County Correspondence.

DELHI.

Rev. R. C. Lusk was a Dubuque visitor last week.

The M. E. Aid Society meets on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, with Mrs. F. B. Doolittle.

Quite a number of our people attended the chautauqua at Manchester Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Smith and Bert Haight were down from Oneida Sunday.

Dr. Bradley was down from Manchester Saturday to see Mrs. Bert Sherman.

Mrs. D. S. Corbin went to Chicago Thursday to enter a hospital for the removal of a tumor. Many friends hope she may soon return fully restored to health.

Several young people went to Independence July 4.

John McGuire was up from Marion Saturday.

Word has been received from Finley hospital in Dubuque that Mrs. W. C. Lux is recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis.

Harry Swinburne spent the fourth at Oneida.

Mrs. Hester Ede visited her son George at Waucoma last week.

R. C. Goldsworthy and wife and James Wilson and wife have gone to Dakota and Nebraska looking up a location.

Mrs. Chas. Stone is visiting in Waterloo.

Miss Ruby Whitlock of Strawberry Point is visiting friends in town.

James Burton returned to his work in Dakota Wednesday.

Silas Crabb has bought the Fraser property and will move there soon.

Mrs. Frank Hogan of Oelwein is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. G. Adams is enjoying a visit from her parents from Arkansas.

Mrs. Charlotte Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith arrived Saturday evening from Danbury, Neb.

Miss Nellie Love of Chicago was a recent guest at the Furman home.

L. M. Barnes and wife visited their people in Strawberry Point last week.

W. F. Neal and wife celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage July 4th. All of their children and their families being present.

LAMONT.

Mrs. Klonus is up from Manchester visiting her daughter, Mrs. Abbott.

F. C. Flint arrived home Tuesday and is circulating among friends with a good brand of hand shakes.

Mrs Fred Denton and daughter from Webster, South Dakota, arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. E. H. Hoyt.

Viola Allenstein, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allenstein who lately moved to Pierre, S. Dak., died at her home last week and the body was brought here Saturday for burial accompanied by the family. The funeral services were held at the German Lutheran church on Sunday at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. H. Baumbach. Viola was a sweet little girl and her death is a severe blow to the fond parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Powell of Cedar Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carr of Manchester, were here a short time Wednesday by automobile, calling on Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt. Mr. Powell is state agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company and with his wife was on an overland trip to Sioux City. They carried a complete camping outfit and stopped for the night wherever darkness overtook them.

MASONVILLE.

(To Late For Last Week.)

Rev. T. J. Murtaugh was a passenger to Waterloo Monday.

Misses B. Maroney and Minnie Hogan were Manchester callers Saturday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the wedding reception at the home of Mrs. B. Kanes on Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was had by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Hohler departed on Thursday morning on their wedding trip. They will go to the lakes and visit relatives in the east. They will be at home in Waterloo after Aug. 1.

We understand that Mr. Frusher has resigned his position as depot agent here.

Mrs. John Mulvehill returned Saturday after a weeks visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Duffy at Farley.

Miss Abbey Hickey was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Greeley.

Miss Anna O'Connor is home from Dubuque where she has been attending school.

Misses Minnie and Josie Hogan of Westphalia, Kansas, are the guests of relatives and friends here.

M. Lillis autoed to Manchester Sunday.

Miss Katie O'Hagan returned home from Dubuque to spend the fourth.

Jas. Turner was calling on his best girl Sunday evening.

Misses Mayme and Emma Ryan visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. J. Cummings Sunday.

EAD'S GROVE.

The glorious fourth has come and gone, but—the corn wasn't knee high.

Miss Pearl Payton and her mother of Millville visited at Fred Timm's Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Holmes and Rilla Holmes visited at J. T. Fowler's on Sunday, June 31st.

Quite a number from here spent their Fourth at Independence.

Mrs. M. J. Robison of Manchester has been spending the week with her son Ed of this place.

Henry Thiel is erecting a large barn on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsworthy and the Crawford girls of Greeley spent Independence day with Will and Josie Goldsworthy of this place.

Wm. Golden and wife of Elkport visited at John Thompson's on Sunday.

