

"SYCAMORE" A GHOST STORY. BY CY WARMAN.

SOMETHING his host said at dinner—some passing reference to the meteoric rise of J. Spencer Atwood from law to literature—had set that prosperous young author thinking on the not very remote yesterday of his life.

cook, would have killed him with delicacies if he had eaten all she sent up. Touhey, the gardener, was grieved because of Atwood's illness, but glad of the opportunity to drive the kodakers away.

"You take my room, I'll take yours, and when half past 11 strikes I'll put my work aside and watch for your ghost."

SENATOR SMOOT IS SAFE. Republicans Will Stand by Mormon Church Until After the Fall Election.

FEW FACTS FOR FARMERS. Sheep and Hens and Wool and Eggs and Their Relation to Tariff Legislation.



FIRST MAP OF AMERICA. Lately Found by Geographer in the French Department of the Voges.

After nearly four centuries of mystery the first map on which the name of America was used to designate the western hemisphere has been found.

A SENSIBLE LABOR PLANK. Pennsylvania Democrats Give Utterance to Sentiments That Are Wise and Patriotic.

Among the many admirable planks in the platform of the Pennsylvania democrats there is none that appeals more strongly to conservatism and a sense of justice than the one defining the party's attitude on labor unions, which follows:

FAITH THAT MUST BE KEPT. The republican party of Massachusetts, having placed itself entirely in the hands of Senator Lodge and one or two others whom he can trust, has been compelled to take the back track, so far as reciprocity is concerned.

Can Animals Count? That a dumb animal cannot have the arithmetical faculty, as we understand it, is the conclusion of Ernesto Mancini, a recent student of animal psychology.

Doctors Disagreeing. The 1904 address of the Protective Tariff League declares as follows:

Looking for a Cinch. Tommy—Are you and sister Ethel going to get married?

Cows in Europe. According to German statistics there are 35,900,000 cows in the nine leading European countries.

First-Born Children. A scientist has discovered that three-fifths of all men of distinction are first-born children.

Play with Huge Tops. Some of the tops with which the Chinese amuse themselves are as large as barrels.

Tunnels Made by Ants. Certain species of South American ants will sometimes construct a tunnel three miles in length.

Existence of N-Rays. The existence of the rays discovered by Blondlot, of Paris, and named by him "N-rays," about which much has been written lately, is seriously questioned by an eminent German physicist.

Practical Arithmetic. A teacher in an uptown school received the following from a complaining parent a few days ago:

Vaccination in Ancient Times. A writer in the Madras Mail cites the following passage from an ancient Hindu book, the "Sactaya Grantham," showing that Jenner was anticipated by many centuries.

Before and After. Friend—Why do you call your work a trade instead of an art?