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TESTS IN HEREDITY SHOW MANY MARVELS

Experiments at Cambridge School of Science Give Remarkable Revelations

CAN CONTROL FIXED LAWS

Applications of Rules Fit Both Animal and Vegetable Kingdoms—Tests Made in Fowls—Complete Report to Be Forthcoming Soon—Burbank Outlines.

London, Dec. 23.—It is claimed for the School of Agricultural Science at Cambridge that it has accomplished greater marvels in recent years than the famous achievements of Burbank in California. A report soon will be issued which is expected to make a greater sensation in the world of science than any other recent discovery.

The line of investigation has been the study of what is known as Mendel's law of heredity and its application to be demonstrated not only in vegetable life but with regard to animals as well. The principle is best shown in a simple illustration. It is found that if dwarf peas and tall peas are crossed the resulting crop next year will be all tall peas. The second year's crop, however, will be the exact proportion of one-quarter dwarf peas and three-quarters tall peas.

Of these tall peas just one-quarter will be pure tall and never again will show signs of dwarfism. The remaining two-quarters will be impure, but again when crossed with their like will give pure tall and pure dwarf progenies in due proportion.

It is affirmed that all qualities transmissible by heredity in vegetable and animal life are governed by this law. In regard to animals, the simplest and best known case in common experience is, perhaps, that of the blue Andalusian fowls. If the pure black and speckled white varieties be mated together all chickens will be blue Andalusians and it always happens that the chickens are of three sorts—some black, some speckled white, and some of a composite color known as blue Andalusian. The most inexplicable fact in this family picture of inherited qualities is both blacks and whites, and also half the descendants are blues.

The next generation may be called pure bred, but in certain definite respects no trace of a cross will again appear in their progeny.

This issue proves the existence of a deep rooted law that will revolutionize the science of developing varieties.

The physical science is obscure the course of this strange behavior in fowls and peas may be considered for practical purposes. After vast numbers of experiments, chiefly with plants, but also with poultry, mice, and other animals, a number of characteristics, such as the shape of the comb in fowls, certain colors in peas, beardiness in wheat, and perhaps the eye color in man, have been marked down as answering fixed laws which we can control.

The Mendel law is, of course, by no means free from complications, and experiments still are in their infancy. Still Cambridge biologists have turned out what which combines the strength of the Manitoba hard grain with the yield of softer English wheat and maintained the same shape of the English wheat crop will be increased by this means to the extent of fully \$2.50 an acre. This is only one of the practical features of the investigation which shortly will be announced.

The president of the application of the Mendel law in breeding animals and human beings is much more complicated, but it is believed important discoveries in breeding sheep, cattle, and perhaps horses already are available.

PUNISHMENT DOESN'T FIT CRIME

Sermon Official Whose Cruelty Caused Death Must Pay a Fine. Berlin, Dec. 23.—Ex-Governor Horn, of Togoland, today was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75 and costs and to be transferred to another post. It is charged that he caused the death of a native by having him bound to a flagstaff, leaving him there without food or drink for twenty-four hours.

HARDEN HAS BROKEN DOWN.

Authentic News Unobtainable, But That is General Impression. Berlin, Dec. 23.—The hearing in the Harden-von Motke libel suit was resumed here today behind closed doors. While it is impossible to obtain authentic news of the proceedings, the impression is very strong today that Harden has practically broken down.

JOHNSON SLOGAN ON COAST.

Colonel Robertson Declares that the West is Solid for Him. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—Colonel F. T. Robertson of Spokane, assistant United States district attorney of this state during the last Cleveland administration, formally launched the presidential boom in Washington of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota in Seattle Saturday at Hotel Butler.

Mr. Robertson was democratic candidate from eastern Washington for representative in congress in 1900 and

no man is more widely known in democratic politics.

"The west," said Colonel Robertson, "is now the conservative element of the community, and it is my judgment that from western eyes to the east of Minnesota, along conservative lines, I would not detract in the slightest from W. J. Bryan. But it is my belief that the south and west will find in the last analysis that Johnson is the man depended upon to carry his own state, Minnesota, as well as Wisconsin and Iowa."