GREELEY.

Mrs. W. J. Goldsworthy has been quite sick for several days but is some better at present.

Henry Pilgrim has returned from Rochester, and his many friends rejoice that his chances for recovery are very bright.

Mrs. Henry Hilsenbeck and sister, Bertha, drove to Manchester on Friday.

Paul Nichols is spending the 4th in Marshalltown.

Mrs. Nathan Griffith visited in Manchester this week.

Bessie and Hazel Seeley are visiting at Hopkinton.

F. M. Hilsenbeck has just finished cement walks for J. P. Martindale and Thos. Cox.

Miss Nettie Arbuckle has returned to Chicago after a short visit with her mother and friends here.

Miss Arlie Young has been compelled to give up her position as telephone operator on account of her throat. She is a very proficient operator and will be greatly missed.

E. L. Sweet and Henry Pilgrim left Monday for Rochester, Minn., where Mr. Pilgrim will enter the hospital in the hope of getting help, and his friends hope he may regain his health.

E. B. Hess and G. L. Baker had business in Chicago a few days of this week.

Born—on Friday, June 28, 1907, to Mrs. Marshall Hansel, a girl.

Miss Gertrude Thomas has returned from Evanston, Ill, for her summer vacation.

Miss Jennie Michael had an operation performed on her throat a few weeks ago having her tonsils removed. She caught cold and was quite sick for a time but is getting along nicely now, and her many friends will be glad of it. She expects to come home this week.

Sunday while Miss Edna Lillibridge was driving to town, her horse became frightened at a mover's wagon, running away and throwing the occupants out. They escaped with a few bruises and a very bad scare.

A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. C. A. Bushnell, west of Oneida on July 2nd, 1907, their daughter, Hattie, being united in marriage to Earl Landis of this city. At 8 o'clock, the bride attired in pure white and looking no less fair than the roses which she wore, and the groom dressed in the conventional black, were married by Rev. Crawford. A bountiful supper was served. On the following day the happy couple departed for their future home at Couderay, Wis., via St. Paul, Minnesota. The congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends will follow them, may their pathway be as bright as was the summer day on which they started on their voyage o'er the matrimonial sea. The groom one of our Greeley boys and a fine young man, he has a position as chief engineer in the large saw mills at Couderay.—Home Press.

COLESBURG.

Now that the glorious Fourth is over a peaceful quiet obtains in our village.

Miss Mayme DeLong went to Mt. Vernon Wednesday to spend a few days with her friend, Miss Nettie Albeck.

J. C. Bolsinger, representing the Welch Cook Co of Cedar Rapids, is spending his vacation with friends here.

Mrs. Will Woods died at her home here Saturday night, after a prolonged illness with consumption complicated with heart trouble. She is survived by three small children who are being cared for by relatives, her father and four brothers. The funeral services were held at the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon in charge of Rev. E. M. Keeler. Interment was made at Oak Hill.

Mrs. Emma Spink of Platteville, Wisconsin, is visiting here at the homes of her sisters, Misses Eliza and Estella Klaus, and her brothers, F. W. and Joseph Klaus.

J. W. Platte spent the Fourth at Mt. Vernon.

I. A. Moreland and wife of Manchester were visitors in town last week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs Geo. Hyde last Friday but the little one did not live.

F. C. Knee of Waterloo, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days at the Dr. Wilson home. Mrs. Knee and children have been guests there for a couple of weeks.

Hazel Franks of Guttenberg is a visitor in town.

Mrs. M. E Dittmer was called to Manchester Friday by the death of a relative.

Sidney Walker and wife spent the fourth at Dyersville

Wm. Barker has returned from his California trip

Miss Angie Lewis spent the fourth with her brother at Edgewood.

Miss Emily Ridenom has gone to Pennsylvania for an extended visit with relatives. All hope for her a most enjoyable visit for she richly deserves it.

Mrs. Wm. Wieckersheim and children of Giard are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Irmscher, and other friends.

James Prentice and wife were at Manchester during the week attending the chautauqua.

BAILEY'S FORD.

