County Correspondence.

GREELEY.

Cameron & Spangler, druggists, at Strawberry Point, have sold out their business to a firm from Des Moines.

Miss Holmes, of Dubuque, is visiting her friend, Mrs. L. M. Armstrong.

Mrs. Washington Sawyer, of Manchester, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Parker.

Mrs. Mable Dotter's baby has been very sick the past week but is better today.

Mrs. Dr. Tobie and daughter were the guests of Alex. Walter's family on Tuesday.

Ralph Conger, of the county seat, visited here on Monday.

Miss Bess Thomas visited at Strawberry Point over Sunday.

A. A. Strong and wife visited at Edgewood Tuesday.

Si Burt, wife and children, of Manchester, were guests of the Willard family part of last week.—Home-Press.

HOPKINTON.

Miss Kathryn Goodell, of Manchester, spent Saturday with Mrs. W. S. Beels.

Mrs. F. K. Main went to Manchester yesterday for a visit of a couple of days.

Miss Clara Commerford, of Manchester, is visiting at the home of Dr. W. C. Mason.

Will Lyans, of Independence, was here Friday to visit at the home of his father, John Lyans, west of town and with old friends. He is dealing in horses.

Mrs. C. E. Reeve entertained at tea Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Grace Dillon, of Hastings, Nebraska, The guests were: The Misses Alice Crawford, Lucy Smith, Nellie Isbel, Grace Dillon, Franc, Maude and Nellie Earhart, Mrs. Earhart and Mrs. Crawford.

This section was visited by a severe windstorm early Wednesday morning, but the reports of damage are inconsiderable except to the oat fields. At Greeley a telephone message states that several head of stock were killed, and on the Beckner farm, east of that town, now owned by Neiman of Earlville, four barns were burned from lightning. Everything in the buildings was consumed.

DYERSVILLE.

John Vorwald jr., of New Vienna, was in town Monday evening on business.

Henry Wessels, of New Vienna was called to this city on business Monday morning.

Gerhard Schneiders and daughter, of Petersburg, visited at the homes of George and John Schnieders in this city last Friday.

George Link and Frank Loesche drove to New Vienna Sunday afternoon, where they called on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schnieders were at Sherrills last Sunday visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kieffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Link of West Point, who have been up at Dixon Settlement visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Boeckenstedt, were in town Monday evening and departed for home on the Clipper.

F. X. Gerken, of New Vienna, was in town Monday morning en route to Manchester, where he spent a few hours on business. His daughter accompanied him and is now attending the summer school.

Rev. Joseph Drexler and N. J. Ikels and two children, of Independence, arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon to be present at the marriage of John H. Kramer and Miss Katie Bishop, which took place Wednesday. They went out to Barney Engelken's Thursday for a short visit.—News-Letter.

COGGON.

Mrs. J. H. Campbell returned to her home in Hopkinton Tuesday morning.

Peter McEnany left Monday evening for Minnesota.

The Misses Vida Blanch and Emma Joslyn visited Monday at the home of Don Babcock of Ehler.

Mrs. Fred Doolittle and children of Delhi have been visiting with Mrs. E. C. Nash.

S. N. Joslyn and wife drove to Manchester, Saturday, and spent Sunday at the home of their son, Merton.

Ed LeClere and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a boy, Saturday night. Mother and baby are reported doing well.

John Tucker went to St. Paul, Monday morning. He will take a trip through Minnesota and South Dakota before returning.

Mrs. Chas. Reeves sr. and Mrs. Albert Reeves and baby of Manchester, spent last Friday in Coggon visiting at the homes of Mrs. Jos. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reeves jr.

Miss Ermie Cummings spent several days visiting Retta Scott, near Central City, last week.

Rev. W. M. Hollett has been secured to minister for the Church of Christ at this place as long as it is mutually agreeable to both parties. Preaching at usual hours next Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. Hollett will also preach at Central City next Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. M. J. Babcock and Mrs. M. B. Joslyn visited in Manchester, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Childs.

Chas. Scroggie drove over from Monticello Wednesday and spent the day at A. C. Tucker's. Mrs. Scroggie, who has spent several weeks here, returned home with him.—Monitor.

