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### Deserted at the Altar.

A social circle of Wilkesbarre, Pa., thrown into a fever of excitement by an event which is likely to have serious consequences to at least one person. James P. Weller, a well-known civil engineer and surveyor, and a very charming lady named Beale were to be married that evening. The ceremony was to take place at the bride's home, and early that morning the busiest preparations for the happy affair were begun. Flowers were sent and many fair hands were busy arranging them in place. The bride's mother and several other relatives were present. The bride's mother and several other relatives were present. The bride's mother and several other relatives were present. The bride's mother and several other relatives were present.

### Sex Development in Nature.

The sentimental pretensions put forth by a political school which holds woman is intellectually the equal of man, give a character of actuality to the question of the comparison of the sexes, which it has been the aim to treat from a metaphysical point of view, is to us purely anthropological, or rather zoological; for we profess to show by characteristic examples drawn from the whole animal kingdom that sexuality endows the same nature in all species, including the human species. The female surpasses male in certain inferior species. The female is smaller than the male in many cephalopods and among arthropods. With a few exceptions, the superiority of the female prevails among the annelids, and among arthropods, as bees, hornets, wasps; female butterflies are larger and fiercer than males, a difference being observable even among the larvae. A superiority among females may be observed among many fishes, as in the herring, and in reptiles. This is, however, the longer the case among the superior mammals. The males of birds and mammals are nearly always superior to the females. To sum up, the two sexes are unequal in consequence of the superiority of the female over the male in the lower species, but equal among species a little more advanced in the animal scale, and become again unequal in consequence of the superiority of the male over the female in the higher species. The supremacy of the female sex, the first term of the evolution which sexuality undergoes, while the supremacy of the male is the last.

### Englishmen Not Satisfied.

Dec. 20.—The Times speaking of the case says: "Nothing in the proceedings ever equalled the laxity of the jury which has been a grave investigation has become a sort of entertainment, and the most farcical trial ever heard of in this country has gained notoriety as a crime. It is not showing its importance, but the proceedings are neither merited nor conducted on the part of the presiding judge."

### Guiteau Slain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A press reporter has interviewed Guiteau. The latter expressed delight at seeing "his friend," and appeared quite loquacious, but immediately became chary and good natured. He said he was never better in health or spirits, and was generally healthy and had taken things easy since his arrest and never had allowed anything to worry him. Although they were howling to shoot him they couldn't get at him.

"Stuff and nonsense," said he, when told it was reported he had suicided. "What sex will they say? This is too ridiculous. Why, what on earth should I want to commit suicide for? I am perfectly satisfied with the way things are going. I have never had any doubts of the issue. The Deity has taken care of my case thus far, reflecting a moment, 'yes, and pretty good care of me.'"

"What is the object of recalling Mrs. Dumme?" asked the reporter.  
"I don't know what Scoville's idea is. I shall have to see him about that. I don't want that woman put on the stand again. Scoville is no criminal lawyer. I have given him points all the time; but then he has done very well. He has worked hard and I don't know but what I am as well satisfied as if I had managed the case."

Hesitating a moment, he continued: "When I say alone you understand what I mean," evidently fearing the reporters might imagine that he had lost sight of the Deity, and the inspiration features of the Deity. "Scoville is a man who is a man, that an insane man must be half an idiot."

Guiteau announced his intention of cross-examining the Government experts. They had not yet, he said, touched upon the mysterious evidence on impulse, which often impels man to do things which are ordinary and mischievous transactions of life, which there may be present no sufficient reason either in the mind or in the senses, from surroundings for the particular exercise of will upon the body. When a man suddenly feels an impulse to turn around, and on doing so finds some one of whom probably he has just been thinking, or who when a man obeys what is called 'resemblance' to Guiteau appeared keenly to feel that he had been denigrated by those persons who had sold to the press interviews with him, without even offering him a commission.