J. W. Hartman, wife and daughter, Elvira, spent Sunday of last week at the home of Mrs. R. E Grommon.

Mrs. Jerry Kaster was in Manchester Tuesday of last week.

A number of the young people from this neighborhood went to Independence to spend the fourth.

Chas. Young and wife spent Thursday with Mrs. R. E. Grommon.

Levi Kaster, wife and family visited at Wm. Kaster's Sunday of last week.

The Misses Carrie, Myrtle and Nellie Grapes were shopping in Manchester Tuesday of last week.

Geo. Van Auken and wife spent Thursday at the home of Tillman Grapes

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended a celebration at Hartwick last Thursday.

Harry Connor had business in Delhi last Wednesday.

ONEIDA.

A school meeting was held in district No. 2 last Monday.

J. H. Trewin and wife of Cedar Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Barge of Chicago visited at J. Rector's last Tuesday.

L. L. Barker and wife had business in Delaware Wednesday.

The ball game between Delaware and Oneida the 4th came out victorious for our home team.

Our citizens spent the 4th in various places, some going to Dyersville, Manchester, Thorpe, and several picnics were held near here.

Harry Swinburne of Delhi spent the 4th with his cousins, John and Andrew Rector.

Miss Kruger of Colesburg spent several days the past week at the home of Fred Moser.

Miss Verna Atkinson of Manchester is visiting this week with friends near here.

Gladys and Anna Lillibridge spent Friday with friends in Delaware.

Will Hockaday and family spent Sunday at the home of Chas. Carpenter and Miss Grace remained for a few days visit.

The L. A. S. will hold an ice cream social at G. B. Cox's Thursday evening, July 11, 1907. Everyone cordially invited.

Farmers in this vicinity find the green bug is doing considerable damage to the oat crop.

Miss Mary Howeiler of Earlville is assisting Mrs. L. Clendenen this week.

DYERSVILLE.

Messrs and Mesdames Jacobs of Colesburg returned from a few days visit with relatives and friends at Dubuque Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver of Almoral and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant of Louisiana were the guests of relatives and friends in this city the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kramer, Mrs. Frank Kramer and daughter, Miss Kate, and Mr. and Mrs. John Engler, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kramer were the guests of Frank Kramer and family at Cascade Sunday.

John Bruggemann and Rev. Father Sassen of Petersburg were in this city Friday. They were here to meet Bishop Shinner of Superior, Wis., who took part in the celebrating St. Peters and Paul day the patron saint of the Petersburg congregation.

This vicinity was visited by a severe wind storm Sunday evening. Dark, heavy clouds hung low and their actions resembled a cyclone. The wind that preceeded the shower of rain was terrific. A number of shade trees were injured and portions of scaffolding and a window frame was blown from the new school building that is in course of construction.

A pleasant fishing party was held by the young folks of North Fork last Sunday and all had an enjoyable time. Those present were Victor and Alfred White, Peter Greif, Peter Mangerich, Albert Ament, Martin Ludwig, Paul and Nic Besler, Alphonse Stoll, Herb Benn, Sylvester, Leo and Julius Weis, Misses Rose and Nettie White, Mathilda Greif, Mary and Mathilda Murphy, Dora Benn, Josephine Besler, Clara, Josephine and Verona Ament Isabella Stieber, Verona Weis, Clara Smith. A bounteous supper was served on the lawn and at the wee hours all departed for their homes ahead of the storm.—Commercial.

EDGEWOOD.

Will Pilkinton and nephew from Des Moines spent a few days of last week with his brother and family.

The married and single men had a ball game in Edgewood July 4th, the young men being successful

E. L Noble and John Wandell were in South Dakota last week looking at land.

Mr. Waldo and wife were visiting relatives in Earlville last week.

Geo. Pilkinton was in Volga last Friday and Saturday, visiting at the Lovett home.

The dance in Hesner's opera house 4th of July night was quite largely attended and all report a good time.

Mrs. Beyers and daughter Crete returned from Chicago last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Tripp of St. Paul spent the fourth in town.

Mrs. Walters came down from Strawberry Point Thursday evening and remained until Saturday morning visiting at the Pilkinton home.

