County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.

Ideal weather for corn husking. Farmers in the vicinity are taking advantage of this opportunity.

John Coolidge of Manchester was seen on our streets last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler and children of Manchester spent Saturday and Sunday of last week at Edgewood visiting relatives and friends.

J. J. Schacherer and family visited at the Joe Schermer home near Greeley last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard spent last Sunday at Hopkinton, where they visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brooks.

Miss Ethel Logan of Manchester is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Funk.

Henry Wiley sr. and family visited at the John Boehm home near Greeley last Monday.

Will Kramer has been called to Greeley to help invoice the goods of the Sweat meat market, which was sold some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Densmore returned to Prairie Du Chien last Thursday, where the latter will resume treatment for rheumatism.

Jerome Durfey of Armour, South Dakota, was called to the bedside of his brother Henry, who was taken seriously ill while visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Seward. He is much better at this writing, news which his many friends are glad to hear.

Mrs. Jennie Breed is spending the week at the Mike Lucey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney of Oelwein spent last Sunday and Monday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bagby.

Mrs. George Culbertson and Mrs Rose Firman spent last Saturday at Strawberry Point.

Earl Richard is nicely located in the Hitchcock residence and has entered upon his new duty as postmaster. Their old friends of Edgewood welcome them back to our midst.

Quite a delegation from here attended the base ball dance at Strawberry Point last Friday evening.

Dwight Smith, who has been confined to his home by illness for several weeks has so far recovered as to be able to go up town last Tuesday. News his many friends are glad to hear.

Mrs. Ferd Schultz spent Friday afternoon at Strawberry Point.

Mrs. Nate Hatfield and children have moved in Mrs. Ed. Lighty's residence recently vacated by Mrs. Jennie Breed.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hesner spent Sunad. of last week at the V. J. Coolidge home.

Chas. Todd transacted business in Strawberry Point last Friday.

Mrs. Davis of Waterloo visited from Saturday until Monday with her son, Fred Wilcott and wife near Wood.

There was a Halloween party at the Miss Kate Hubbell home. Those present were the Misses Munger, Fritz, Peats, Robinson, Fear, Hubbell, Forward, Newman and Beyer. They were dressed as ghosts and report a jolly good time.

Ira Beyer returned home from South Dakota Tuesday evening, to which place he had gone several weeks ago and taken up a claim. He will have an auction sale on Saturday, November 13, and will as soon thereafter as is convenient remove his family thither to his new home.

A. B. Durfey, one of our reputed citizens, has been among the successful ones in the land drawing on the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Indian reservations. Thus far he is the only fortunate man in this vicinity to draw a chunk of land. His number was 8864, but for all that he stands as good show of getting a good choice and expects to take up his residence there when the time comes.

Miss Brooks of Hopkinton has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Blanchard. She was taken home by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blanchard last Sunday enoying a fine auto ride.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs Lou Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Blanchard went to Fredericksburg Saturday to visit a cousin. They returned home Monday.

Miss Palmer of Strawberry Point is assisting Mrs. Whipple with her household duties.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curran of Greeley came up Tuesday morning for a few days visit withr elatives.

Mrs. Fireman of Fayette visited at the Geo. Fleming home Thursday.

Fred Densmore departed for his home in California Friday.

Bertha Putz has commenced her winter term of school in the Nachmann district north of Earlville, after having enjoyed two weeks of fall vacation.

F. E. Richardson and H. Sabin of Manchester were seen on our streets last week one day.

The Hawley sale which took place on the latters farm northeast of this place last Thursday amounted to more than two thousand dollars.

Quite a number from this place attended the dance at Srtawberry Point last Friday night. They report a very good time.

There will be a dance given in Hesner's Opera house on November 17. Music by Carpenter's orchestra. A good time is insured. The famous "Irish Trot" dance will be enjoyed for the first time here by the young folks on that evening. Come and witness it.

A deal was closed by Frank Densmore and John Norris last Thursday whereby the latter comes into possession of the hardware stock and building owned by the former. It is with regret that we see this pioneer business man retire from the active pursuits of his calling, but nevertheless we welcome Mr. Norris, who is not a complete stranger in our midst and we wish him well. We understand he intends to erect a new brick building another year to replace the old structure in which the business is now conducted.

