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Henry F. Pohlman of Kokomo, Ind., who says he is the eighteenth husband his wife Sarah has had, is seeking a separation from her because about a dozen of his predecessors are still alive and have not been legally divorced.

John Butler of Rockland, Mass., though but 65 years old, is the father of thirty-five children, the oldest of whom is 45 and the youngest 2 years old. As he has reared his numerous progeny respectably while working at his trade the chronicler will be believed in his statement that "Mr. Butler is a hard working man."

The new pope must be classed among the younger members of the sacred college, although he is 68 years old. Twenty-two out of the sixty-four cardinals who attended the conclave are older than Pius X. The oldest member of the sacred college is Cardinal Celesia of Palermo, who is 89 years old. Cardinal Rampolla, is more than ten years the junior of the new pope. Cardinal Gibbons is one year older than Pope Pius.

In the last years of slavery in this country a number of black fugitives from service and labor settled among the quakers of Cass county, Michigan. Their descendants are living there yet—prosperous, law-abiding farmers. The Calvin township supervisor and tax collector are negroes. Besides his farm C. W. Bunn, negro, owns two sawmills; Samual Hawkes, negro, has 500 acres and is worth $50,000: William Allen, negro, has 700 acres and 400 head of stock—all paid for.

Misdirected Missions.

When we hear of good men and women going forth to "convert" the Chinese, the Hindoos, the Bulgarians the Armenians, the Turks, the Polynesians, the Japanese we wonder why they turn their backs upon the outcasts here at home. We weep over the imaginary sufferings of the Asiatics and we ignore the real sufferings of our own neglected millions. We assume a responsibility to the foreign heathen and scorn our actual responsibility to the pagan savages we brush against upon the streets. We think we hear the wails of the benighted in Ethiopia and Thibet, but the voices of the damned around the corner are drowned by the complacent melody of our own church bells.—Washington Post.

A common enough example of American equality before the law is given by the appearance of some dozen of the most prominent financiers of the country before a New Jersey court to answer the charge of manslaughter. Nine school children were killed and many more seriously injured in Newark, N. J., by an accident at the crossing of the North Jersey trolley line and the Lackawanna railroad. The chief officials and direciors of these two lines were indicted for manslaughter by the jury, on the theory that their failure to take steps for the protection of the public at a notoriously dangerous crossing amounted to criminal negligence. * * * The men accused of manslaughter are not only immensely wealthy, but possess the very strongest political, social and business influence of every kind. * * * The conviction and punishment of men of so much personal influence and importance would do more to protect the public in the future than the severest legislation. —Minneapolis Tribune. Of course the "prominent financiers" were not convicted. At the close of the evidence on the trial of the case on the 3d inst., the judge, without giving the jury an opportunity to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the defendants, directed the jury to find them not guilty, and they were acquitted.

In a recent interview General Miles is reported as saying that his recent trip to the Philippines had convinced him that "it is a mistake to hold on to those islands; that conditions there are not such as are favorable to American colonization. The islands," he said, "are densely populated and the population is congested to a degree that is hard for the Americans not familiar with the situation to understand. Aside from the expense and inconvenience of the situation, the matter involves a policy that is, I think, against our best interests. We are forced into a position alongside Russia at a point where we would be stronger if we had the whole Pacific ocean between us. Russia is certain to dominate the Asiatic coast of the Pacific, just as we dominate the American coast. In event of war growing out of the complications due to Russian and other European maneuvers in China and Japan, our position in the Philippines forces us to take part. Russia is friendly to the United States and is anxious to remain on friendly terms with us. We have a chance to build up a fine trade with Russia and it is unwise to jeopardize this commerce for the sake of what the Philippine archipelago will bring to us. The possession of the islands is not likely to bring with it any positive advantage to the United States and they will always be a menance to peace and a source of expenditure even with peace assured. China is the bone of contention just now and the United States is likely to be drawn into the war that seems certain to grow from the present situation."

How To Be Happy

"Are you almost disgusted with life, little man?
I'll tell you a wonderful trick
That will bring you contentment, if anything can—
Do something for somebody, quick!

"Are you awfully tired with play, little girl?
Weary, disgusted and sick?
I'll tell you the loveliest game in the World—
Do something for somebody, quick!

"Though it rains like the rain of the flood, little man,
And the clouds are forbidding and thick,
You can make the sun shine in your soul, little man—
Do something for somebody, quick!

"Though the stars are as brass overhead little girl,
And the walks like a well-heated brick,
And our earthly affairs in a terrible whirl—
Do something for somebody, quick!"

