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Many a pointer is given to an individual at times solely that he may not go to the dogs.

The organization of a company to control the trade in peanuts cannot be called a grand-stand play.

Every American scheme that has been tried on the Philippines has been successful, excepting the war balloon.

Rudyard Kipling says the hardest work he ever did and the hardest he ever saw done is that of work on a newspaper.

Another case of the marriage of professional thieves in jail. From a social point of view this sort of thing is open to serious criticism.

A rascally engraver engaged to counterfeit money is like any other rascal. The better the impression he makes the more dangerous he is.

Dewey says that Farragut showed him how to do it. How Farragut would have rejoiced to know that so great an opportunity awaited so apt a pupil!

If every man who falls in love with Miss Helen Gould is to be arrested, the bachelors might as well be assessed at so much a head without further ceremony.

It is not believed that there is anything in wireless telegraphy that will make it any easier for nervous ladies to open telegrams without a thrill of apprehension.

A "horror social" is the latest freak among society ladies. Each lady is expected to bring a resemblance of what she most dreads. Empty pocket books and dead mice are common contributions.

Another burglar has been caught who posed, when in private, as a competent traveler. Strictly speaking, the title is not altogether amiss in significance. The burglar travels, and nobody supposes that he travels for his health.

"Ladies wishing to add to the comfort of the audience would do it by removing their hats." This was printed as a poster in a London concert-room. Despite the appeal, the nuisance does not appreciably abate. Mr. Birrell once begged a class of schoolgirls to be gentlemen. Many of their mothers, unfortunately, might profit by his paradox.

If the colonies of Australia federate under the name of the United States of Australia, as has been suggested, it will be no longer possible for us to monopolize the abbreviation U. S. A. A rivalry for the use of it would show that our federal system of government, having many imitators, and as a complement would offset any inconvenience that might result.

With the advent of the wireless telegraph the question comes up, who is to have control of the ether, and what rights have different individuals in it? Is the ether that pervades all space really for my land also to be mine, or will a new rule of property have to be adopted, giving the right of the ether to the medium? Either penetrates the matter. Can the Wireless Telegraph Company send messages across my land and right through my house with impunity, and can I if I wish put up a receiver and tap their wires as they pass on my own land? Will I be justified in posting my land with notices: "No Trespassing in This Ether?" Can an enterprising advertiser send out a message on the ether waves so that any one with a receiver will pick up the message "Use Skat Milk Soap"? Will I be able to keep pace with all the rumors that are "going around" by putting up an aerial conductor over my house and listening to what the ether waves are saying? Wait and see.

The civilized world looks on aghast at the cruel and arbitrary methods by which the Bear that walks like a Man in Russia has been treated. The only years ago Finland was a part of Sweden and when the severance came the constitution that was adopted was confirmed and has since been confirmed by the oath of every Czar of Russia on his accession to the throne. This constitution expressly stipulates that no law relating to life, liberty, property, taxes, religion, education, military service or any form of local government can be enacted without the hearing of the Diet of Finland and the sanction of all its four chambers of that body. Yet in the face of this solemn guaranty the Czar has arbitrarily changed the constitution and deprived the Diet of that country of all effective control. The Council of State at St. Petersburg is hereat to legislate for Finland and the Diet of that country is to have merely a consultative voice. Protests and petitions have gone up to the Czar in vain. The members of the Government went up to St. Petersburg and were denied admission to the Czar's presence. The rape of Finland is complete.

The terrible fire in a fashionable New York hotel recently recalls the lesson of a story recognized some time ago. A man had been washed overboard in a vessel during a storm so fierce that his rescue seemed impossible. A timorous, seafaring "landlubber," whose fear of the water had been the scorn of the sailors, leaped overboard, caught the man by the hair, and supported him till help came. The hero, though inordinately timid, had schooled himself in mind and will against such a possible emergency. Residence in a hotel or an apartment in some form and at some time will possibly come to most readers. They cannot too early make the few simple rules, which may save the loss of limb or of life. After engaging a room the occupant should at once learn its situation in respect to halls, stairway and elevator, and note whether there is a fire-escape. If there is, and only a rope is provided, the directions for its use should be studied. He should remember that a towel in his hands will lessen the friction of the rope upon his feet, and that a wet towel twisted about his face will delay suffocation from smoke. He should also know instantly what money, jewelry or papers are most important to save. By occasionally impressing such simple precautions upon the mind, one's actions in case of sudden fire will become almost automatic. Along many other lines such self-training may be of vital service. What to do in case one's clothes catch fire; when the brake of a bicycle falls to act on a dangerous grade; when a companion is struck by lightning; or when resuscitation is required when drowning is barely expected, or when a "live" wire drops and must be crossed. It is neither necessary nor desirable to lie awake nights planning escapes from potential disasters; but to refuse to consider them is the device of the ostrich who thinks himself safe from danger when his foolish head is hid in the sand.

