 'Very well, Ann,' or 'Ann, I am going out.' "At last I got tired of this, and to John, when we got a new cook, I said, 'Don't ever call me by my first name in this new cook's presence. Then, perhaps, not knowing my name, he'll have to say "Mrs." to me.' "So John was very careful always to address me as 'Dearie' or 'Sweetheart,' but the new cook, a watchful chap, gave me no title at all.

"One day we had some company, some English officers. I told them how I had overcome, in my new cook's case, the native servants' horrid abuse of their employers' Christian names, and I said, 'By this servant, at least, you won't hear me called Ann.' "Just then the new cook entered the room. He bowed to me respectfully and said: "Sweetheart, dinner is served." "What? I stammered. "Dinner is served, dearie," answered the new cook."—New York Herald.

THE HIGH CLASS KOREAN. Being a Drawing Room Gentleman, He Is a Slave to Dress. The Korean is above everything else a man of the drawing room, and all his instincts move along the leisurely ways of life. Anything like haste or "en prossement" is unknown to the eternal laws that govern him. This characteristic of his is evident in all his actions at all times and under all conceivable circumstances. Being a drawing room gentleman, dress is the great ambition of his life. From the tips of his feet to the topknot on the top of his head he is ordered so as to be seen and admired of men.

His shoes while in mourning must be spotlessly white. No atom of dust or fly speck shall mar them. His socks, beautifully padded, are stitched to perfection; his pantaloons, big enough for a Brobdingnag, are padded, quilted and ironed until they come forth looking like some mysterious fabric of polished marble; his jacket likewise and his overcoat and wristlets.

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# Handsome Christmas Present

## Favorite School Teacher

The Daily Press will present to the most popular white lady school teacher in active service in any public or private school in Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus or Elizabeth City county, a magnificent \$300 "Frederick" Piano. The popularity of the winner is to be determined by votes cast by the readers of the Daily Press.

### EVERYBODY MAY VOTE.

None of the conditions surrounding suffrage under the new constitution will apply to this voting contest. Neither proppayment of a poll tax, nor an educational qualification will be required. Registration, save in the representative list of Daily Press readers, will not be required. Any person who is able to buy a copy of the Daily Press will be eligible to participate in the contest and may have a voice in selecting the successful candidate in this interesting contest.

### CONDITIONS OF CONTEST.

CANDIDATES: Any lady teacher in active service in any public or private school in Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus or Elizabeth City county, is eligible to enter the contest for the Piano. The contest begins October 18 and will close at 6 p. m. Saturday, December 23, 1905. Standing of contestants will be published in the Daily Press on Wednesday and Sunday of each week during the contest. VOTING PLACE: All votes must be delivered at the Daily Press office, 211 Twenty-fifth street, The Geo. D. Hampton Piano Company, 210 Twenty-eighth street, Newport News, Va., or to our Hampton representative, Hampton, Va., where they will be tabulated and then placed in a locked box for recounting and examination by a committee selected for that purpose at the end of the contest.

### VOTES:

Each coupon clipped from the Daily Press will count as one vote. Advance payments on subscriptions will count as follows: One month (\$6.00), 25 votes; three months (\$12.50), 75 votes; six months (\$25.00), 200 votes; one year (\$50.00), 500 votes. Voting certificates in accordance with the foregoing schedule will be issued at the Daily Press office upon the advance payment of subscriptions. Hampton patrons of the paper may pay their advance subscriptions to Mr. E. H. Schrauth, news agent, who will see that voting certificates are issued and who will see to the prompt delivery of the paper. Phoebus patrons may pay advance subscriptions to Mr. L. M. Brown, who will issue certificates and who will see that the paper is promptly delivered.

Also, each ten cents in the amount of your purchase at the store of the Geo. D. Hampton Piano Co., where the instrument may be seen, counts you a vote; whether it be a sheet of ten-cent music, a package of needles for your talking machine, an Edison or a Victor record, a first payment on a phonograph, talking machine, piano or organ, a subscription to the Etude, or the bill for tuning and repairs to your piano, it all helps to swell the majority for your teacher. Certificates issued on purchases at that store will be received at the Daily Press office and counted as votes in the contest. No employe of the Daily Press Company or The Geo. D. Hampton Piano Company will be allowed to take any part in the contest.

### ENVELOPES.

Why Some of Them Are Colored Blue on the Inside. "Why are these envelopes made blue on the inside?" asked a man looking at a specimen which a wholesale stationer held in his hand.

"For a very simple reason," was the reply. "One of the most important results in the making of envelopes is to prevent transparency. Many white papers are so transparent that by careful scrutiny the contents of an envelope made of such material may be determined. For instance, let us put a sheet of paper with writing on it into this envelope. We will now seal it and hold it to the light thus. There, you can not only see the bank check, but you can also read many of the words on the sheet of paper. This can be prevented either by getting a thick and high priced envelope which is not transparent or by taking a cheaper grade of paper which is blue on one side. We sell thousands of packages of blue envelopes—that is, envelopes which are blue on the outside—but people do not like them on account of their color. So to get over the difficulty and still make an envelope that will hide the contents and not be high priced the manufacturer uses paper which is blue on one side and white on the other. One factory in this city turns out more than a million of such envelopes daily, and their sale in large cities is enormous."—New York Press.