DELAWARE.

Mrs. E. R. Leamon and daughter Naomi were shopping in Manchester Thursday.

Mrs. E. P. Coats was shopping in Manchester Tuesday.

Mrs. Axel Larson entertained Mrs. Lewis Maxwell, Miss Thygeson and Mr. Johnson Saturday.

Mrs. J. Rusha and son Arthur visited relatives in Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. E. E. Mittlestadt will entertain the Larkin club Tuesday.

Mr. Guthormson of Rock Island, Illinois, is visiting H. Guthormson and wife.

O. H. Esler of Peosta visited home folks Sunday.

Herbert Carty's team became scared at some object near the creamery and engaged in a lively run away Monday. No serious damage was done.

Bertha Ryan visited friends in Dubuque Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cramer and sons, Levi and Emery, of Manchester, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Kaster.

Miss Alma Nicholson of Cedar Rapids spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. . Nicholson.

Miss Nellie Davis of Manchester spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hannah Kaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rollof, accompanied by William, were called to Dubuque Saturday by the death of Mrs. Rollof's father.

Rev. E. R. Leamon occupied the pulpit at Greeley Sunday.

THORPE.

There was a big turn out at the cemetery society,w hich met with Mrs. Will Rudy. Proceeds $4.50.

Ed. Gibbs spent Thursday evening with his friend, Howard Sark.

Mrs. Pilgrim called on Mrs. Hindel of Thorpe.

The union cemetery society will meet with Mrs. Dell Ryan December 2.

John White and daughter Cora returned home from their trip in Illinois and the boys are anxiously waiting for the wedding cigars.

There will be a social supper at Hill Martin's November 10 for the Thorpe school Christmas tree. Every body come with a well filled pocket book.

Ben Sark took the train at Thorpe for Waterloo.

Grandpa Fullman took the train for Almoral to visit with his two daughters for some time.

C. Daisy helped Dan Sark take some hogs to Manchester Friday.

Mr. Fred Wonleighton is in Chicago this week on business.

Mable Parsons is assisting Mrs. Delbert Clark with her housework.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Charlie Daisy is very sick at her home north of Thorpe. May she be bright again in a few days is the wish of her many friends.

Mrs Sid Simons and her son Harold are visiting for a few days at the Elias Tripp home.

Mrs. R. Works was in Manchester Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Isabelle Crook came to Torpe from Des Moines to visit for some time with her parents, Jake Chambers and wife.

ONEIDA.

Mrs. Lee Burbridge and three children spent Saturday at the F. Burbridge home.

Miss Ida Boucher of Manchester has been sewing for Mrs. Chas. Ferris the past week.

Mrs. Conell and daughter Myrtle visited at the Will Conell home Saturday.

Roy Williams of Earlville was a business caller here one day the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cox left Saturday morning for Illinois, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. Morrison and family of Decorah visited at the Will Connell home the last week. Mr. Morrison is Mrs Connell's brother.

J. B. and F. H. Dunham attended the funeral of Mrs. L. O. Stevens at Earlville Wednesday.

Mrs. Dodge returned home from Oelwein Monday, where she has been visiting her son for several weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Ferris attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Torrey at Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Herman of Manchester visited at the H. A. Legg home the first of the week.

Glen Tabor returned to Rock Rapids Wednesday after a week's visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cox attended the funeral of Mrs. Gibson at Thorpe Wednesday.

Milford Cole left for his home in North Dakota Sunday after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Fred Ferry of Independence is visiting his cousins, Adelia, Pearl and George Cox.

Seth Miller and Charles Radebaugh of Almoral were business callers here Saturday.

The carpenters are at work on the new hotel.

Harry Wilson of Manchester was in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Howe and daughter Laive are visiting relatives at Oelwein.

Mrs. Ed. Combs visited relatives at Edgewood several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bishop and daughter Blanche of Manchester spent Sunday at the Will Hockaday home east of town.

DELHI.