Farming in Delaware County.

Editor Barry Adage:—On the steamer Quincy, at 1 p. m., we left Quincy Thursday and arrived at Dubuque, Ia., at 4:30 a. m., Saturday; hence by rail 50 miles to Manchester. If a tortuous channel, green islands and towering bluffs can be classed as beautiful, the most fastidious esthetic would be pleased with the scenery between Quincy and Dubuque.

Boats of any size to navigate the upper river must run the stream diagonally, or, as it were, run the long line of the triangle or go aground; hence the necessity of the numerous government signals to guide the pilot.

When I notice what some call the beautiful, and step within the halo of reality I note at Keokuk the river is quite wide, and here are the Devil's island, the falls, the government locks and about three miles of rock wall or dyke, which is within a hundred yards or so of the Iowa shore, and it is here where Uncle Sam has spent much money. It is through the locks and narrow passage that the steamers float. When a boat going up stream arrives at the lock it comes to a halt and remains so until enough water is let through to raise the water on each side to a level; then by machinery the lock is opened and the boat passes through.

On arriving at a lock going up stream I note the water is anywhere from 5 to 8 feet higher on the opposite side of the lock than it is where the boat stops.

When one views such structures where so much mechanical ingenuity was exerted he naturally drops into the belief that the works of man are wonderful.

Above Davenport the government has done a great deal of work in building rock mounds upon which are placed night signals, besides a vast amount of dyke work.

Muscatine, Davenport, Rock Island and Dubuque are towns of some note, with heavy lumber interests at Davenport and Dubuque.

For a few days only we are rusticating six miles south of Manchester, the county seat of Delaware county, which is quite a business town located on the Maquoketa river, with about 3,500 inhabitants. Without boastful comment I must say for good stores, wide-awake, energetic and thoroughgoing business men Barry is right in the front rank, to say nothing of the many good things Pike county produces, therefore my longing to get back should not be wondered at after living there long enough to become wise or sufficiently foolish to think there is no place any better when all things are considered.

This is a gentle rolling prairie section, just enough so as to give it good drainage, and the landscape may be viewed for miles in any direction. and with its fine groves, big red barns and creameries it makes a picture worth viewing, and without disparaging Pike county in the least, this county (Delaware) for farm improvement stands second to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. which is given up to be the best improved and farmed county in the United States. The roads here run upon section lines and are about sixty feet wide and well looked after. When it comes to hogs, cattle, horses, number of acres devoted to pasture, hay, corn, oats and from one to three big red cattle and hay barns on nine farms out of ten, Pike county is not in it. They don't raise a bushel of wheat, but they feed everything they raise upon their farms and by so doing are keeping their soil fertility at home and selling the manufactured articles, such as butter, beef, pork, mutton and horses. Land here since 1870, has advanced from $18 to $60 and $75 an acre. Their cows pay from $25 to $30 per head from cream, besides the calf that is raised upon the skimmed milk. Forty farmers own their creamery and support it with five hundred cows. They hire a good butter maker at $50 per month and manage their business upon business principles. They ship their butter to New York city and receive net 23 cents per pound. Which is the better, their system or ours in conducting a farm, I leave for others to say.

John M. Seaney.

(The foregoing letter was written to the Barry (Ill.) Adage, by Mr. Seaney, during the recent visit here by him and his wife, with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Barr of Prairie township.)

Couldn't See the Application.

Dumley—She does quote some of the most inappropriate things at times.

Miss Wunder—What's her latest?

Dumley—I was telling her that I sometimes refrain from joining in a discussion for fear of making a fool of myself, and she said one could not "paint the lily or gild refined gold."—Philadelphia Press.

INVISIBLE LIGHT.

Only When It Strikes the Retina of the Eye Can It Be Seen.

What is the simplest demonstration of the fact that light is invisible?

The blackness of a midnight sky demonstrates this fact most readily. We may see the planets of the moon brilliantly illuminated by the sun's rays, but the surrounding space is dark, although we know that light must be passing there.

The passage of a beam of light through a darkened room is only visible on the dust in the air, and the cone of light seen when the sun shines through a small hole in a shutter is not visible, but only light reflected from the motes in the beam. This can be easily and simply demonstrated by placing in the beam a glass vessel from which the dust has been carefully removed. The beam then may be seen before and after entering the vessel, but is invisible within. A Bunsen burner or a redhot poker held so as to destroy the motes will also render the beam invisible at that spot.