### The Jeannette All Right.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The Chicago special from London says: The governor of Siberia has just issued a proclamation announcing that the Arctic voyage ship, the Jeannette is safe with all on board well, and all her equipment intact. The Governor, who, for a long time, has taken a great interest in Arctic explorations, caused an extraordinary expedition party to be sent out to hunt for traces of the Jeannette which he believed that fears were entertained that misfortune had overtaken her and relief expeditions were being sent out by different governments. Knowing the delays incident to such governmental action, he at once equipped and sent out on his own account a party of the most experienced and reliable explorers at his command, with the most ample powers and positive instructions. These men at once entered upon their work despite the most dangerous obstacles until they found traces of the Jeannette and finally overtook her. The people aboard the Jeannette were much astonished when they were informed by the Siberian explorers that they were the object of the solicitude of all the civilized people of the world.

### The House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The formation of the House Committee is the leading topic of conversation here now, and a very active contest is going on. They will probably be announced to-morrow. It is learned that Speaker Kiefer has decided not to give Ohio some of the important chairmanships which he at first contemplated assigning to that State. There has been a strong effort in the last few hours to induce the Speaker to give the chairmanship of the Appropriations committee to Kansas instead of to Illinois, but it is generally thought that Illinois will get it. The Speaker has derived very little information from the members individually as to their fitness for Committee service, but instead has invited the Governor of a majority of the Republican States to give him an idea of the fitness of several prominent Representatives from States whose names have been considered in connection with Chairmanships.

### The Lost Jeannette Found.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The Commercial-Advertiser prints this: A private dispatch was sent by the Secretary of State to the Herald office this afternoon announcing the loss of the Jeannette and rescue of two boats filled with men containing three of the officers of the expedition and twenty-three of the crew. The other boat, No. 2, has not been heard from, and is supposed to have been lost.

The following is a copy of the dispatch: "WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The following telegram has been received from B. Hoffman, Charge D'Affaires of the United States at St. Petersburg: The Jeannette was crushed by ice on June 15th, in latitude 77 north, longitude 17 east. The crew embarked in three boats, which were separated by wind and fog. No. 3 boat, with eleven men under charge of engineer Melville, reached the mouth of the Lena river on September 19th. Boat No. 1, having on board Captain DeLong, Dr. Ambler and twelve men, reached the Lena river in a pitiable condition. Prompt assistance was rendered. Boat No. 2 has been heard from. (Signed) F. F. FRELINGHUYSEN, Secretary of State."

Connery, the managing editor of the Herald, said he had no facts beyond the dispatches upon which he could base any opinion relative to the expedition. It appeared to him that the steamer had been lost beyond recovery, and that the occupants of the second boat, among whom he found was Collins, and the Herald's correspondent, was also lost, although there was hope that they might yet turn up.

### Why Is This Thus?

One day this summer we rode fifty miles in a railroad car, seated behind four men who were playing with those awful playthings of the devil—cards. They played a little seven up, pedro and occasionally a trifle of poker. We never heard a dispute. Their occasional bursts of merriment at some unexpected play repeatedly drew our eyes from our book. They never quarreled and never called names once. After we got out at our station we sat at the window and watched a party of young men and maidens playing croquet. In fifteen minutes we saw two persons cheat successfully. We heard the one player who did not cheat accused of cheating five times. We heard four distinct bitter quarrels. We heard a beautiful young girl tell two lies, and a meek looking young man three, and finally we saw the young girl throw her mallet against the fence so hard that it frightened a horse; the other young girl pounded her mallet so hard on the ground that it knocked the buds off an apple tree; they both banged into the house at different doors, and the two young men looked sheepish and went off for a drink. Now, why is this thus?

### Local Mining Customs.

Arizona Star.  
The Commissioner of the General Land Office has given an important opinion on the subject of the time for doing assessment work. In answer to a letter written on the subject, he says: "In reply to your communication, I have to state that the United States mining laws provide that the locator of a lode or mining claim must make the annual expenditures necessary for the maintenance of the possessory title at any time within one year from the 1st of January next succeeding to the date of location, and the miners of a mining district have no authority to make any rules conflicting with this law. If the mining laws of your district require that \$50 shall be expended within sixty days after the location, such provision is wholly without force. Supposing location to have been made July 1, 1880, the \$100 worth of expenditure is required by the United States laws to be made between the 1st of January, 1881, and the 31st of December, 1881, and the expenditures made prior to this date, viz: within sixty days after location, would not be in conformity with the provision of this law."