EDGEWOOD.

Charles S. Todd and George Hesner drove over to Littleport Sunday.

Miss Floy Farmer spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Rulon, at Wood.

Rev. L. Hubbell was a Manchester visitor Saturday.

George Barr was down to Manchester Tuesday afternoon.

Asa Kriebs and Miss Mae Gifford visited the former's brother, F. D. Kriebs and wife, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Strong of Greeley were in town a short time Tuesday visiting with Mrs. M. E. Smith.

E. E. Durston and family drove down to Greeley, Saturday evening, and remained until Sunday afternoon visiting at the home of H. H. Moody.

Miss Nellie Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Fisher, returned home last Saturday morning from a few days' visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Blair, and family at Manchester.

Miss Rena Benson came over from Lamont Tuesday morning and spent the day with her sister, Mrs. V. J. Coolidge. She returned that evening accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mary Benson, who had been visiting her daughter for two weeks past.

Miss Kate Hubbell returned home last Saturday from Manchester where she spent a week visiting with her two sisters, Mesdames Maud and Grace Dorman.

Miss Daisy Snow came up from Manchester where she is nursing last Saturday morning and remained until Tuesday evening visiting at the home of F. L. Minkler, west of town.—Journal.

RYAN.

Henry Gibbs was over from the Devil's Backbone on business last Monday.

Isaac Sheppard of Coggon was a visitor with friends in town the first of the week.

Jacob Shum of Manchester was a business visitor in Ryan yesterday.

Miss Alice Pugh of Troy Mills was a guest at the home of her brother, Ed Pugh, and family the first of the week.

R. M. Merriam and John Reilly drove to Masonville on business last Monday.

Miss Grace Beacom was a guest of her brother, F. N. Beacom and family at Manchester last week.

John Powers of Manchester, was a visitor with friends in Ryan last Sunday.

The twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Duggan was seriously ill the first of the week, but is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mrs. James Sullivan of Hazel Green was taken seriously ill last week but we are pleased to pleased to state that she is improving.

Henry Goodhile, of Manchester, was looking up business here Monday.

Mrs. Tim Sullivan, living east of Ryan is reported as being seriously ill.

James McElliott, who suffered such a severe spell of sickness last winter was in town Sunday, the first time in many months. His numerous friends here were pleased to see him.

Harl Pugh was called to Troy Mills last Monday upon receipt of the information that his son Jessie had been bitten by a dog. We are pleased to state that the injury was not a very severe one and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

At 6 p. m. yesterday at the home of the bride's parents in Manchester occurred the marriage of Miss Ona Koehler and Claude Wright. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Melchert, of the German Lutheran church of this place in the presence of a number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride presented a handsome appearance in a gown of white silk and was attended by her sister Emma. The groom and bridegroom were attired in the usual black. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Wm. Donnelly, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the happy twain were showered with congratulations, and the guests sat down to a most sumptuous supper. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Koehler and until about a year ago was a resident of Ryan. She is a young lady of a pleasing disposition, many sterling qualities and has the love and respect of all her acquaintances. The groom is a young man of honesty and integrity and has made a great success in a business way as a photographer. The young couple will leave soon for Wisconsin, where they will make their home.—Ryan Reporter.

EARLVILLE.

Messrs. W. T. Wood, H. G. Millen, C. H. Laxson, D. F. Laxson, and A. O. Stanger left Tuesday over the Great Western on a land-seeking trip through Minnesota and Canada.

Mr. A. O. Sranger, of Falmouth, Mass., but formerly from Delaware County, spent Monday at the home of H. G. Millen.

Local fans were given an opportunity to witness a fast game of ball last Friday at Athletic Park. Lamont and Earlville were the rival teams. Our boys captured the game by a score of 4 to 2 after a pretty contest. It was a pitcher's battle. Cousin's hit with two men on bases, was a prime factor.

The section men who were called to Chicago to take the place of the strikers in the freight handling department, returned Wednesday afternoon on the Flyer.

Rev. H. R. DeBra, the president of Epworth Seminary, spent Monday and Tuesday in Earlville, soliciting students for the school. He says that the prospects are the brightest in the history of the school. He deserves success.