Miss Laura Beyer, a graduate from Denver University has been hired as assistant principal of our schools.

Norm Scovel and family are visiting relatives in and around Edgewood.

Miss Elsie Hatch is spending a few weeks with friends at Independence and Cherokee.

Mrs. Ellen Burgin and Miss Anna Story took in the Chautauqua at Manahester last week.

A. Funk and F. Thurn have returned from Austria Hungary, having spent about a month there.

Lee Shaffer visited his brother and wife at this place last week.

Miss Blanche Way started last week for Oklahoma where she expects to spend the summer with relatives.

Mrs. Smartley and children of Fayette visited at the Fleming home recently.

Roy Alcorn, who has been visiting his sister in Minnesota, returned home Thursday.

Clair Whipple and lady of Cedar Rapids spent the fourth at the Whipple house. Mesdames Griffith and Hilsenbeck and families of Greeley were present also.

A. Funk and Frank Thurn arrived home last Saturdry morning from a three months trip to Austria Hungary. We have not had a chance to talk with either of the gentlemen so cannot say how they enjoyed their visit, but they seem glad to be home again at any rate.

Robert Fishel a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fishel, had rather an exciting experience last Thursday at his home on the J. H. Beatty farm, west of Hugh Rizers near the Asbury church. He was just stepping out of the barn after milking, having three pails of milk, one on his arm and one in each hand, when he was suddenly confronted by two men, who with drawn revolvers ordered him to stand still. He was compelled to stand there and hold the pails of milk while the robbers went through his pockets finding no money but a small piece of chewing tobacco which they readily took and made their escape in the woods nearby. Mr. Fishel is living alone on the place and when he went into the house he found the men had been there and emptied his pocketbook which he had laid away It contained only about a dollar and seventy-five cents however and this, together with the tobacco, was all his unwelcome visitors received. He says the men were not masked and tninks he could tell them were he ever permitted to see them again. It was a pretty bold piece of business and it is to bad they could not have been caught—Journal.

THORPE.

Miss Marguerite Croyle spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Clark.

Earnest Munger and sister visited Thursday and Friday with relatives in Strawberry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kane visited Sunday at D. Sark's.

A large crowd celebrated the 4th in Thorpe.

John Robertson is treating Harvey Jeffries' house to a new coat of paint.

"The Herberts" are giving a good entertainment every night to good sized crowd. Those who have attended report it to be a good show.

Miss Anna Beohm is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. W. Barr.

A. Bowers spent Sunday at his home in Strawberry Point.

Fred Barr is composing a new song to be sung by "The Herberts" at their entertainment Wednesday evening.

Chas. Kimber and wife of Oneida, spent a few days last week at Chas. White's.

Miss Lula Sarks attended the dance at Joy Springs last Thursday evening.

A MEMPHIS LANDMARK.

The Famous Old Mart Where Slaves Were Bought and Sold.

Grim, unsightly, paintless, seamed and crooked throughout its masonry, there stands today an old brick building on Adams street, midway between Main and Second, about which clusters more of history and of change than can be compressed into song or story. It is situated just on the east of the alley midway between Main and Second streets and is used as a shelter for the city prisoners who are worked on the rock pile.

If you will take the trouble to step to the westward side of this old building, where it faces the alley, and glance up along its second story you may still discern the inscription, "Negro Mart and Livery Stable," or as much of it as time has not penciled out. The last letter of the word "mart" and the last letter of the word "stable" are gone. The others are dimmed with age and might pass unnoticed unless you look a second time.

Time was when this was a famous negro market. It was presided over in its time by no less a man than General Forrest himself. Thousands of negroes were bought and sold within its walls, and hundreds of thousands of dollars passed there from buyer to vender.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

FORCE OF GRAVITY.

What Our Average Man Would Weigh on Mars and on the Sun.

If the planet Mars is really inhabited the people who live there must be an exceedingly nimble race. The average weight of a man is about 140 pounds, but the force of gravity on Mars is so much less than on the earth that the 140 pound man would weigh only fifty-three pounds if he were transported there. With such light weight and still retaining the same strength, an individual would be able to run with the speed of an express train, go skipping over ten foot walls and do various other extraordinary things. On the moon a man would be even lighter.