### "I Never Speculate."

I heard the other day a good story of Jay Gould, the American railway king. A London broker went over to New York and solicited an interview with him. The broker explained to him what vast operations might be made on the London Stock Exchange, and suggested that he should do business for him. Gould reflected, and then said: "What you say is, no doubt, true; I see only one objection; I never speculate."—London Truth.

### Results of Curiosity.

These temperance men are becoming extremely inquisitive. In New York they have unearthed the fact that 2,004 of the liquor sellers of that city have served in different State prisons and that 2,645 have been inmates of different county prisons. The fun of the thing is that the New York law requires that all persons to whom licenses are given must be men of "good moral character."

### Return of N. P. Excursionists.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Vice-President F. F. Oakes, of the Northern Pacific railroad party returned from their ten days' trip over the Northern Pacific line.

### Guiteau Trial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Hamilton, of New York, took the stand. Scoville desired to have the other experts excluded during his testimony, but the Court ruled against him. During the argument Dr. Hamilton was interrupted by Guiteau, who said: "I will cut this Abel, Judge, by saying that I am perfectly willing to have them here. I am willing to have them learn all they can. I have too much confidence in their honor and integrity that—"

David—That is precisely what I am charging to—  
Guiteau—You are on the right track, Judge. I'll take you on my side. You are engaged for my side of the case.  
Witness was questioned at length relative to operations of mind, significance of dreams and unconscious expressions as indications of mental processes.  
Counsel for prosecution protested against the apparently objective direction of the inquiries.  
Scoville, smiling—Well, gentlemen, I told you I did not know much about this subject. Guiteau—Then you had better get right off the case if you don't know anything about it. I think Reed and I can do better than you, judging by the way you are laboring.

Looking over the notes which Scoville held in his hand, he continued: You have got lots of stuff there; it's not in your handwriting, and I guess it must be contributed by some crank.  
Guiteau appeared dissatisfied with the result of the examination, and finally said: "Oh, tear that stuff up, Scoville. Send this man down and call Clark Mills. He's a good deal better man than this one. He took a cast of my head the other day, thinking that some people would be interested to see it. He took a cast of Andrew Jackson, and said he thinks it greater than Jackson's was. He found one side of my head badly deficient though."

### Dispatch of Thanks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In response to Hoffman's dispatch the following was transmitted to-day:  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.  
Minister Hoffman, St. Petersburg:  
Tender the hearty thanks of the President to all the authorities or persons who have in any way been instrumental in assisting the unfortunate survivors of the Jeannette, or furnishing information to this government.  
(Signed) FRELINGHUYSEN, Secretary of State.

### Suicide.

CHICAGO, December 19.—Last Friday, Mrs. Malvina Major and her infant child died within a few hours of each other. Her husband, Thos. Major, remarked: "I will be buried with them;" and although closely watched by his brother, escaped long enough to buy some poison, which he took Saturday night, and died in great agony yesterday. Mr. Major was a Frenchman, has resided in Chicago seventeen years, was a carpenter by trade, and fereman in a Hyde Park establishment.

### French Election.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—At the supplementary election for members of the Chamber of Deputies, Granet, member of the Republican majority, was returned for Aisne; De Ves, Minister of Agriculture, for Bognerville. De Ves had resigned his seat for the second circumscription.

### EASTERN NOTES.

Rev. Wm. Inglis, editor of the Canada Presbyterian, has been appointed librarian to the Ontario legislature.  
The board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church has appropriated \$10,000 for the support of college students.  
Presbyterian work among the Freedmen during the past year has been very successful. The receipts were \$68,711. The number of communicants is 11,055.  
The Protestant clergy of New Haven at a recent meeting expressed almost unanimous dissatisfaction with the New Revision, chiefly on the ground of "bad English."  
The Methodist Episcopal Church South has eleven mission stations along the Rio Grande and the Mexican border, with sixty-one preaching places, 447 church members and 378 Sunday school scholars.  
The next meeting of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance will be held in Chicago in October, 1882, when it is expected that there will be brought together representatives from every theological seminary from Maine to California.  
Manufacturers who are striving to increase the number of schools in this country where persons may be educated for industrial pursuits, will bear with interest the work of the English Royal Commission on Technical Education. That Commission is now busy in Paris visiting the higher, the secondary and the primary schools in which manual and technical education is imparted.