Myron Angell is very sick with appendicitus.

Mrs. Cordelia Seller returned from Dakota Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Barnes were in Dubuque last Thursday.

A little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller was badly burned last week by upsetting a pot of hot coffee over his face and chest.

Elmer Lux, L. Schnittjer and Chas. Hull went to St. Paul last week, where they purchased three carload of young cattle.

At a council meeting held one evening last week, J. W. Corbin was elected assessor for the town of Delhi.

Miss Burkey is visiting at Masonville.

Ed Fowlerton and Mrs. Ida Wheeler visited their parents at Westgate recently.

Mrs. Henry Florence returned on Thuursday from Dubuque.

Mrs. Mary Norris of Anamosa visited her brother, Bert Sherman, last week.

Tom Bowers had a sale Tuesday and will soon go with his family to Missouri to make theirhome.

Richard Cook celebrated his 87th birthday November 4. A large number of friends and relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Maulson were in Manchester Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McGuire and baby of Wabasha, Minn., are visiting relatives at this place.

John and Louise White and Mrs. G. H. Himmel went to Strawberry Point Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Benson.

Miss Ella Harris is visiting relatives in Manchester.

Frank Smith and family were here from Ryan Sunday.

Mrs. F. M. Byerly visited relatives in Anamosa several days recently.

Miss Gertrude Baluff visited home folks at Strawberry Point last week.

Mrs. Ben Daker of Clear Lake is visiting her father, Richard Cook.

J. B. McGuire went to Marion Saturday to see his brother, Edward, who is very ill.

Mrs. Mike Connolly is on the sick list.

HOPKINTON.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang were over from Sand Spring last Thursday.

Miss Helen Cramer was a Monticello visitor last Wednesday.

The Rebecca lodge gave a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Orr last Monday evening. They left Tuesday evening for their new home in Savanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Anamosa visited last week at the Joseph home.

Dr. W. C. Cummings has sold his interest in the firm to L. F. Cummings and will move to Ryan.

Mrs. A. L. Martin returned last Friday from Los Angeles, California, where she has been for several months with her daughter, Mrs. Merrian.

The embroidery club met with Mrs. N. A. Gearhart last Thursday.

Mrs. Van Swearengen came down from Strawberry Point for a few days viist with her daughter.

Richard Williams of New Vienna has bought the barber shop of Mr. Gosset.

Miss Mattie Willard, who visited several days last week with her cousins, Misses Della and Ada Willard, has returned to her home in Waterloo.

Dr. S. G. Hands has decided to remain in Hopkinton and will again open an office to practice medicine. He has rented part of Mrs. Launders house where he and his wife will reside.

George Manchester of Marion is assistant barber in J. B. Schuster's shop.

Buster Brown and his dog Tige were the attractions which drew a large crowd on the street last Thursday. Men, women, boys, girls and babies all were there and while all enoyed Buster Brown's talk of himself, most all were disappointed that Tige did not perform, as all he did was to smoke a cigarette which most dogs are too wise to do.

J. D. McAllister was elected to fill the place of I. T. Wilson as council man last Monday evening at the meeting of the council. Mr. Wilson has moved to his country home just out of the limits of the corporation.

There was another sale of western horses at the stock yards Saturday.

Mrs. Reid, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Reeve, left for her home in Ohio the last of the week.

Harry Main has moved into the house he recently purchased.

Misses Florence and Letha Babcock, teachers in Monticello, were guests of Miss Maud Stamey at the Lander's home last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Mather of Independence came Saturday to care for her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Campbell.

Mrs. Emerancy Reeve left Friday evening for Monticello to remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Irish were visitors in Monticello last Saturday.

Prof. F. H. Tyler was in Manchester last week attending the meeting of the teachers of Delaware county.

The jolly dozen ladies entertained each other at the home of Mrs. R. G. Crawford last Thursday. The out of town guests were Mrs. Flude, Mrs. J. T. Reeve and Mrs. Van Swearengen.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Oelwein were guests at the Anderson home last Wednesday.

Will Dennison and Lee Copeland were over Sunday guests at the McAllister home.