The Junior League of the M. E. church held a picnic in Van Fleet's grove east of town last Wednesday. Mr. John Williams, the new superintendent, was in charge of the happy Juniors.

Arthur La Fevre has been quite sick the past week.

Mrs. Hortense Barry of Barryville, an officer of the Rathbones, visited Earlville on official business the first part of the week.

Mrs. William Baskerville and granddaughter, Hazel, left Thursday morning for a visit with relatives in Iowa Falls.

Manchester and Earlville was the attraction at Athletic Park, Thursday. Earlville led all the way up to the fifth inning, when rain prevented further play. The score stood at 5 to 1.

Clarence Martin took the train for Illinois Tuesday morning. He is out selling views.

Mrs. Verga Plank of Winthrop with her daughter, Thelma, visited at the Murley home the past week.

Miss Amy Keirn and Lester Powell were united in marriage by Rev. B. W. Soper Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother.

A sociable was held at the M. E. church Friday evening. The Ladies' Aid Society furnished supper and the Epworth League served ice cream.

Mr. Sam Pooley, of Grinnell, Iowa, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. John Cruise. Mr. Pooley is at present cashier of a Grinnell bank.

Mr. Carl Cruise of Anamosa is visiting old friends here. Carl is a former Earlville boy.

Miss Madge Knapp, of Charles City is visiting with Iva Dunn, her cousin, in this city.

Mr. George Reeder and family, are visiting at the home of Harrison Ashburn.

A. C. Bender has returned to Earlville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright, of Manchester, spent Sunday at the home of Jerry Jacobs.

EAD'S GROVE.

We farmers are having a dreary time of it trying to harvest our hay and grain this year. The old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines," has to be followed more closely than ever this season and what little time the sun does shine the farmers are to be seen in the hay-fields with full force. There is an extra good crop of hay in this vicinity but oats are so badly lodged that it is doubtful if many farmers get even their seed back.

Burt Fowler has been assisting Chas. Robison make hay but is at home this week helping to gather his father's crop.

J. Moser has purchased a large draft of farm machinery from J. C. Neiman of Earlville.

The two year old son of Geo. Parkinson was badly poisoned a week ago by chewing some poisoned fly-paper which had been placed on the window-sill: Dr. Thomas of Greeley was summoned by telephone and it was only by the most persistent effort that the child's life was saved.

The report that Fred Timm had bought a farm near Millville is true. We shall hate to see Mr. and Mrs. Timm leave our neighborhood but wish them success wherever they may go.

F. N. Frentress has engaged to furnish the poles for the new telephone line between Edgewood and Greeley.

Albert Moser, the five year old son of Jake Moser, had his hand drawn into a pulley last Thursday necessitating the amputation of the middle finger at the first joint and the nail of the first finger had to be taken off also. He is getting along nicely at present.

Mr. Bennington of Volga City made a short visit to Thos. Parkinson's, last Wednesday.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

Miss Myrtle Irish, of Greeley, was visiting in town, Thursday and Friday.

Monday morning a baby boy came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Strong, west of town. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. H. Wilson, of Greeley, was in town visiting with relatives, Thursday.

Mrs. Huene, of Chicago, is here, the guest of Mrs. H. A. Harrington.

Charles Hesner and wife were up from Edgewood, Tuesday.

Mayor L. B. Blanchard, of Edgewood, was up on business, Friday.

Leslie Emerson, of Denver, Colorado, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerson, of this city.

Will Steele, Otto Appleby, Cal Flenniken and John Henry went over to Mederville, Tuesday afternoon, to spend the evening and Wednesday morning angling in the waters of the Volga.

E. G. Cooley, of Chicago, arrived here Monday for a short visit with his father, G. Cooley, and family. He returns to his home this evening accompanied by Mrs. J. F. Hestwood, who will visit there with Mr. Cooley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll, sr., and daughter, Ina, came up from Greeley, Sunday, to spend the day with Mr. Charles Carroll jr. and family southeast of town. Miss Carroll remained for a two weeks' visit.

