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According to a circular issued by the Chicago Health department, the grading and sewerage of that city has reduced its death rate from consumption nearly 40 per cent., so that the rate for the city is now considerably below the general average of the country as given by the census.

If the price of tunnels continue to decrease even the poor will be able to have them. The Hoosac tunnel, the oldest of the four great tunnels of the world, cost \$370 a foot; the Mount Cenis, the next in date, cost \$356 a foot; the St. Gothard cost \$229 a foot, and the Arlberg, the latest, cost but \$154 a foot.

Union county, New Jersey, has found good roads profitable, the increase in tax valuations having been marked this year. The total assessed values for 1895 are \$35,972,500, an increase over 1894 of \$1,359,900. The most conspicuous gain was made by Summit, which stands at \$1,866,000, an increase of \$146,000, or over 25 per cent. Westfield advanced \$216,000 to \$1,448,000, and Plainfield, Cranford and Union had substantial additions to the assessed value of their property.

Mlle. Jeanne Benaben is a young woman of whose extraordinary attainments all France is talking. This exceedingly scholarly young woman received the college degree of bachelor of arts two years ago, when she was sixteen. She then became professor of philosophy in a woman's college at Lyons, and this year she was a candidate at the Sorbonne for the important degree of licentiate in philosophy. The examiners were prepared for a prodigy, but were nevertheless amazed at the extent of her erudition and her serene composure in dealing with the vexed problems of Descartes, Kant and Comte. She was third on a list of 200 candidates, all of them older than herself, and is now a lecturer on the science of the mind in the College of Rouen.

Irrigation experiments along a new line have been made during the past few months in the "arid region" of western Kansas, where the rainfall is insufficient for crop raising, and where no river water for irrigation can be obtained, and so far they have been a great success. The plan is to sink wells to a water-bearing strata and pump the water for irrigating the crops. The State government is making the experiments, and a farm has been established at Goodland. The engineers report that there is a water-bearing sand, fully one-third of which is water, underlying the whole of the arid district at an average depth of twenty-one feet. This will yield more than a sufficient amount of water for all purposes of irrigation, and it can be economically raised. If all this turns out as prophesied the arid district promises to become one of the most fertile regions in Kansas.

Congressman E. J. Murphy, one of the new members of the coming congress from Illinois, has great faith in the chances of Republicans in his State. Mr. Murphy became well known during the railroad strike of 1894, as mayor of East St. Louis. He is said to be a remarkably good speaker, and to have the gift of repartee in a high degree. Mr. Murphy has been in Washington recently. In speaking of the outlook in his State the other day, he said: Great Republican gains may be looked for in Illinois in the coming elections. People are beginning to open their eyes and see their exact condition. You eastern folks need not be surprised to see a Republican governor and a Republican legislature. The Democrats have had their day in Illinois, and having an opportunity to make a record failed to embrace it. The people in general are becoming impatient, and will drop back in line where they were originally—in the Republican ranks.

The Lincoln (England) Herald tells how that pretty and graceful plant, the fuchsia, was introduced into Liverpool half-a-century or so ago. A sailor brought one home to his wife from the West Indies. An enthusiastic horticulturist, Mr. Lee, heard of it, and after many

entreaties, she valued it as a keepsake, purchased it for about \$50 on condition that he should give her the first young ones. He pulled off every vestige of blossom and divided the plant into cuttings which were forced in hot-beds and divided and redivided. The new plant became the rage and sold for a guinea, the individual, and Mr. Lee cleared over \$1,500 in a single year from his \$50 investment. And now the fuchsia is a hedge row flower in the United Kingdom, and on the green coast of Ireland grows in great bushes high over men's heads.