Ray Anderson came home from Parkville, Missouri, to recuperate from an attack of typhoid fever. There were about forty cases in the town due to impure drinking water.

Rev. A. M. Hendu arrived Saturday morning for a few days visit at his home.

C. C. Morgan accompanied the foot ball team to Fayettte last Saturday.

The Doan Brothers have bought the jewelry department of F. B. Tibbitts and have moved it into the building formerly occupied by C. P. Joseph and Fred Doan is in charge of it.

Mrs. L. O. Stevens, whose death was mentioned in last week's paper, was at one time a resident of Hopkinton, perhaps in the late 50's before the family removed to Almoral. The house they occupied was torn down many years ago.

A little child of Mr. Boots from Dakota died and was brought here for burial. The funeral taking place Sabbath afternoon and Rev. Robb having charge of the services.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gearhart are visiting their sons in Washta, Cherokee county, this week.

Ted Tourtellott was an over Sunday visitor at home.

Rev. Foster of the Covenanter church has been absent for a couple of Sabbaths, during which time his congregation have been with out preaching services.

Willis Lord was an over Sunday visitor in Cedar Rapids.

The electric lights have been on sort of a strike this week and have been very uncertain with the result that some nights the streets have been very dark.

Miss Nellie Campbell spent Wednesday in Edgewood.

A sale of the household goods which had belonged to Miss Mary Brokan, took place last Saturday afternoon and brought a large number to town.

Quarterly conference was held in the Methodist church Saturday at 2:30 p. m. The services in the evening were conducted by Rev. A. M. Billingsley, D. D., district superintendent. The Presbyterian united with them, having no service in their church.

F. K. Barnes has bought of Rob. Wilson his automobile and is already running around the streets in good shape.

LENOX COLLEGE.

Rev. Nickless has occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church for the last two Sabbaths.

Miss Walters is spending the week at her home in Onslow.

The foot ball boys went to Fayette Saturday for a return game and were defeated 10 to 0.

Notice has been received of the death of Miss Jeannette Sonnema at Tacoma, Washington. She was at one time a Lenox student and father, Rev. C. J. Sonnema, was the field secretary for Lenox college.

President Reed and Dean Taylor represented Lenox college at the annual meeting of the State Teacher's association at Des Moines last week. Dean Taylor being called in consultation with the managing heads of other colleges on matters of importance.

Prof. Evans accompanied by the students in the agricultural course visited the Rudolph Bohren farm went to Monticello last week and and also the Henry George farm.

EAD'S GROVE.

A farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fowier on Wednesday. A large number of neighbors and friends were present and left a beautiful mantel clock as a token of the esteem and friendship in which they are held. They expect to move to Greeley about December 1.

Mrs. S. E. Way visited with home folks at Manchester the past week.

Mrs. Emily Gibson passed away at the home of her son in Oklahoma, and was brought here for burial, the funeral services being held at the home of the deceased's son, Perry Gibson, on Wednesday, November 3, and burial was made in the Manchester cemetery.

Mr. Knickerbocker, who is here from Pennsylvania, visited with his cousin, Ike Fisher, on Thursday and Friday.

Aunt Sarah Waters is visiting at John Croyle's.

George Martin had some of the boys out on the highway Wednesday working out their poll taxes.

Harry Sacket and wife attended the golden wedding anniversary dinner at C. A. Farry's of Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Garlow visited at J. M. Retherford's on Tuesday.

COLESBURG.

This section has been lately visited by much needed showers.

J. B. Utt of Dyersville was a caller in town Saturday.

Mrs. O. P. DeLong was taken quite sick Thursday and has since been confined to her bed. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. H. Bickinam of Dyersville spent the week here with her mother, Mrs. M. M. Boomer.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilson were in the Key City Monday evening to hear Miss Carter.

The next meeting of the Mite society will be held with Mrs. Henry Evers, November 18.

Miss Stella Kruger of Waucoma arrived Saturday to spent a month at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jacob Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schrunk have recently ecome the parents of a little daughter.