Our tennis men, Charles Newberry, H. M. Eaton, Ed Hanson, and Henry Sheldon, report themselves as slowly working into trim between showers. They will probably schedule some games with teams in the neighboring towns a little later.

The Misses Lena and Sarah Sloan entertained about twenty of their young lady and gentlemen friends at their pleasant home here, last Friday evening. Caroms and crokinole held chief sway and many exciting games were played. The evening passed all too quickly, and after the serving of light refreshments by the Misses Sloan, the guests departed for their home, vowing it a very pleasant occasion.—Mail Press.

DELHI.

Mr. and Mrs. Friars and children, of Everett, Washington, were guests at E. B. Porter's last week.

Mrs. Bert Peterson and son, Dale, of Hawkeye, have been visiting in town the past week.

Several from here attended the picnic at Spring Branch, Tuesday.

A double silver medal contest will be held at the M. E. church July 30th. There will be six contestants from the senior L. T. L. and four from the junior.

Mrs. E. C. Perkins visited Mrs. Haeberle at Manchester, last week.

Mrs. Knowles, of Winthrop, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton were Earlville visitors, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Holdridge leave this week for a visit with relatives at Elgin and Chicago, Ill.

Alex. Hackbarth cut his hand very badly while cutting meat, and has not been able to attend his customers for several days.

Mrs. Johnson and Gertrude leave for their home in Elgin, this week.

Miss Daisy Curry visited her sister, Mrs. Ivan Harnish at Coggon, last week.

Alfred Harris is visiting relatives in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Phelps, of Pana, Illinois, are guests at F. B. Doolittle's.

Adolph Boyle an old time Delhi boy, but now a successful lawyer of Webster City, was visiting friends in town last week.

C. H. Taylor and family visited at Rev. Salisbury's, Thursday.

Prof. De Bra, of Epworth, was in town Thursday, looking up students for the Seminary.

Curtis Miller and wife have a young son at their home, born July 14.

Miss Ollie Doolittle gave a party to fifteen of her little friends, recently.

Word has been received of the death of L. Terpening, at his home in Binghamton, N. Y., on June 28. Mr Terpening was for many years a resident of Delhi, running a harness shop while here.

Alex. McKean, of Chicago, is a guest at Chas. Furman's.

E. H. Blanchard was in Winthrop, Wednesday.

Nickolas Wilson visited in Hopkinton recently. All are glad to see him out once more.

Mrs. F. A. Doolittle and children are visiting at Coggon and Walker.

The band concert to be held at the poor farm was postponed on account of the rain but will be held in the near future.

Mrs. Bebb, of Monticello, visited Mrs. E. C. Perkins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thorpe Jr., of California, are guesss at S. M. Chase's.

Henry Florence, of Waudena, was in town recently.

The M. E. Aid Society meets Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Stone.

The Epworth League give the "Village Fair" and an ice cream social at G. A. R. Hall, Friday evening July 25.

Ralph Heath and family, of Cedar Rapids, are guests of relatives in town.

Bert Peterson came down from Hawkeye Saturday evening.

EHLER.

Wm. Montgomery and wife visited friends in Coggon Sunday.

Ehler took quite a boom the other day when about four thousand pounds of milk belonging to new patrons arrived at our creamery.

Dave Patton transacted business in Coggon a couple of times Saturday.

W. H. Ehlers had business in Coggon Saturday.

Where did that prophet go that said the oat crop would be a failure this year.

H. L. Reed and wife visited the gentleman's brother, Walter, near Central City Sunday.

T. W. Lyon and family were Coggon callers one day lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lenox and Mrs. Babcock and children attended Ringling Bros. Circus at Cedar Rapids last Thursday.

Lillie Patton of Coggon visited her brother Frank at this place Tuesday and Wednesday.

EDGEWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hesner drove to Strawberry Point Thursday afternoon.

George Barr drove to Manchester one day this week.

Charley Todd and George Hesner drove over to Littleport Sunday.

The Royal Neighbors will give an ice cream sociable at the home of Mrs. J. W. X. Smith next Saturday evening.

George Seward has returned home from Denver, Colorado.