The plan to hold an industrial exposition at Cleveland, Ohio, next year has matured so far as to give promise of fulfillment, and there is some prospect that the enterprise may result in something more than a temporary fair. Already the proposal has been made to found a permanent exposition of the industrial resources of Cleveland and of the State of Ohio, but whether this will be carried into execution will depend largely upon the success of the temporary exposition. A thorough canvass of the manufacturing establishments of the city is being made for the purpose of finding what local exhibits can be depended upon and what financial support will be given. The proposition of the executive committee is that Cleveland citizens shall subscribe a certain amount—\$500,000 has been suggested—in the form of notes. These notes, it is proposed, shall be made payable one year from the date of their issue. They are to bear interest only on that amount which it becomes necessary to use in supplying a possible deficit when the exposition is ended. The notes are to be hypothecated at local banks, and money advanced as the demand for it appears during the progress of the celebration. The idea is also to place the proceeds from the exposition in local banks from day to day, and when the centennial is ended the amount in banks is to be applied to the indebtedness. If there should be a deficit the notes would be used to liquidate it pro rata. When the exposition was given in Cincinnati, in 1888, the citizens subscribed in that way \$1,500,000, but there is no intention on the part of the commission to ask for such a large subscription in Cleveland.

A PLEASING PROSPECT. After thirteen days of "Is it hot enough for you?" and of general and relative humidity the pleasing information comes from the arid West that another hot wave may be expected to strike this region to-day or to-morrow. And it is to be hotter than all the other hot waves that have been rolling in upon us during this month. The tide of heat is coming in, and, as on the surf-beaten shores a big wave comes after a number of smaller ones and makes the beholder realize what can be done, so now the big heat wave is coming to make those who have thought it was hot enough for them understand what heat really is.

Well, let it come if it must. This month has so far been a very good month for corn and if it can be better all right. We must have corn, for corn includes Johnny-cake and whiskey. Those who survive the good corn weather of this month will be fully entitled to their share of the corn crop.

GOOD FOR SORE EYES. We believe it is not uncommon for very young people who see their first sights in Connecticut to have some trouble with their eyes. And it is not to be wondered at. Grown people cannot look much at the sun without having red eyes, and when the eyes of a baby open under the splendor and the style of Connecticut it is not surprising that they occasionally or often become somewhat inflamed. Of course a Connecticut baby cannot know that what it sees is too bright and glorious for it to safely look at, and so it looks too long and too much. But Connecticut babies are all under the fatherly and motherly care of what is called in full the General Assembly, and for short the General Ass., and that body has decided that if the right kind of a man and woman under 45 years old have a baby it must be protected and not damned as to its eyes. So it is now the duty of the midwife, nurse, or attendant having charge of an infant, one or both of the eyes of which becomes or become inflamed or swollen within two weeks after its birth, to report the same in writing within six hours to the health officer. The penalty for not so reporting is fine or imprisonment, or both.

We suppose that the midwives, the nurses and the attendants who may have charge of infants born under the new law will do their duty and run to the health officer as directed. Possibly some of them will, before so running, stop to attend to the eyes that have become inflamed or swollen. They have six hours in which to report, and they may take five minutes to attend to the baby's eyes if they need it. We hope they will. We also hope that if the eyes look very bad they will report to the health officer who is specially hired to look after the mother of the baby and incidentally after the baby, too. Of course after this is done there ought to be a report placed on file in the office of the health officer who has the burden of the public health laid upon him. It is all important that every baby who

within two weeks after its birth has any kind of sore eyes should become a part of the public records. It ought to be so that any baby that has wind on or in its little stomach within two weeks after its birth should also figure in the public records, but we must wait until the next meeting of the General Ass. for that. The progress made in the matter of recording infantile sore eyes is as much as can fairly be expected from one session.

There are those who say that the new law is a shrewd scheme to increase the sale of Colonel Sellers' celebrated eyewater by calling attention to the great number of sore eyes in babies two weeks or less old and getting health officers to endorse and recommend that well known and sovereign remedy. But we do not think so. Our idea of the new law is that it is purely paternal, maternal and grandmaternal.