Mrs. C. H. Jacobs will be hostess to the Twentieth Century Review club on November 16th. The program is as follows:

Roll Call—Response from Emerson.
Lesson Review.
Paper—"Women's Work in Colleges' . . . . . Mrs. Adams
Music.

The Standard Male quartet was here Monday evening, giving the second number of the League Enterment course. The music was of a high grade, and was presented in a very able way. The program was enjoyed from start to finish, and was pronounced the "best ever." The next number of the course will be a lecture by Plattenberg, in January, and the last number will be given in February by the Lyceum Stars, three in number. Tickets for these two numbers may be purchased for fifty cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coon spent Saturday and Sunday with Dyersville friends.

Joseph McMahon and two sisters, Mamie and Nellie, of Dubuque, are visiting their father, James McMahon. The ladies are Sisters of Charity.

FISH THAT WALK.

Climbing Perch Travel Over Land From Water to Water.

It may seem absurd to speak of fishes as walking. The flying fish is well known, but its flight looks much like swimming in the air. We naturally think of fishes as living always in water, as being incapable, in fact, of living anywhere else. But nature maintains no hard and fast lines of distinction between animal life which belongs to the land and that which belongs to the water. If we can believe the accounts of naturalists, there are fishes that traverse dry land.

It is reported that Dr. Francis Day of India has collected data of several instances of the migration of fishes by land from one piece of water to another.

A party of English officers were upon one occasion encamped in a certain part of India when their attention was attracted by a rustling sound in the grass and leaves. Investigation showed it to be caused by myriads of little fishes that were making for one direction and were passing slowly on. There were hundreds of them moving by using their side and small fins as feet, now upright, now falling down, squirming, bending, rolling over, regaining their finny feet and again pressing on.

These fishes were the famous climbing perch, and they were passing over the country to avoid a drought. When the stream in which they have been spending the season dries up they scale the banks and, directed by some marvelous instinct, crawl to another.—Pearson's Weekly.

A HOPEFUL POET.

Failure to Recognize His Genius Didn't Dampen His Ardor.

Paddy Quinn, a type of bohemian found only between the covers of a cheap novel, was sentenced by Justice Samuel C. Hyde, congressional representative for Washington during territorial days, to serve ten days on the rock pile after confessing that he had worked only seventy-five minutes during his stay of two months in Spokane. Asked by the court to explain how he earned a living, the prisoner said:

"I am a poet, but there is no use explaining to you that which would be unintelligible to your mind. I will recite some of my poetry instead. I will read a few stanzas from my masterpiece."

Before Quinn could give voice to the second line of his latest work the court had imposed sentence and the sweet singer was on the way to the city jail, where his tattered garments, oxford shoes and flesh colored hose were exchanged for overalls, jumper and hobnailed brogans. His long black hair and flowing beard were also trimmed for hygenic purposes, and, armed with a six pound hammer, he started for the rock pile, mumbling as he left the station:

"The muse got an awful jolt that time at the hands of an unsympathetic judge; but, then, there's hope. Recognition will come some time. It must come. Officer, please see that Pegasus is properly cared for until I return!"

The Lunatic's Idea of It.

"I was going through one of the wards the other day," said the superintendent of a lunatic asylum, "when one of the patients—incurably insane, I believe—walked up to me to announce that he wanted to be discharged.

"'Why?' I asked.

"'Because I've been here three years, and that's long enough,' he replied. 'And I want to be discharged today, too,' he added.

"I looked at him steadily for several seconds and then said:

"'My dear fellow, do you realize that I have been here seventeen years and have not been discharged yet?'

"The question appeared to puzzle the man for an instant. Then he snapped at me:

"'Well, you ought to have been discharged long ago.'"—New York Globe.

THE TAX ON SALT.

One of the Things That Started the French Revolution.

Before the French revolution the government established warehouses at which the inhabitants were compelled to purchase their stores of salt. These warehouses were numerous in some provinces and few in others; but, whether sufficient or insufficient for the needs of the population, they were often situated at a considerable distance from the towns and villages, whose inhabitants had to trudge miles along bad roads to buy their salt.