Asa Kriebs and Miss Mae Gifford, of Elkport, visited friends here Monday evening.

R. J. Bixby is building an addition to his residence.

Arthur Breed attended the recital at Asbury Monday evening.

Miss Joe Minkler has been engaged to teach in the public schools at West Union.

Miss Daisy Snow came up from Manchester Saturday and visited friends here until Tuesday evening.

Charley Wheeler returned Wednesday from a business trip to Cedar Rapids, Anamosa and Springville.

Misses Cora and Flora Ricketts, of Hopkinton, are visiting relatives and friends here.

LAMONT.

Fred Retz spent last week in Manchester where he sold thirty one western horses.

Fred Retz is in Dyersville this week selling a carload and twelve horses.

Mrs. J. D. Thompson spent Friday in Manchester.

Elmer Hesner was taking in sights in Chicago last week. He came home Saturday, returning to Manchester Sunday afternoon.

Acy Canfield, of Aurora, well known here, is suffering from a very very bad hurt, loss of a limb, caused by jumping a fast freight July 12.

Mrs. Frank Sharp spent the past week in Earlville visiting relatives and friends.

Floyd Peet attended the Chautauqua at Waterloo and visited Cedar Falls last week, returning to his home at Edgewood Saturday afternoon.

H. Hilton spent Wednesday in Manchester.

Rev. Baumbach spent last week in Waterloo attending Chautauqua.

Chas. Bracher and family, of Bancroft, Iowa, are here visiting the Bracher Kreussel and Ehrke families.

F. S. Brownell and wife are entertaining his mother Mrs. Knott of Springville, Iowa.

Miss Ethel Carr is suffering from a sore foot caused by stepping on a rusted nail.

Mrs. G. F. Durham is in Chicago visiting her brother.

The Epworth League social at the Wm. Adams farm home last week was the largest attended and best paying ever held by that society. May such luck continue.

MASONVILLE.

Mrs. Norman Kenyon was a Manchester caller, Wednesday.

Mrs. F. Parkerhust was called to Manchester Monday, on account of the serious illness of her neice Mrs. George Newman.

Father Murtaugh left Tuesday evening for a week's visit with relatives in Ohio. Father Murphy, of Winthrop, was here during his absence.

Misses Emma and Mollie Ryan were Manchester callers, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mulvehill are the proud parents of a baby girl born Saturday, July 12th.

Miss May McGrath spent the week with her cousin, Miss Mary Hogan.

Mrs. R. Fee was a Manchester caller, Tuesday.

Mr. Stapleton, of Quasketon, was a business caller in our city, Thursday.

Chas. Preston is harvesting with Wm. Cole.

Mr. Sullivan and wife, of Dubuque, transacted business here, Tuesday.

Mr. Gwen Flynn has returned from the Hot Springs, his many friends will be pleased to learn he has received a great benefit.

Mrs. P. Gallery, who has been seriously ill is reported some better at this writing.

The carpenters commenced work on M. A. Hogan's building Tuesday, owing to the disagreeable weather they have not made much headway this week.

John Hullihan's little two year old girl who has been very sick is much better.

A number from here attended the funeral of Patrick Keenan, of Monti, on Friday. The community was greatly shocked on Wednesday evening when news reached here of his sad death. He and his son, Daniel, were driving from Ryan with two loads of lumber when Mr. Keenan's team became unmanageable, throwing him off the load in such a way that one wheel passed over his body, causing almost instant death. He was buried at Monti, Friday, Requiem High Mass was celebrated and the large number of friends who followed his remains to their last resting place showed the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him. He leaves a wife and family to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. The family have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

The Chinese Bride Wears Red.

Red is the nuptial color in China. The coolies that carry the bride in her litter are dressed in red, and they bear a dwarf orange tree loaded with fruit and coin. The bride's compartments are finished in red trimmings, presents are carried on red trays, the banners borne in the procession are originally crimson, which are brightened by the rosy glow of the lanterns. Red umbrellas are carried, and illuminated signs blaze in color. The canopy itself is decorated according to the wealth and the taste of the bride's family. A poor woman is carried to her wedding feast in a plain chair painted red. If the family has wealth or rank, the palanquin is very ornate, decorated with dragon heads. The Chinese skill in working silk or gold cord is displayed in an artistic manner. When the bride appears, she wears a red veil, and the letters to her ancestors, whose blessing is invoked, are written on red paper. The bride generally wears a crown adorned with tinsel and mock jewels, an idea which is much more prevalent in Sweden.—Woman's Home Companion.