Admiral Dewey declares that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for the Presidency next year, for he is a sailor and has no politics, and Dewey professes himself a total ignoramus of party intricacies and affiliations. Several times in the history of the republic the army has furnished an incumbent for the Presidency. Not so the navy. And it is a remarkable fact, that on the whole, the army men who reached the chief magistracy by party nomination had never been affiliated with the party which nominated them. Andrew Jackson's selection to the Presidency can be explained by the methods of nomination now obtaining, which were in vogue. He was defeated in 1824, to be triumphantly elected in 1828, not alone because of the glamor of his military record, but because of a deep-seated conviction in the popular mind that he had been defrauded in 1824. Zachary Taylor was taken up by the Whigs in 1848, not because he was a Whig, but because of his availability as a candidate growing out of the great reputation he made in the war with Mexico. He was the hero of the slaves, yet received the cordial support of Northern opponents of slavery. Great as is the predilection of the electorate of the republic for a military hero, Scott, who won laurels in both the war of 1812 and the war with Mexico, was beaten in 1852. In 1858, when the Whigs were in vogue, he was defeated by the Republican with the Democratic party. He was no more identified as a politician than Dewey. Yet it seemed natural to the whole country that the Republican politicians of that great party should have chosen him as their leader. He was willing, as twenty years before Zachary Taylor was without, Dewey is not willing, and without his consent no party would venture to nominate him.

Our conspicuous countrywoman, Mrs. Anna George, who emerged from her original judicial proceedings in Canton, Ohio, amid the splendor of fireworks and the explosion of bombs, at once announced that she would take the lecture platform and discourse on woman's rights. It would appear that Mrs. George is much more in the mood to discuss woman's wrongs, and this opinion is strengthened by a conversation with a reporter, in which she says: "I want to say that my misfortune and the results thereof, warning to designing men. Oh, if I could go into every home and tell each wife, sister or daughter, and warn them against trusting any man with their virtue! I would warn them to be careful of their associates; to guard themselves against this temptation that dragged me down."

This says the Chicago Post, is most exciting and, and we hasten to give it our most cordial support. The more we consider Mrs. George's carefully chosen words the stronger are our convictions that a woman should exercise the utmost caution in the disposition of her time. There is, we believe, a very general sentiment in feminine circles which acts measurably as a preventive of the misfortunes and bitter results so eloquently portrayed by Mrs. George, but we have no doubt that the lady's emphatic warning will greatly stimulate this sentiment, and demonstrate the utter futility of yielding to temptation. But as to the other proposition, the invasion of every home by Mrs. George, we have a few uncharitable misgivings. While we yield to our admiration of Mrs. George's good qualities we must reluctantly say that we are not quite prepared to see her walking up the steps and pulling the doorbell. It seems to us—such is our uncharitable suspicion—that the spectacle of this new champion of woman's rights sitting in the midst of our wives, daughters and sisters instructing them as to the proper feminine conduct would be somewhat disconcerting, and we think to borrow the adequate expression of polite circles—that any young woman approached by Mrs. George with suggestions as to moral behavior would be justified in "bursting into tears and calling a cab."

When one girl speaks of another as "so sensible" you will notice her nose always turns up. A man never really loves a woman till he loves her too well to try to teach her to pin a shirt.

At certain periods every girl has so many soul-yearnings that she has hardly room for a square meal.

The prophet Elijah ought to have let the boys alone; then they would have grown up to be bald-headed themselves.

If there is anything at all in the transmigration theory, it is probable that every woman has at some time been a cat.

No man has any real idea of the length of a minute till his wife makes him wait ten of them before he takes off a mustard plaster.

When two women first see each other, each one always wonders whether the other is married; when it's two men, each wonders what the other one is worth.

The reason why a married man can never go down to business the day before his wife comes back from a visit is because he has to stay home to wash up all the dishes he has used.

The slowest Americans are those from different sections of the country were recently discussing the capabilities of "nervous, restless Americans" for being very slow and deliberate. One of these gentlemen, a Marylander, claimed the palm for the slowest of his fellow citizens of the eastern shore in his State.

"It is a saying with us," he said, "that if a young man has been created with legs, the people of the eastern shore would all have starved to death."

"That is nothing in the people up around Mount Mansfield," said the other, who was a New Englander. "They used to say of one man up there that if you was to give him a horse and forty rods' start, stock still would catch him."

Simple Antidote. Milk, if used in large quantities, is the best antidote for carbolic acid.