But on the sun our 140 pound man would have his troubles. Instead of being an airy individual he would weigh in the neighborhood of a ton and three-quarters. He would probably have the greatest difficulty in raising his hand, for that member would weigh about 300 pounds.

Aluminium.

Aluminium, it is generally known, is a metallic element found in clay and is the same material of which rubies, sapphires, emery and alum are made. It enters into the composition of a large number of other materials, and it is estimated that in its various compounds aluminium forms about one-twelfth of the crust of the earth. Every brick in every building is said to be 30 per cent aluminium. It is produced by the decomposition of clay, which is a salt composed of silicic acid combined with aluminium. The aluminium is separated from the silica by the application of electricity. Separation has never been successfully done in any other way.—Boston Globe.

Blacksnakes.

I have never seen blacksnakes over seven feet long, and I much doubt if they grow to a greater length. They are not hard to catch, though in an open field they can run about as fast as a man can. When caught they struggle desperately until they find there is no opportunity to escape, when they will give up fighting and may be handled with impunity. I have never found these snakes to be vicious. They can be handled easily, and their bite is harmless. They can squeeze pretty hard if they get a turn around your waist, but not hard enough to break a bone.—Forest and Stream.

MOONSHINING.

More Illicit Stills In New York City Than In Kentucky.

"Don't talk to me about moonshining in Kentucky," said the internal revenue agent. "There's more moonshining going on all the time in little old New York than could be done in ten Kentuckys. In the crowded sections of the east and west sides stills spring up right along and for awhile conduct a flourishing business in the low grade whisky they manufacture. You see, it doesn't take much trouble to equip a still with corn and yeast and start in to make the mash, which is finally turned out as a pretty poor sort of whisky. The great difficulty is in getting rid of the peculiar smoke and odor from the stills without exciting suspicion. This is usually attempted by running the still in connection with a dye shop or some other chemical enterprise as a blind. We keep watch on all such establishments and have the town well covered by sharp eyed and sharp nosed agents besides. We are constantly arresting these small moonshiners and sending them to jail. But enough spring up in their places for you to say with safety that, as I say, there's more moonshining going on in New York city right along than there could be in ten Kentuckys."—New York Sun.

THE PIANOFORTE.

A Direct Descendant of the Clavichord and Harpsichord.

The pianoforte was directly evolved from the clavichord and the harpsichord. In 1711 Scipione Maffei gave a detailed account of the first four instruments, which were built by Bartolommeo Cristofori, named by him pianoforte, and exhibited in 1709.

Marius in France exhibited harpsichords, with hammer action, in 1716, and Schroter in Germany claimed to have invented the pianoforte between 1717 and 1721. Marius at first was generally credited with the invention, for it was not until 1738, when Cristofori's instruments had become famous, that the Italian advanced his claim, and it was in 1763 that he brought forward the proof of his contention.

Pianos of that period were shaped like the modern grand, the first square piano being built by Friederica, an organ builder of Saxony, in 1758. The first genuine upright was patented in England and the United States by John Isaac Hawkins, an Englishman, in 1800.—Scrap Book.

Lord Erskine.

From midshipman to lord chancellor is a very far cry. Lord Erskine, however, whom Lord Campbell once described as the greatest advocate of ancient or modern times, did not find much difficulty in reaching the Woolsack, although he started life as a "middy" and did not settle down to study law until he was twenty-five years of age. His defense of Captain Baillie, prosecuted for his exposures of gross abuses at the admiralty, raised him from an obscure lawyer to a foremost position at the bar, and thirty briefs were offered him before he left the court. From that time until he became chancellor in 1806 his career was marked by a long list of successes.—London Standard.

To Make Your Hair Curl.

A curious recipe for making the hair curl "naturally" is given in an ancient household notebook and is as follows: "In the early spring, when the sap of the wild grapevine begins to flow, take a bottle to the woods and tie it under an incision made in the vine, through which the sap may drip, and leave it there till it is filled. The same subtle chemistry which curls the tendrils of the vine will act upon the hair and twist it into softer rings than the ubiquitous hot iron or any of the patent curlers of the day. The sap should be allowed to ferment all it will before it is corked. When ready for use it should be rubbed into the hair with a soft sponge."