A Military Order In Emergency.

Captain Verne M. Bouvie, who raised and commanded a company in an Ohio regiment in the Spanish-American war, told of a very unusual order he heard given by an officer of a Missouri regiment at Camp Meade.

"The Missourian's company was coming down a muddy road," said Captain Bouvie, "and presently they came to a place where only two abreast could pass. The company was in a column of fours, and the problem of getting them past puzzled their commander completely. The correct order was 'Right, by twos.' After some hesitation he shouted peremptorily:

"'Gee round that puddle!'

"The company had evidently been better drilled than their commander, for they broke into a column of twos. When they had passed the water, I listened eagerly for the next command. After some delay the officer shouted sharply:

"'Twos inter fours, right smart; git!'"

Electric Shocks.

It is generally supposed that electric shocks at 500 volts will invariably prove fatal, but that such is not the case was proved the other day by a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, who stated that even with wetted boots he had stood on the rails of the City and South London railway, sat on the live conductor and slapped the running rails with bare hands. He further said that, provided the day were dry and the skin not moist, it was quite safe for the average person to handle live wires. One man fell on a cable carrying a current of 5,000 volts and escaped with only a few burns. Another man was rendered unconscious by a two thousand volt current, but was soon restored unhurt. A one hundred volt current has been known to cause death, but such a case is quite a rare occurrence.—London Globe.

Decidedly Unreasonable.

Clara—Men are the most impatient creatures. Harry knows that I have an offer from Mr. Oldchap, who is just rolling in wealth, yet Harry is just as unreasonable and babyish as if he thought I really cared for that old grayhead. Harry is so ugly about it that he won't do me the smallest favor.

Mother—What did you ask Harry to do?

Clara—I merely asked him to wait and be my second husband.—New York Weekly.

He Knew It.

He was being gently chaffed about his stammering. He took the badinage with customary good nature.

"T-t-that's r-right, b-b-b-boys!" he smiled. "I'm a s-s-stammerer all right. Wh-wh-why! Wh-when I w-w-w-wwa— When I w-ant vinegar for m-mmy s-s-s-salad, I c-c-call for s-s-sweet cider, and it's v-vinegar b-b-by the ti-time I g-g-get it!"—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Long Dinner.

During the hard drinking days in Scotland a country friend, calling at the door of Lord Hermand's house in Edinburgh at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was informed by the servant that the judge was at dinner.

"But I thought his lordship did not dine till 5 o'clock."

"No more he does," said the servant, "but this is yesterday's dinner!"

Forethought.

"Why, I didn't know you had weak eyes, Mortimer!" exclaimed his very best girl.

"I haven't," returned Mortimer earnestly. "I have come to ask your father for your hand tonight, and it is a state prison offense to strike a person wearing glasses in the eye."—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Jackpot Defined.

A subscriber asks, "What is a jackpot that I read about once in awhile, and what seems to be the difficulty in getting it open?"

A jackpot is one for properly cooking fish and is especially recommended for suckers. It has a time lock, over the combination of which millions of Americans have burned the midnight oil in vain.—American Thresherman.

Practical Philosophy.

Daughter—Pa, dear, what is the difference between accident and fate?

Pa—That buttons fly off a man's clothes is accident. That a man's wife never sews them on is fate.—Detroit Free Press.

Much Pleasanter.

"Prosperity has ruined many a man."

"No doubt. But if I'm given any choice in the matter I'd rather be ruined by prosperity than by adversity. The process is more enjoyable."—Chicago Post.

Astronomical Solutions.