Light is only visible when it strikes on the retina of the eye, and it can only do so when it reaches it in a direct line or is turned by a reflection or refraction into a direct line. Just as the bullets from a gun do a man no harm unless aimed or turned in their course toward his body, so light is without effect unless it is aimed or turned toward the retina.—Pearson's Weekly.

First Women on the English Stage.

It is only with the restoration drama that the annals of actresses on the English stage begin. Queen Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I., had early made a vain attempt to introduce the French fashion of female players into her adopted country by the establishment of a French company composed only of women in London. But the experiment was premature, and the foreigners were hissed and pelted off the stage at their first performance.

Until 1660 the female parts had always been taken by boys, and the custom survived even after women had taken their place upon the stage, since some of the more famous of the boy actors (grown into men) continued occasionally to play their favorite roles as late as the end of the seventeenth century. Kynaston, the chief boy actor, survived till 1699, long after the ladies had ousted him from the principal parts, and in 1661 Pepys, who saw him in the "Silent Woman," speaks of him as "the liveliest lady for a boy" he had ever seen.

Advice.

The best advice that can be given probably is: Take all the advice you can get and do as you please. The [illegible] successful, is being constantly besieged with applications for advice how to succeed. He is generally incapable of giving it. The same advice, outside of a few maxims generally applicable, is seldom good for two persons. Advice, as a rule, is cheap and about as valuable as most cheap things. To be constantly following advice without stopping to consider its source is the plain mark of weakness. It is this trait of weak human nature which makes the business of the patent medicine maker so profitable. The person of power is the one who neither gives nor takes advice in generous quantities. The world would be better off if advice were much less plentiful. Then, perhaps, its quality might rise in proportion to its scarcity.—New London Telegraph.

Sleep.

Sleep begins, in its first phase, by a state of distraction which brings on states of absent mindedness accompanied always by numerous and separate hallucinations closely connected with the length of the absent minded states. Immediately afterward, in a second phase, these states of distraction pass into a very delicate motor disturbance, due to the absence of parallelism in the axes of the eyes or by the deviation of their conjugate movements. Then, in a third and final phase, which indicates the very near approach of actual sleep, the vasomotor system seems to conform to laws very different from those that regulate its mechanism during waking hours.—Revue Scientifique.

A Gentleman.

What is it to be a gentleman? Is it to have lofty aims, to lead a pure life, to keep your honor virgin, to have the esteem of your fellow citizens and the love of your fireside, to bear good fortune meekly, to suffer evil with constancy, and through evil and good to maintain truth always? Show me the happy man whose life exhibits these qualities, and him we will salute as gentleman, whatever his rank may be. Show me the prince who possesses them, and he may be sure of our love and loyalty.—Thackeray.

Two Views of It.

"What do you think of married life?" asked the henpecked man, addressing the youthful bridegroom.

"Bliss is no name for it," said the young husband enthusiastically.

"You are right," said the henpecked one gloomily. "Bliss is no name for it."

Quite Capable.

"He's a remarkably frank man."

"How so?"

"Why, the heiress asked him if he was sure he could take care of her when he proposed, and he said he was sure he could if he had her money to do it with."—Chicago Post.

Working Well.

The Querist—What do you think of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest?

The Egotist—It is all right so far. I am still alive.—Kansas City Journal.

The Day After.

It is a strange omission that the day after, supreme and epoch making period of time, should have failed to receive the homage which is its just prerogative.

De Quincey, in his powerful bit of word painting entitled "The Knocking at the Gate," dwells on the thought that in "Macbeth" the climax of the tragedy, the moment most truly fraught with terror, is not the one in which occurs the murder of Duncan, or when the guilty pair nerve themselves for its accomplishment, but the moment when the first knocking at the gate is heard. With that summons from without comes an instant and terrible realization of what has taken place. In that moment of horror is condensed all the meaning of past crime and future retribution as in a lightning flash.

The magnitude of what has happened cannot be measured until the first touch of reaction has been felt. We cannot tell what has really occurred till the day after.—Atlantic.

Too Small to Obey.

When a certain couple were married the wife was sixteen years old and big and buxom. The husband was two years her senior, but slim to thinness and not up to the average in height. Ten years passed, and the couple got along as well as many couples do, but the wife was hard to manage. With the flight of time she became larger, while her theoretical lord and master added not an inch to his stature nor an ounce to his weight. One day he wanted her to do something, and she refused, at first quietly, then vehemently and finally explosively. "I'll not do it," she declared, "and I'd like to see you make me."

"But, Maria," expostulated her husband, "when you married me didn't you promise to obey me?"