Saved by Ghouls.

Misson in his "Medical Anecdotes" tells of a woman, the wife of a consul, who was buried alive in Cologne in 1577. She was dressed for the tomb in gay attire, with jewels, as on her wedding day. Robbers came at night and were taking the rings from her damp and swollen fingers when she suddenly sat bolt upright, stared at them and smiled. They fled in terror, and the lady rose and walked home, where she was received at first with fear, afterward with great joy. She lived many years afterward in perfect health.

His Definitions.

"Faith," said Brother Williams, "is de faculty what kin turn de song er a sawmill into de hallalulah er de angels."

"An' what is hope?"

"Hope is de faculty what keeps you lookin' fer something you never gits."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Chair.

Uncle (visiting nephew at school on prize giving day)—How many voices are there in your chapel choir? Nephew—About seven. Uncle—Why, I had an impression that it had forty or fifty members. Nephew—So it has, but you asked me how many voices.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Tea Biscuits.

Miss Birdie Livingston (taking her first meal at the bride's)—These tea biscuits of yours are exquisite, Ethel!

The Bride—Oh, I am so relieved to have you say so. I was dreadfully afraid I had put too much tea into them.—Woman's Home Companion.

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.—Emerson.

A Sardinian Titbit.

The inhabitants of the mountainous districts of Sardinia eat large quantities of a fermented milk, resembling koumiss or kephir. It is prepared by allowing the milk of the cow, sheep or goat to ferment at a moderately high temperature, either spontaneously or after the addition of baker's yeast, until it thickens into a more or less consistent homogeneous mass, at which stage the fermentation is stopped by plunging the vessel into cold water. This product, which has a sharp acid flavor, is eaten either by itself or is spread as a butter upon bread.

Improved His Opportunity.

Young Mrs. Gotrox (at her first breakfast with her elderly "catch")—You eat with your knife, don't you, John, dear? Old Mr. Gotrox (noticing his opportunity and with severity and dignity)—No, madam; I do not. I eat with my mouth. I frequently convey food from my plate to my facial aperture with my knife, but I do my own eating with my own exclusive mouth, and until further notice I will myself furnish all the instructions respecting the methods to be employed.

THE FIRST LIGHTHOUSE.

It Was Built on the Island of Pharos, Near Alexandria.

The first lighthouse ever erected for the benefit of the mariners was that built by the famous architect, Sostratus, by command of Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt, between 285-247 B. C. It was built near Alexandria on an island called Pharos, and there was expended upon it about 800 talents, or over a million dollars.

Ptolemy has been much commended by some ancient writers for his liberality in allowing the architect to inscribe his name instead of his own. The inscription reads, "Sostratus, son of Dexiphanes, to the protecting deities for the use of seafaring people." This tower was deemed one of the seven wonders of the world and was thought of sufficient grandeur to immortalize the builder.

It appears from Lucian, however, that Ptolemy does not deserve any praise for disinterestedness on this score or Sostratus any great praise for his honesty, as it is stated that the latter, to engross in after times the glory of the structure, caused the inscription with his own name to be carved in the marble, which he afterward covered with lime and thereon put the king's name.

In process of time the lime decayed, and the inscription on the marble alone remained.

LONG AND SHORT DAYS.

Where the Sun Never Sets For Three and a Half Months.

The length of day or night a man prefers is merely a matter of choice and the ability to get to the proper place. If any one is not satisfied with what he gets at home there is an assortment of daytime which ranges from three hours' duration to three months and a half, from which he may take his pick. On the other hand, he can play the nighthawk for from two hours and a half up.

At Wanderbus, in Norway, the day lasts from May 21 to July 22 without interruption, and at Spitzbergen the longest day lasts three and a half months.

At Tornea, in Finland, the longest day has twenty-one hours and a half and the shortest two and a half.

At St. Petersburg and Tobolsk the longest has nineteen and the shortest five hours.

At Stockholm and Upsala the longest day has eighteen and a half hours. At Hamburg, Dantsic and Stettin the longest day has seventeen hours and the shortest seven.