But this was not all. It was prescribed by law that the head of every family must lay in his stock of salt not at such times as might suit his own convenience, but on one stated day in the year. Should he fail in this observance he was fined, and he was also fined if he purchased a smaller quantity than the law prescribed.

His hardships did not stop even there. On making his annual purchase he had to state the different purposes for which he intended to use the salt during the ensuing year, and in the event of his being discovered salting his soup instead of his pork according to his statement or his pork instead of his soup on the day he had named he was also liable to a fine. His kitchen was never secure from the intrusion of the inspecting officer, and woe to the housewife who was detected in any petty infraction of this law.

His Role.

"That man made an immense fortune out of a simple little invention."

"Indeed! What did he invent?"

"Invent? Nothing, you dub! He was the promoter!"—Cleveland Leader.

Just a Ruse.

"Will you take something to drink?"

"With pleasure."

The photograph was taken, and the sitter said, "But what about that little invitation?"

"Oh, Mr. ——, that is just a trade ruse of mine to give a natural and interested expression to the face."—London Answers.

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THE SANCI DIAMOND.

Its Course Since the Time Queen Elizabeth Bought It.

Elizabeth of England purchased the famous Sanci diamond when De Sanci extravagant and splendid, was low in purse. When Charles became king and sent Buckingham to Paris to bring back his bride, Henrietta, the messenger wore the Sanci. Charles quarreled with his queen, Henrietta, and with his parliament, and not long afterward Cromwell asked for his head. Henrietta gave the diamond to the Earl of Worcester. Worcester probably gave it back to the Stuarts, for whom he ruined himself, for it descended to James II. James' disastrous reign cost him the crown, but he kept the Sanci. That and other jewels which he took away with him supported various Stuart pretenders. This particular one was sold to Louis XIV. of France for $125,000.

Stolen with other jewels in 1792, the Sanci disappeared for thirty-six years. A jeweler came by it, and Prince Demidoff purchased it for his wife. Twenty years later she let it go to Jamsetjee Jeejeeboy, a rich merchant of Bombay. Again it appeared at a Paris jeweler's shop and was sold to the maharajah of Puttiala. He, too, came upon hard times. It was from a London jeweler that William Waldorf Astor bought it for his son's bride.—Franklin Clarkin in Everybody's Magazine.

THE SPIDER.

It Differs From an Insect In Five Main Particulars.

The spider is not an insect, though probably nine people out of ten would class it under this term. With scorpions and mites spiders form a class in the animal kingdom known as arachnida. This name is derived from a mythical personage called Arachne, the daughter of a purple dyer of Lydia, who was fabled to have challenged Minerva to a trial of skill in spinning. So indignant was the goddess at this act of boldness that she forthwith transformed the hapless challenger into a spider, presumably in order that she might have the best possible opportunity of practicing the art on which she prided herself so much.

Spiders differ from insects in five main particulars. Their eyes are simple instead of compound, they have eight legs in place of six, they do not pass through the metamorphoses which are characteristic of insects, they have no antennae and their breathing is accomplished by means of organs which combine the functions of lungs and gills instead of by tubes pervading their bodies. These points of distinction are sufficient to determine the fact that it is impossible to class spiders as insects.

The "Picket."

The picket was generally inflicted on cavalry and artillery men and was a singularly brutal bit of torture. A long post, near which stood a stool, was driven into the ground. The delinquent was ordered to mount the stool, and his right hand was fastened to a hook in the post by a noose, drawn up as high as it could be stretched, round his wrist. A stump the height of the stool, with its end cut to a round and blunt point, was also driven into the earth close to the post. Then the stool was taken away, and the sufferer had nothing to rest his bare feet upon but the stump, "which, though it did not usually break the skin," says Captain Grose, "put him in great torture, his only means of relief being by resting his weight on his wrist, the pain of which soon became intolerable." One can very well believe him, especially when he makes the addition that a man was not infrequently left to stand in this position for half an hour, although the orthodox period of endurance was fifteen minutes.—London Graphic.

Seizing the Opportunity.

Doctor—You have no reason to believe, madam, that your husband shot himself intentionally?