"I did," she replied. Then, sizing up his diminutive proportions, she added, "But I expected you'd grow."

How to Make Pine Woods.

Farmers in the White mountains have discovered, or learned, what farmers elsewhere are slow to ascertain. It is that if you lop off the lower limbs of balsams when they are young the limbs will not grow again. Thus the tree as lumber will be improved. It will be freer of knots.

Certain hotel owners, desiring pine lands near their hotels on account of healthfulness, asked a government forester how to get them. The reply was: "Cut off the hard woods, then turn the cattle in to pasture for three years. That will keep down the shoots of the hard woods, and the pines, which cattle avoid, will grow up, and their needles will keep down other growths."

Tricky Dynamite.

"Perhaps nothing is more uncertain in the line of accidents than dynamite," said a dealer in the dangerous stuff. "You might drop a cartridge out of your hand, and it would explode and tear your body to atoms. Another cartridge taken out of the same case might be hurled from the top of a tall building and would land on the pavement like so much harmless wax, to be ground up under the wheels of heavy trucks and to be exploded with frightful havoc by the soft cushion tire of a bicycle."

Painful.

"As a general thing," says a lawyer, "one doesn't expect to find a sense of humor in the employees of a prison. Yet I know of a rather catchy reply made by a prison guard to the query of a visitor whether the existence of the guards was not a painful one.

"'Painful!' echoed the guard. 'I should say it was when you consider what a number of felons we have on our hands.'"

Wonderful Minute Shells.

There is a sand bank at Connemara, on the west coast of Ireland, that is the Mecca of every curiosity seeker who is fortunate enough to know of its existence. As a general thing sand banks are not a great attraction, but in this particular case the attractive power is not in the sand itself, but in the millions of extinct miniature shells which are almost as numerous as the grains of sand with which they are intermingled. The largest of these little wonders is smaller than the smallest pinhead and some of them so minute that they can easily be put through the eye of a common sewing needle, yet each is as perfect as the pearly nautilus, the spider shell, the sea urchin or any other marine oddity.

They are of all shapes and forms imaginable. One will have the perfect outlines of a miniature basket, another will look like a fairy's tobacco box, while a third needs no effort of the imagination to give it the form of a bottle. The flash shells of Ceylon and Australia are the only living representatives of these conchological wonders. Naturalists who have examined the Ceylonese flash shells say that each is filled with a tiny bit of jellylike substance, which of course is the animal itself, but which is so infinitesimal that no distinction can be observed between head and heart, mouth and stomach.

Eskimo Mythology.

Among the Eskimos the sun is a maiden, and the moon is her brother who is overcome by a wicked passion for her. Once as this girl was at a dancing party in a friend's hut some one came up and took hold of her by the shoulders and shook her, which is, according to the legend, the Eskimo manner of declaring one's love. She could not tell who it was in the dark, and so she slipped her hand in some soot and smeared one of his cheeks with it. When a light was struck in the hut, she saw to her dismay that it was her brother, and without waiting to learn any more she took to her heels. He started in hot pursuit. And so they ran until they got to the end of the world, the jumping off place, when they both jumped into the sky. There the moon still chases his sister, the sun, and every now and then he turns his sooty cheek to the earth, when he becomes so dark that you cannot see him.

An Ingenious Woman.

The limit of masculine humiliation has been worked in the case of a Wichita man. His wife makes him wear tucks in the sleeves of his nightgowns, trimmed with pink ribbon so that the baby won't know the difference when he walks the floor with it in the night. —Kansas City Journal.

The Reason.

Mrs. Flint (severely)—Why do you wander from place to place?

Soiled Spooner (calmly)—B'cuz de places won't wander to me, mum.—Puck.

Flinty.

"Yes, she has a heart of flint."

"Then don't forget that a persistent man can learn to strike fire from flint."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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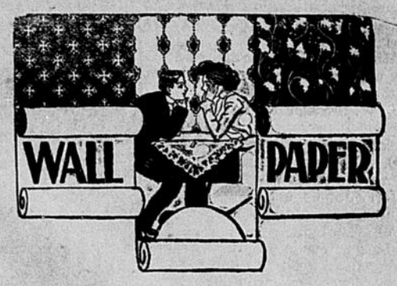

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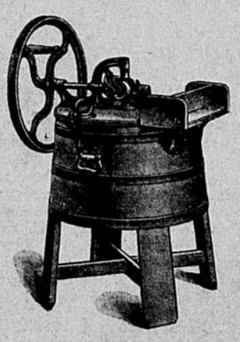

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