POLYGAMY IN UTAH

RECENT events of national interest have awakened great public attention to the Mormons of Utah and the polygamous faith. The fight made against Congressman Roberts, the known possessor of three wives, has led to investigations that are likely to develop some sensational disclosures in the very near future, and authenticated details already made public indicate that the practice

St. George is the mecca of this district, where the seal of the Mormon church is kept. Here, too, is a temple. Elders preside, who keep strangers at a distance and compel hard-working wives to uncomplacingly accept their wretched fate. Those elders usurp the functions of law and order, and their word is final. Church matters govern everything. Stock raising and alfalfa farming are the industries pursued. It is in the temple of this law-defy-

ples is recognized as being divinely binding, as promised by their leaders. Marriage is comparatively easy, too, in Utah in a general way, although it is now compulsory to obtain a license from the county clerk. Ten years ago no license was required, and church officials alone performed marriage ceremonies and granted divorces. The authority to perform marriages is not confined to the high priesthood now. At least one-half of the male adult members of the Mormon church have authority to perform the ceremony.

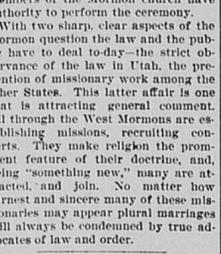


PROGRESS OF MORMON CHURCH IN TEMPLE BUILDING.

of plural marriage is still in vogue. Since the decree of 1890 this is considered bigamy, pure and simple. The wholesale promiscuous taking of wives, therefore, has been broken up, but many secret ways have been devised for evading the Federal prohibition. The cupid of leaders has operated to make easy the accomplishment of plural wife-getting, and Mormonism is dying a hard death.



TEMPLE BUILDING IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.



TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF A MAN CAUGHT IN A WOLF TRAP.

In "Wild Animals I Have Known," Ernest Seton Thompson relates a terrible experience. He had gone out alone to a remote district on his pony to inspect some wolf-traps. In one of them he found a wolf, and having killed it, was engaged in resetting the trap, when inadvertently he sprung the next one, and his hand was caught in the massive steel jaws.

I lay on my face, he says, and stretched out my foot, hoping to draw within reach the trap wrench, which I had thrown down a few feet away. Wolf-traps are in fours around a buried bait, and are covered with cotton and fine sand so as to be quite invisible. Intent on securing the wrench, I swung about my anchor, stretching and

through these blocks, 10 inches from bottom, and also through lever just below the straps. An iron pin through these holes makes the pivot. The weight sometimes rests on these blocks, so they should be bolted together at top with a block between. At the other end of foundation plank bolt on a 2x4 (G) so that the lever will work close to the top of the blocks. The top of the G two inches apart. Make a pin of hard wood to fit these holes, to hold the lever at any point desired. Make lever of tough wood; flatten where iron straps are bolted on, and also where it comes in contact with G. The top of the lever (A) is placed under axle. If it does not reach block up each end of E—Ohio Farmer.

I have a good water pump on the north side of the house, about four yards away. It is over a good well which seldom, if ever, goes dry. The water is soft. The water is forced through a two-inch piping up into the house tank, which is a large box frame over it and a large lid to cover it up. When the tank lacks just a few inches from running over in the house it begins to flow out at a standing pipe, which flows through piping under the ground to the cellar. It goes in at a piping to the milk trough. It flows to the lower end of the cement trough, and then when the trough is so full it begins to run out, but still leaves a certain amount in the trough. After it leaves the cellar it flows through piping under the ground to the lower side of the horse lot, where it comes up in the large tank. There are two other tanks on the place that this same pump keeps. Now, we have everything full of fresh water, and you may be sure that the cooks in the kitchen have had a good supply of fresh water, for all the water pumped by the pump first went through the house tank, and all had to flow through the milk trough, so it has been very useful already—the milk and butter are kept cool. We have it arranged handy for bathing. The water never gets warm on the house tank, for fresh water is constantly flowing through. The piping is below freezing point.—Charles W. Lovell, in Practical Farmer.

A Movable Fence. The illustration, from the American Agriculturist, shows a kind of fence panel with which either small or large yards can be made for pasturing pigs on the place that this same pump keeps. It can be taken up and moved to a new location when it is desired to move the occupants of the pen to new ground. The posts of each panel of fence extend

reaching to the utmost, unable to see just where it lay, but trusting to the sense of touch to find it. A moment later there was a sharp "clank," and the iron jaws of trap No. 3 closed on my left foot.

Struggle as I would, I could not move either trap, and there I lay stretched out and securely staked to the ground. No one knew where I had gone, and there was slight prospect of any one's coming to the place for weeks. The full horror of my situation was upon me—to be devoured by wolves, or die of cold and starvation. My pony, meantime, stood patiently waiting to take me home.