Madam—Oh, dear, no! It was purely accidental. But is he seriously hurt?

Doctor—Quite seriously, but I think we can save him.

Madam—What are you going to do now with all those horrid surgical instruments?

Doctor—We are going to probe for the bullet.

Madam—Yes? Well, doctor, while you are about it won't you be good enough to see if you can't find a gold collar button I lent him last week and that he carelessly swallowed?

Athletic Exercises.

Flattered Restaurant Keeper—I'm glad to hear, sir, that you've been growing so strong since you began coming to my restaurant. Fullett—Well, it's a fact. You see, my habits are sedentary, and I can't afford to enter a gymnasium. Yes, sir, your steaks and roast fowls are making a new man of me.

No Difference.

Miss Wayuppe—It was my good fortune that my ancestors came over in the Mayflower. Miss Newrich—May flour! Why, my folks made their fortune in September wheat.—St. Louis Times.

I Remember.

I remember, I remember the house where I was born; the voice of dad that bellowed forth to rouse me every morn; the picnic that I always had when winter breezes blew to clear the sidewalk of the snow, the chores I had to do. I remember, I remember, the old time days in school, the licklings that I always got for breaking some darned rule; the moonlight nights I used to go out in the old bob sleigh and hug and kiss the pretty girls beneath the robes and hay. I remember, I remember, oh, no, I'll not forget; I'd like to wander back again to those old days, you bet!—Los Angeles Express.

Dr. Wilbert Shallenberger

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THE HUNCHBACK.

Romance of the Duke de Richelieu and Mlle. de Rochechouart.

The Duke de Richelieu married when seventeen years of age Mlle. de Rochechouart, a little girl of twelve. As was the custom in the eighteenth century, the young bridegroom set out on his travels after the ceremony, and the child wife remained with his relatives in Paris. Three years passed, and the duke (then Count de Chinon) who had received many charming letters and charming miniatures from his wife during his absence, determined to go home.

On his arrival he was met at the grand staircase of the ducal palace by his family and friends instead of the proud girl he had expected to see, and a little hump-back woman, taller than his wife. The young man, who was feared and hated in Paris that night and for fifteen years remained away.

The poor little wife possessed a beautiful and generous disposition and far from being embittered by her husband's behavior, she did her best to prevent any family dissensions arising through it and went to live on an estate of Courteilles, near Paris. It is said that she was deeply in love with the duke, and in time the accounts of her unselfishness and devotion to his family so touched her husband that he went to visit her.

The first visit led to many, and this strange couple became firm friends, and just before he died the duke contemplated residing permanently at Courteilles with his wife, from whom he had fled in disgust many years before.—Chicago News.

The Cynics.

Cynics was the name applied to a school of philosophers founded by Antisthenes, a pupil of Socrates. The main tenet of the extreme cynics was that civilization is a curse, and true happiness can be obtained only by gratifying the most primary physical appetites which man has in common with brutes. The general attitude of the cynics as distinguished from that of the stoics, who regarded everything in the external world with indifference, was one of contempt. They were not an important philosophical school numerically, but attracted attention largely by their eccentricities and insolence. On account of their contempt for refinemtnt their name came subsequently to be applied to any one who takes a mean view of human life.—New York American.

A Joke of Mark Twain's.

Probably few people are aware that the theatrical godfather of that famous actor Mr. William Gillette was Mark Twain, who was a fellow townsman and a friend of his father. Mark Twain in referring to the matter said that when he used his influence to get young Gillette on the stage he thought he was playing a great joke on the management, for he did not think Gillette had the slightest aptitude for acting. But it turned out to be no joke after all. "I don't know," said Mark Twain, "which I like better—having Gillette make a tremendous success or seeing one of my jokes go wrong."

Careful Sandy.

Meenister—And why didn't ye come to the kirk last Sawbath? Sandy—I had nowt but a shillin' in my claes. That's ower muckle siller to pit in th' contribution box all at ain time.—London Tit-Bits.

Mistaken.

"He says he's your friend for life; says you lent him $50."

"So I did. But he's not my friend for life. I propose to ask him for it next pay day."—Louisville Courier

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