At Berlin and London the longest day has sixteen and a half hours and the shortest about eight.

The Favorite Girl.

She is the girl who is not "too bright and too good" to be able to find joy and pleasure all over the world, says the Chicago News.

She is the girl who appreciates the fact that she cannot always have the first choice of everything in the world.

She is the girl who is not aggressive and does not find joy in inciting aggressive people.

She is the girl who has tact enough not to say the very thing that will cause the skeleton in her friends' closet to rattle his bones.

She is the girl who, whether it is warm or cold, clear or stormy, finds no fault with the weather.

She is the girl who when you invite her to any place compliments you by looking her best.

She is the girl who makes this world a pleasant place because she is so pleasant herself.

The National Capital.

It is claimed that Washington is the cleanest city in the United States. If they were so disposed the ladies might wear their best afternoon gowns on the street without having them soiled. The general cleanliness of Washington is due to the noticeable absence of factories with their soft coal smoke, and the asphalt streets are kept so clean that there is little dust or dirt in the air. An almost forgotten fact is that Washington was first called Rome, and a creek which flowed through the site of the city was spoken of as the Tiber. Oddly enough, the first owner of the land upon which the capital is now located was named Pope.—Philadelphia Press.

Spool Thread Numbers.

Spools of thread of different qualities are all numbered alike, irrespective of factory or maker. The reason for this is that the system of measurement of sewing cotton is practically universal, and when 840 yards of yarn weigh 7,000 grains (a pound of cotton) the makers mark it No. 1. If 1680 yards of yarn weigh a pound it is marked No. 2, and so on, each progressive number signifying that 840 yards more are required to weigh a pound.

Resentful.

Deacon — By the way, that man Brown you married a year ago, has he paid you your fee yet? Clergyman—No. The last time I reminded him of it he said I'd be fortunate if he didn't sue me for damages.—Boston Transcript.

Blessed Privilege.

Daughter—What do you ask of me? That I shall marry Mr. Richhouse, that old fool? Never! I hate him! I loathe him! Mother—But, dear child, you can tell him all that as soon as you are married to him.—Fliegende Blatter.

More Trouble With the Language.

"He's a steady drinker, isn't he?"

"He's a drinker, all right, but he's never steady."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Traitor.

"They say that he fell overboard as the ship rolled on its side."

"You might say that he left the ship in the lurch."—Yale Record.

"Talesman" In English Law.

A talesman, according to English law, is a juror summoned to fill a gap, and formerly, at any rate, this was often done by taking any suitable person who was present in court. "Tales de circumstantibus" ("such of the bystanders") were the first words of the order directing this process. Good Pickwickians may remember that, as only ten special jurymen were present on a memorable occasion, Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz "prayed a tales," whereupon two of the common jurymen, one of whom was the unfortunate chemist, were pressed into the service.—London Standard.

Wise Fritz.

Father—So, Fritz, I've concluded to retire from active life and turn the business over to you. Fritz—Say, dad, can't you work a few years longer, and then we can retire together?—Berlin Journal.

HIGH GRADE TEAS.

Some That Never Get Beyond the Boundaries of China.

"Many of the highest grade Chinese teas never leave the country—that is, are never exported in commercial quantities," says a writer. "Tea specialists in Europe and America manage to obtain specimens through corresponding firms in Chinese export centers, but these samples are not for sale. These rare teas are preserved for occasional comparison and testing with the general commercial teas. They are known as 'unexported teas.' I have known of only one person outside of the tea producing countries who supplies the trade of the general public with specimens of the rare teas. His prices range from $75 to $100 a pound.

"As not even an expert can safely judge such tea by its appearance alone, it is necessary to taste it in the cup before purchasing. The vender can hardly afford to dispense this $100 tea gratuitously, so a charge of $1 to $1.50 a cup is made, and as a judiciously prepared infusion allows the making of about 200 cups from a pound of tea the profit from this tasting is almost gigantic. On rare occasions exceptionally valuable teas sold at auction in London have brought from $225 to $275 a pound.