The afternoon waned, and night came on a night of horror. Wolves howled in the distance, and then drew nearer and nearer. They seized upon and devoured the carcass of the one I had slaughtered, and one of them, growing bolder, came up and snarled in my face. The third wolf came rushing, and a fight among the wolves.

I could not see well, and for an instant I thought my time had come when a big fellow dashed upon me! It was Hingo—a noble dog—whose rubber-band, slipping, had fastened on my face and loked my face. He had bit my face, and killed one, as I afterward learned.

"Bingo! Bingo, old boy! Fetch me the trap wrench!" I brought the wrench, and wagged his hind leg at it that was right. With a free hand, I unceremoniously seized the trap fell apart and my hand was free. Hingo brought up my pony, which had fled at the approach of the wolves, and soon we were in the way home, with the dog as herald, leaping and barking for joy.

Wife—How do you like the world you are for to buy those expensive cigars? Husband—I don't buy them. "Dear me! You don't mean to say any friend of yours is rich enough to give you such cigars, do you?" "Well, no, not exactly. That young man who got so smitten with our daughter—"

"Huh! No more than she is with him." "Well, he's an agent or something for a big firm of cigar importers, and generally he has his pockets full of their best samples. Well, after we go to bed, and the lights are turned down, he takes them out of his pockets and puts 'em on the mantelpiece to keep 'em from getting crushed. I suppose, then when it comes to leaving, between the desire to skip out without making any noise at such a late hour, and the pain of saying good-night to our daughter, he forgets all about them. I tell you, Maria, our daughter has been a pretty heavy expense, but she's sort of 'payin' for herself now."

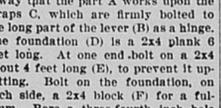
Silkworm in Europe. The silk worm was first introduced into Europe by two monks engaged as missionaries in China, who obtained a quantity of silk worms' eggs, which they concealed in a hollow cane, and conveyed in safety to Constantinople in 452.

Proof of Energy. New South Wales lost \$1,000,000 by the drought of 1897-98. Yet the colony thrives.



HANDY WAGON JACK.

With this jack the heaviest load that can be put on a wagon can be lifted by one man, and thus, if a break occurs with a load on it, need not be unloaded to take a wheel off for repair. It is made with a lever in two joints (A and B), fastened together with straps of iron (C), in such a way that the part A works upon the straps C, which are firmly bolted to the long part of the lever (B) as a hinge. The foundation (D) is a 2x4 plank 6 feet long. At one end bolt on a 2x4 about 4 feet long (E), to prevent it upsetting. Bolt on the foundation, on each side, a 2x4 block (F) for a fulcrum. Bore a three-fourth inch hole



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Have an Herb Garden. The "sweet herbs" are sage, savory, marjoram, thyme and bay. If you live where you can have a little bit of ground, have your own herb garden. You will know how much nicer the herbs will be than anything you can buy. Plant from the seed, keep the bed well weeded and watered and cut when in flower. Tie bundles and dry, then sift them in your new flour. If you cannot have an herb garden and grow them yourself, buy at the market the whole dried herbs rather than any preparation of ground herbs. You will get more strength from them and better results of seasoning. As for parsley, start on them in soups, in made-over dishes, in dishes prepared a la Lyonnaise, and also for a garnish. It makes one of the prettiest and most decorative window plants. Its fine foliage, its beautiful green, its thick, thrifty growth make it as desirable for the window garden as for its table decoration or a flavor in food. It is easily grown, and the leaves which are plucked are soon renewed. If you have a sunny south window in the kitchen or dining-room, by all means set the parsley growing.—Sally Joy White.

Rubber Shoes for Horses. While improved roads enable a horse to draw a load with less exertion, the soundness on the hard surface has a rather serious effect on the joints of the animal, causing them frequently to go lame from no other cause whatever. This is to be remedied by the class of shoes known as rubber shoes, which are offered at all times at the shoeing establishment.

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than anyone could have thought could be done in the old wasteful times.—American Cultivator.

Waste on the Farm. Good management both on the farm and in the household demands that all source of waste be guarded against and that all by-products be utilized to the best advantage. That the kitchen and table waste are generally realized. Don't waste your cold bread and after each meal take the bread that is left, carefully cut off all the top crust, place these in some sour milk, same as you use for making bread, in time to become thoroughly soaked before making bread for the next day. The when you are ready to make your bread take one or two of the soaked biscuits, crumble them up and mix well with your dough, and your bread will be lighter, and it will not take as much lard as the ordinary way. The result will be pleased with the result, for it is a great saving and makes a nice delicious biscuit. Don't depend upon the top of your stove for anything. There is nothing like a good oven for making nice preserves.

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