AN IMPORTANT LABEL SUIT. The governor of Vermont is not pleased with the antics of the Rutland Herald, which called him a rum-seller, because, as it charged, rum had been sold in a hotel owned by him. He has therefore sued the Herald for libel and has estimated the damage done him at \$50,000. An interesting trial is expected. It appears that the governor will undertake to prove that even if rum was obtained by guests at the hotel owned by him at Burlington it was not obtained in the house nor through any responsible agent of the hotel owners, but purchased outside by bell-boys acting on their own motion. "It," says the governor, "the guests of the Van Ness house have persuaded any of my employees to act as their agents to procure liquor for them, such employees must have obtained it outside of the hotel, and they acted on their own responsibility and at their own peril."

To this the Herald quotes the law of the State: "If a person by himself, clerk, servant or agent sells, furnishes or gives away," etc. And it is further charged that liquor has not alone been sold to guests in their rooms through the agency of bell-boys, but "the Van Ness house has had bottles opened in the dining room and served to guests as openly as tea and coffee are served, and that a great many times." The Herald will make no retraction, but will attempt to show what the law is, and that it holds the governor responsible for what has been done in the Van Ness house. The Herald says: Under it men have been convicted and punished for selling liquor when they were in intent and act as innocent as unborn babies. It is not necessary for a man to know that his servant makes the sale or to direct or approve the selling. If the trial doesn't bring about anything else it may bring about some change in a law which is capable of such application as has lately been made of it. Perhaps it will be shown during the trial that the rum-bearing bell boys were not the agents of the governor but the agents of the guests who were cheered by their services.

FASHION NOTES. Capital Made From a Necessity. The woman who is wide awake in dress matters makes a fashionable virtue of a necessity and the occasion that handicaps another woman's toilet she makes the excuse for some delightfully becoming gown that meets the necessities and puts them to her own advantage. As, for instance, the beach cloaks now seen at sea or lake shore. Nothing is more trying to the usual costume than the lounging requirements of the beach. The clever woman knows that she who in a crisp, close waisted gown attempts to loiter gracefully on the sand is an ungraceful object of awkward discomfort and is ruining her figure.

NERVE WOMEN BANDITS. Not Addicted to Dashing Garb, But They Understand Poker—They Were Members of the Zip Wyatt Gang and Passed as Men. (From the New York Sun.) Two women whose appearance contradicted all the accepted descriptions of female bandits are now locked up as criminals in the United States jail at Guthrie. They don't spend their leisure in doing plain tating, and, on the other hand, they are not dressed in dashing cowboy garb, worn by all well-ordered female bandits in yellow or other backed paper novels. They have done about everything that the heroine of that kind of fiction ever thought of doing, however, including time, which doesn't worry them much.

These women are by all odds the most interesting prisoners in Guthrie jail, because they trained with the notorious Zip Wyatt gang, and they shared the gang's perils and successes, asking no favors because of their sex. For the last year Wyatt, an outlaw, guilty of a dozen murders, and his gang, have defied the deputy marshals and sheriff's possees of different counties. The members of the gang were known by sight, but it was not suspected that two of them were women.

Belle Black, wife of one of the outlaws, and Mrs. Jennie Freeman, who formerly lived in Guthrie, but who left her husband a year ago to elope with Wyatt, took part in all the gang's raids, but they were dressed as cowboys, and no one but their companions knew their sex. Belle Black is small and stoutly built, with dark hair and blue eyes, and a face that is by no means handsome, although pleasant to look upon. Mrs. Freeman is tall and slender, with snappy black eyes and a sinister expression.

One of the last raids made by the Wyatt gang was on Fairview town and postoffice a month ago. The outlaws swooped down on the town in approved gang. Mrs. Black wore, when captured, boots and spurs; but otherwise she was dressed as a cowboy, and she carried a revolver in her belt. A large posse of deputy marshals was organized and took up the trail. It was decided that for the good of several counties the Wyatt gang should be done up. The marshals followed them to the Glass Mountains and there found the outlaws holding a fortified position.