"But these fancy teas—almost literally worth their weight in gold—are rarely seen by ordinary people. They are preserved in sealed glass jars in the safes of the tea specialists who own them. Such exceptional teas are worth the high valuation placed upon them."—Chicago News.

THE WAITER.

An Enviable Job, His, According to One of the Profession.

"Why do the young men of America sneer at the waiter's calling?" said the quiet man in the black swallowtail coat. "A waiter can travel all over the world, become a superb linguist and easily earn from $25 to $50 a week. Yet the young clerk or salesman, with 'eight per' and no future, sneers at him.

"When I was a young chap my good mother wanted me to take a job in a department store selling collars. Not I. I said I'd be a waiter. And my mother was shocked.

"Yet look at me. As a waiter I travel wherever I wish. One winter I'm in Egypt, the next on the Riviera, the next in Rome. Spring finds me in Paris, and thence I leap the channel in time for the London season. In the autumn I am back in America again with full pockets.

"I have learned French, German and Italian. I have made friends with many rich, intelligent, amiable people. I have seen the world, and I earn $2,000 a year. Yet clerks and counter jumpers think they can sneer at me. They had better learn my trade."—New York Press.

She Had Many Suitors.

Napoleon III., when he was living in London; the Duke d'Aumale, Lord Beaconsfield and many other conspicuous figures of the nineteenth century are on record as having been among the suitors for the hand of Miss Burdett-Coutts, who afterward became baroness, and it is doubtful whether any woman ever received so large a number of matrimonial offers as the baroness. In fact, they became a positive nuisance, and in 1847 she was compelled to bring legal proceedings against a lawyer of the name of Richard Dunn, who, according to the terms of the indictment, had for eight years prosecuted her with most unwelcome attentions with a view to matrimony. Dunn was sent to prison for eighteen months, although there is no doubt that he was, while sane in other matters, perfectly crazy on the subject of Miss Burdett-Coutts, as she was then, and particularly on the subject of her fortune.—Chicago Tribune.

Time to Compromise.

In McIntosh county, Ga., there was a lawsuit about a cow. The cow was dead, but the lawsuit went on. It was decided by the justice of the peace, appealed, remanded, decided again and once more appealed and remanded. This went on until the case came back to the squire for the eleventh time. It was a jury case, and when the last trial was on the squire astonished the attorney by announcing an indefinite postponement, saying:

"This case has exhausted the whole jury venire of the county, and you will have to wait until the coming generation gets old enough for jury duty."

Then the litigants compromised.—New York Sun.

De Nerval's Pet Lobster.

A few days before Gerard de Nerval was found dead in a narrow, dirty street of Paris he was seen walking in the Palais Royal, dragging after him by means of a blue ribbon a live lobster. To a friend who accused him of madness he replied: "Why is a lobster any more ridiculous than a cat, or a dog, or a gazelle or any other beast that will follow man? Besides, I enjoy the company of lobsters. They are quiet; they are serious; they know the secrets of the sea; they do not bark."

At the Breakfast Table.

"What a lovely morning!" said mother as she seated herself behind the coffee cups. "And yesterday the weather man prophesied rain!"

Bobby (aged four)—The newspapers don't always know what God's going to do, do they, mamma? — Woman's Home Companion.

When a teacher finds a roguish pupil studying real hard he always feels the bottom of his chair before he sits down.—Exchange.

Encouraging.

"Perhaps, doctor," said the sick man, "you'd better present your bill."

"No," replied the doctor. "I don't want to worry you with that now."

"Oh, well, if you think it's best!"

"Yes, I'll send it in to your executor in good time."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Cause For Alarm.

Benham—Don't worry if I don't get in early tonight. Mrs. Benham—I should worry if you did get in early. I should know there was something the matter with you.—New York Press.

Give a talkative acquaintance half a chance and he will teach you a whole lot of things you knew before.—New York Press.

He Knew Better.

"Dis paper," said Weary Willie, "sez der yer kin tell be de bark at de foot of a tree how old it is."

"Huh!" snorted Ragston Tatters. "I guess de man w'at wrote dat wuz never up a tree under dem circumstances. Dat ain't no way to tell a dog's age."—Houston Post.

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