### The "Mush" Hat Question.

Eastern papers are devoting considerable attention to the advantages and disadvantages of the "mush" (short for mushroom) hat. The Express announces as the result of its observations that only old and ugly women wear the "mush" at places of public entertainment. A Rochester paper gives the following fact in the recent history of that city, which has had the effect of driving all large hats out of sight: "A Rochester girl of poor but honest parents went to the theatre Saturday night, and walked down the main aisle of the Corinthian Academy to her seat resting upon her head a very small and extremely pretty hat. She sat down in the seat directly in front of the one occupied by one of the millionaires of the city. His astonishment was profound. He could scarcely comprehend it. He leaned over and asked her if she owned a cart-wheel hat. She replied that she did, but never wore it to the theatre. Still more astonished, the millionaire leaned back in his seat almost overcome. After the performance he offered her his hand, was accepted, and has agreed to settle \$200,000 in United States bonds upon her on the morning of their wedding day." But in the neighboring city of Utica another young lady has hit upon a plan to wear the hat of the period and still avoid giving offense. She entered the opera a few evenings ago with a large "mush" on her head, and at once drew the attention of hundreds of malicious eyes. As she glided toward the front the ladies and gentlemen in the row behind her began moving uneasily, as if they feared a total eclipse of the stage for the remainder of the evening. They were not annoyed long, for after settling comfortably in her chair the lady coolly removed her large hat and hung it to the back of the seat in front of her. Then she extracted a worsted "facinator" from the pocket of her sacque and arranged it in a very fascinating manner upon her head, making her look "too sweet for anything," as an old bachelor expressed it. All of her neighbors exchanged approving smiles, and the stag coterie in that locality rewarded Miss F. with quite a ripple of applause. She set a good example for her other friends, and deserves a season ticket to the lecture course for good sense and regard for the comfort and enjoyment of others. Let us, says the local paper, have a few more fascinators and fewer mushrooms in the parquet.

### Mrs. Langtry on the Stage.

Mrs. Langtry came forward arrayed in an unpretending pink dress, and with her arms full of flowers, she sat down at a table and proceeded to act as though, instead of this being the first time she had ever essayed her skill on the stage, she had been playing lively young widows and other such parts to critical audiences from her earliest childhood. As to whether she was nervous or not, it did not seem to be perceived. Her elocution was singularly clear, and her gestures and by-play perfect. It was never more surprised in my life. It is difficult to judge of anyone from a single performance, but if Mrs. Langtry can play other parts as well as she can lively young widows, she would, were she to adopt the stage as a profession, be a fortune to any theater if she were brought out by a manager to fulfill a great want—according to the well-known phraseology of prospectuses. It is far more easy to find actresses who can rampage in tragedy than who are able to act in comedy as though to the manner born. This Mrs. Langtry, to judge from her debut at Tricketham, seems exceedingly well able to do.—London Truth, Nov. 23.

### A Boy's Essay on an Ox.

The following is the composition of a little boy in Bishop Scott's grammar school, Oregon, verbatim: "Oxen is a very slow animal. They are very good to break up ground. I would rather have horses if they didn't have colic, which they say is wind collected in a bunch, which makes it dangerous to keep horses than oxen. If there were no horses people would have to wheel their wood in a wheelbarrow. It would take them two or three days to wheel a cord of wood a mile. Cows are useful to, I heard some people say that if they had to be an ox or a cow they would sooner be a cow, but I think when it comes to be milked on a cold winter morning I think they would sooner be oxen, for oxen don't have to raise calves. If I had to be an ox or a cow, I would be a heifer, but if I could not be a heifer and had to be both, I would be an ox."

### OGDEN OILO.

Pilot Dec. 19.  
Butte now considers herself safe from any extensive conflagration. Her new water works are now complete and in operation.  
The Utah & Northern sent north to-day 5,000 pounds of machinery for W. A. Clark Butte, and one car of oil for C. O. T. Oil Co., Butte.  
An opportunity is furnished our citizens to make a cheap trip to California and to visit several of the most interesting places in the Golden State. The excursionists will leave Ogden Saturday, July 14th, and can return at any time within ten weeks. The tickets for the round trip will be sold at \$62.50.