For three days the deputy marshals besieged the bandits. On the third day two women were seen trying to make

not, by making and at the same time enhancing, accomplish as much as the caped cloak just mentioned. But it is of more general use, being part of a traveling costume that is so ornate it could well serve also as a promenade dress. Made here of gray mohair and trimmed with black silk applique, it would be quite as attractive if of light weight cheviot with cloth garniture. The girdle is first banded with the dark material and then the latter is cut in fancy shapes and applied to the sides. For a bodice any sort of stiff wool with a belt of the darker stuff will serve. The circular cape also has applied trimming and is banded around the edge. It is cut with the collar and closes with a single button. FLORETTE.

USUALLY. The man who robs Peter to pay Paul usually intends to strike Paul for a larger loan later on.—Puck.

Some one has said that the medical profession divide humanity into two classes: the poor whom they cure, and the rich whom they doctor.—Tit-Bits.

Na. Alternative.—Clara—So you are engaged at last. Maude—Why, how did you know I had accepted him? Clara—I heard he had proposed.—Brooklyn Life.

Willie—An' what did Clarence do when Bob Slingard kicked him? Algy—He simply said: "Gee! men are not sensitive to criticism!" and walked swiftly away.—Tit-Bits.

"I hope you will not spend this dime for rum," said the generous man. "Rum!" rejoined the grateful recipient. "Do you take me for a Yankee sailor? I am a bawn Kentuckian, sah!"—Exchange.

Not essential.—Histress (greatly scandalized)—Is it possible, Huldah, you are making bread without having washed your hands? New Kitchen Girl—"Lor", what's the difference, mum? It's brown bread.—Chicago Tribune.

Dodge—They say the new racing law will keep the disreputable element away from the racing tracks. Lodge—Well, it will be a consolation for a man to know that his money is going into good hands.—Puck.

The Balance of Trade.—She—I wouldn't be surprised if the price of wheels went down next year, dear. He (gloomily)—That won't make any difference. By that time they will learn how to make more expensive bicycle costumes.—Puck.

"I've often heard," said Mrs. Torkington, "that there isn't any money in literature, and now I am convinced of it." "How?" inquired the caller. "Charley hasn't a cent since he got acquainted with some of those gentlemen who make books."—Washington Star.

An impossibility.—"Young man," said the prison chaplain to the convict; "do you realize you have blasted your brilliant prospects, thrown away your life, and willfully disgraced your family name?" "Oh, not that!" said the prisoner stoically. "I couldn't do it; my family name is Smith."—Puck.

Young Tutter—Miss Clara, suppose that to-morrow evening I should call again, and having nerved myself up to it, suddenly, while we were conversing, I should without a word throw my arms around your neck and deliberately kiss you—what would you do? Miss Pinkerly—Oh, Mr. Tutter, don't ask me to look so far ahead.—Brooklyn Life.

Howe—I could swear nobody has taken my hat off that hook since I hung it there this morning. I've been here all day. Bought the hat new when I came down town. It was a perfect fit. There it hangs, just as it has hung all day. And yet it isn't the same hat. This hat is a whole size larger than the one I put on that hook this morning. How do you explain it? Appleswim—Spirits.—Chicago Tribune.

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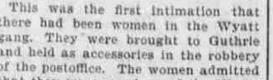
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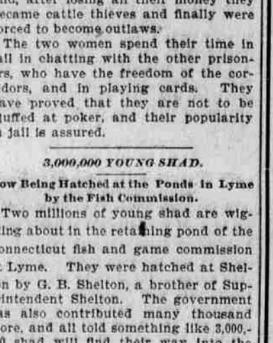
Good Reason. (From Town Topics.) "We cannot be engaged any more!" She buried her face in her hands. "Ah! the rapture of that first kiss! the joy of being taken for the first time in your strong arms! the bliss of knowing that you love me!—It is all over; it can never be again!"

A sudden hope sprang up in his manly breast, and he gave a long sigh of relief. "Thank Heaven!" he thought. "I am free, and without a breach of promise suit!"

Aloud he said sadly: "Ah! tell me—tell me, I implore you, why we cannot be engaged any more?" She looked him straight in the eyes, and her tone was a trifle firmer than the occasion seemed to warrant, as she replied:

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