### PECULIAR FIRES.

The Manner in Which Many Disastrous Blazes Originate. Dust is a wonderful producer of fires. There have been instances in post-offices where the dust of the mail bag suspended in the rear of a close room exploded with terrific force. Dust explosions are of frequent occurrence in flour and drug mills. The origin of many fires in tailor shops may be traced to the so called dry cleaning of clothes. A rag dipped in naphtha is frequently used in removing greasy spots from garments. The rag soaked with inflammable fluid is thrown upon the floor. When the shop is closed up and the air is confined the naphtha soaked material will of itself generate fire. Bales of cotton placed in the hold of a ship are often the cause of disastrous fires. Frequently a spark from a cigar finds a resting place in a cotton bale, where it smolders for weeks. The dark hall in tenement houses is the indirect originator of fires. Greasy matting or small heaps of paper lie about. A match not extinguished or a cigarette stub is thrown down, and a blaze results.—Fire and Water.

### TEN LONG WORDS.

A correspondent wants to know if the telegraph companies would send the following ten words, which, he says, are the ten largest words in the language, at the regular rates for ten words: Valetudinarianism, subconstituentism, incomprehensibility, philoprogenitiveness, honorificabilitudinitas, anthropophagocanarian, disproportionableness, velocipetrestrianism, transubstantiationableness, proantitransubstantiationist. He can easily find out by sending them.

### DRIVING BEHIND OXEN.

Bullock Travelling in India Is Both Common and Comfortable. "Nowhere else in the world," says Dr. Francis E. Clark in Everybody's Magazine, "is bullock traveling so comfortable and so common, probably, as in some parts of India. The bullock is often fitted up in very comfortable style, and, though the springs might be improved, the comparatively slow pace of the oxen makes them less important to one's comfort. "The patient little white oxen trot along at a rate of three or four miles an hour, and especially if it is the evening and the refulgent Indian moon is shining down upon you, if the night-lunges are singing and the fragrant jasmine is blooming in the hedgerows, you think that India is not so far removed from paradise after all. "But, after a night of such travel, when you come out in the broad light of disillusioning day upon a collection of filthy mud cabins and see the naked children, hungry and famished, the gaunt specters of men and women munching the uncooked grain dealt out to them by generous hands—in too much of a hurry even to cook the food which they crave—you revise your opinion and make up your mind that India

### BOY'S BREAKFAST LOGIC.

Father (to sleepy headed son coming to breakfast on time)—So you got up before breakfast, did you? Son—No, sir, after it. Father (surprised)—After? Son—Yes, sir. If I hadn't got up after I wouldn't have got any.

It pays to advertise.

Postal Antiquity. A recent discussion of certain postal grievances in the British house of commons has recalled the history of the post. Posts are mentioned in Scripture. In Job ix, 25, it is written, "My days are swifter than a post," and again in the book of Esther, chapter viii, letters were sent "by posts on horseback." The word, of course, here means runner. To Cyrus has been ascribed the establishment of systematic couriers and post horses throughout Persia, and Augustus is credited with introducing post chaises at Rome. It was in the reign of James I, that a postal system was introduced into England.

"Hot Enough to Roast Eggs." We often hear persons make use of the metaphorical expression quoted in the headline when referring to an exceptionally hot day. Such an experiment may seem a little far fetched and out of the ordinary, but there are many cases on record where scientists have actually cooked eggs by the sun's heat. In 1837 when Herschel was in South Africa he cooked eggs by exposure to the heat of the sun "until they were powdery to the center." Sir J. C. Ross made a similar experiment in New Zealand.

A Use For Cloves. Persons who get "qualms" when riding in the cars or on boats can almost certainly quiet them by slowly chewing a clove or two. Indigestion, accompanied by formation of gas, nausea and dizziness, will often yield to the same simple measure. There are other and better means of accomplishing these results, but the value of the clove is that it occupies so little room, is so easily carried about and can be so readily got when wanted.

His Miserable Lot. "Why don't you go to work?" "Lady," answered Plodding Pete, "I'm on my way dere now. De trouble is dat when I'm in New York I hear about a job dat I kin git in Frisco. An' by de time I gits to Frisco I finds de job is taken an' I hears of another one in New York."—Washington Star.

He Can, Indeed. "Can a man have a billion dollar and be honest?" "I should think so. He can certainly." "Well?" "A'ford to be."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Exit. Mary Ann—I've come to tell you, mum, that th' gasoline stove has gone out. Mistress—Well, light it again. "I can't. Sure, it went out through th' roof!"—Erebanes.