Though 300 years have elapsed since the death of Tycho Brahe, it appears that we are in many lines almost as far from the ultimate goal as when he began the great work of exploring the skies before the days of Kepler, when all Europe was slumbering in intellectual darkness. The science of the stars indeed has been refined and perfected in an unparalleled degree and infinitely extended in all directions, but with the bounds of darkness pushed back step by step the goal is not and never will be in sight. An infinity of objects and causes and an endless variety of phenomena are yet to be explored, and the work of the mind is rather a process of development to the perfect understanding of the universe than the solution of a simple mathematical problem.—Atlantic Monthly.

She Got a Thrifty Husband.

Mrs. Smith—I reckon our Jane has got a first rate husband.

Mrs. Brown—Well, you ought to be thankful.

Mrs. Smith—I hope I am, Gusty. Of course he isn't much to look at, and he ain't oversmart, but there's one thing, and that is he's saving. Why, the very first day after the marriage he told Jane she'd better let him take the engagement ring back and get the money returned. He said there was no longer any use for her to wear it now that she was married.—Boston Transcript.

Out of Place.

Grocer—What have you been doing in the cellar so long?

Grocer's Apprentice—I have been cleaning out the sirup measure. It was so choked up that it didn't hold more'n half a quart.

Grocer—Oh, that's what you've been doing? Well, you take your hat and go home and tell your father to put you into the tract distributing business. You ain't fitted for the grocery trade.—London Answers.

When the Eyebrows Fall Out.

The moment the eyebrows begin to come out you should use tincture of cantharides or some other hair invigorator.

A celebrated expert recommends the following mixture to be rubbed on gently with a small brush: Tincture of rosemary, 10 grams; tincture of cantharides, 10 grams; spirits of florevanti, 100 grams; camphorated alcohol, 100 grams.

To thicken and lengthen the lashes use the following treatment:

For three months, every fifteen days, with very fine curved scissors cut the ends of the lashes just a little; then every night, after having used boracic acid to thoroughly wash the eyes and their surroundings, rub the lashes gently with yellow vaseline or petroleum. This treatment done regularly really gives most satisfying results.

Proposals.

"There would be more marriages if the women took the matter of proposals into their own hands," declares the Rev. Thomas B. Hyde of Cincinnati. "Some men don't know how to propose. They are too bashful. Women will have to help the men out. Give women the right to propose, and there will be more marriages. Why should a woman die of love on account of a false sentiment of modesty? Begin immediately, ladies. Then we clergymen will have something to do. Business is dull now. Marriage is solemn, but single life is more so."

A Discolored Neck.

Bathing with a lotion made of equal parts of rosewater and alcohol, with a suggestion of tincture of benzoin added, will whiten a discolored neck. Bathe first with warm water and castile soap, and rub the lotion in well. Do not wear high, unyielding stocks. They are sure to make your throat unbeautiful. Anyhow, the ones of soft ribbon, with little hand embroidered turnover collars, are vastly daintier, prettier and more becoming.

Olive Oil.

A writer in the American Kitchen Magazine declares that "if a small part of the money spent for medicines in the United States were employed to put a pure olive oil on our tables there would be less call for the various powders, pills and liniments that are advertised on every side. Perhaps, too, we angular Americans should gain some of the grace native to Spaniards and Italians."

Sweep your rugs daily, and twice a year send them away for a cleaning.

Sulphur and Silver.

A sailor in the custom house the other day took out of his pocket some silver coins that had a strange yellow hue, and a clerk said to him, "What makes your money such a funny color, Jack?" "Well," replied the mariner, "we just got in with a cargo of fuel oil. It's the oil that turned my money yellow. Fuel oil has that effect on every kind of metal. You ought to be on a fuel oil steamer some time. It would surprise you to see the cabin silverware, the kitchen tins and every blasted bit of metal on board all having the jaundiced look. There is sulphur in fuel oil, and it's this sulphur that does the yellowing. Nitric acid will bring back the original color again."—Philadelphia Record.

Outward and Visible Signs.

Ambitious Young Woman—Tell me honestly, do you think I ever will make a great actress?

Experienced Manager—Not unless you can subdue that bright and cheerful smile. Haven't you learned by observing the pictures of great actresses that they all wear a look of tragic and profound gloom?—Chicago Tribune.

Patti Made His Reputation.

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