### For the Girls.

Girls, stand up! We feel as if we would like to strap you fast to some of those heavenward-towering firs. Don't you know that the way you bend over and do for ever and long your hands like the paws of a bear, is a disgrace on this land of civilized growing grand old forests? Of all people in the world our western girls should stand the steeplechases of their shoes, show their feet, and then just listen how you talk. Slack it had enough, but the slumping, leetering, tilting (sawing sentimentalism which requires you to skip the last end of a word lest it sound flat and uncultured, is too disgusting for anything. And then what is the use hobbling on the street as if you were deformed, when the whole truth is, you have a number two shoe on a number four foot. Don't deny it! The shoemaker told us all about it, when you purchased your shoes, and us all over the city. You know you have been in mortal misery ever since. Don't you suppose people know about how large a foot goes with a physique like yours? And do you suppose you can deceive the shoemaker? When you get on a number two, it is a four he has changed for you. Now just let some things in this world have their course; and I wonder whether a man worth the name loves womanliness, and most of this is made up of an open-hearted, innocent independence that always rejoices in taking things in this world as they are, and refusing to be an angel till the time comes. A wise man says, "no woman is a true woman who is not first a true animal." It is worth remembering. No woman ever suffered because she was muscular and strong, and could stand and walk and talk without a stimulant.—Polaris.

It is reported that R. D. Hume is moving in the matter of building a coast line telegraph, starting at Eureka, Humboldt Bay, and extending as far north as Marshfield, and above, if business will justify.

The Brownville woolen mills in the month of October manufactured and sold \$13,000 worth of goods. The company employs 35 hands, who receive on an average \$3 per day, many of them being girls and boys from 12 to 15 years of age. The company last year sold \$110,000 worth of goods.

L. L. Wyatt, Colorado cattle inspector, who was located during the shipping season in this city, informs the Greeley Tribune since his return home that 150,000 head of cattle is passed through Colorado while the season lasted. The number shipped last fall amounted to 124,500, and the poorest cattle this year sold for higher prices than the best in 1880. A much less number than usual will be fed in the state this winter by reason of the high price of corn.

### She Made a Mistake.

A very laughable occurrence was witnessed at the union depot, Terre Haute, Indiana, recently: when the train from the south stopped, a lady alighted, and, seeing a gentleman standing by whom she supposed to be her husband, she ran towards him, throwing her arms about his neck, showered kisses upon him. The gentleman made no objection, but when she ceased her ecstasies, a gentleman standing near by remarked, "Well, Laura, haven't you made a mistake?" Laura turned to him in astonishment, and flying into his arms, buried her blushing face on his shoulder, saying: "Lord bless me, Steve, I thought it was you! Why did you not speak?"

### A Vermont Tragedy.

Capital punishment of life years has rarely been inflicted upon women in this country. Mrs. Surratt at Washington, and a servant girl in New Jersey who murdered her mistress in the hope that her master would take her for his second wife, are the most notable exceptions. Mrs. Emeline L. Meaker, of Waterbury, Vt., is likely to share their fate, the Supreme Court of the State having overruled the exceptions of the verdict of a lower court which convicted her. She will remain in prison until the last Friday in March, 1882, closing three months in solitary confinement, according to the practice in the State. It is not likely she will escape the penalty, unless by previous death, for more than one offender has mounted the scaffold after two years' imprisonment. Her son, who was her accomplice in crime, will be hanged next February, there having been no judicial delays in his case. The offense for which they are to suffer was an orphan girl of thirteen years, a half sister of Mrs. Meaker's husband. They were tired of keeping her, and after subjecting her to most brutal treatment, took her from bed one night, tied a sack over her head, drove her some miles off in a carriage, and forced her to drink a decoction of strychnine. She quickly died, and was then buried in a swamp. The evidence against the criminals was at first circumstantial, but the son has since confessed his guilt. His mother has been a turbulent prisoner, and once set fire to the jail in which she was confined.