"Colonel Bryan has thousands of friends in the west who are loyal to him, but I believe that Taft is nominated by the republicans, the west, as well as the south, will select Governor Johnson of Minnesota as the man to be the democratic candidate."

EXPLORER'S SHIP LOST.

Austral, Dr. Charcot's Vessel, Went to the Antarctic. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here yesterday evening from Montevideo announced the loss of the famous Argentine steamer, Austral, previously known as Le Franchise, on which Dr. Charcot, the French scientist and explorer, made his great voyage of discovery to the antarctic regions. The details of the disaster obtainable today were meager, and the exact loss of life is not known. The Austral, a fine, seaworthy craft, was purchased by the Argentine government after the completion of her service with Dr. Charcot, and was on her way from Buenos Ayres to the Falkland Islands, south of Cape Horn, taking provisions, medical supplies and fuel to the Argentine station there.

By some accident not explained the Austral, soon after leaving this port, ran onto the rocky bank in almost the broadest part of the mouth of the Rio de La Plata, between Ensenada, Argentina, and Punta de Uruguay.

A boat of the Austral, containing Captain Charcot, commander of the wrecked steamer, and others of the crew, was picked up by the steamer Amazon of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, but no news has been received of the boat containing the remainder of the crew.

IMMIGRATION GROWS

Arrivals in United States During November Show Increase of 25 Per Cent—Total for Six Months 678,374.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A 25 per cent increase over the same period last year in immigration from all countries to the United States is shown in the monthly statement of the bureau of immigration, covering the month of November. The total immigration from all countries for the six months ended November 30 last was 678,374, an increase of 18 per cent.

LIVED TO BE 106; ATE APPLES.

Ohio Woman Attended Her Long Life to Use of Fruit.

Marysville, O., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ann Hulstizer, said to be the oldest white woman in Ohio, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Williams, in West Liberty, Saturday night at the age of 106.

She was born in Milford, N. J., in 1801, and resided there until 1857, when she moved to West Liberty. Her husband, William Hulstizer, died forty years ago. She is survived by her only daughter, Mrs. Williams, the services of which she has attended since she was a child.

Mrs. Hulstizer was very active until seventeen years ago, when she fell and injured her hip. She was never able to walk after ward and spent the time sitting in a chair smoking her pipe. In late years she did much sewing and brought in the mending of clothes. She was a faithful member of the Christian church.

200 STRIKERS KILLED

Trouble at the Nitrate Mines in Chile Growing Serious—State Department Informed.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Two hundred striking nitrate laborers have been killed at Iquique, Chile, according to a dispatch received at the state department from the American representative.

LORD KELVIN BURIED.

Noted Scientists of Two Continents Attend Services. London, Dec. 23.—Under the shadow of the monument to Sir Isaac Newton and close to the church in Westminster abbey, the body of Lord Kelvin, the noted English scientist, was buried today in the presence of a great gathering of scientists representing American and continental as well as British societies.

TAFT IN CINCINNATI.

Secretary Goes to Ohio to Administer Mother's Estate. Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Secretary Taft arrived today from Washington, having been called here on business connected with the administration of the estate of his mother.

Georgia Bank Closed. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—The Neal State bank closed today and is in the hands of a bank examiner. Officials of the institution are confident the depositors will be paid in full. No other banks of the city are affected.

CHICAGO HARD HIT BY SLEET STORM

Wire Service in Middle West Greatly Crippled By Storm of Long Duration

WILL CONTINUE INTO NIGHT

Service Out of Chicago in All Directions Interfered With—Communication With the East Almost Cut Off—General News of the Day.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A severe sleet storm which set in last night has greatly demoralized telegraphic communication in all directions. It is predicted by the weather bureau that the storm will continue for the greater part of the day and night in the middle west, especially with the east, is almost at a standstill. Telephone service in the city and with nearby towns is also crippled. Traffic from all directions is delayed.

"JEFF" DAVIS ASSAULTED.

Senator Knocked From Car by Aged Enemy, Colonel Murphy. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 23.—United States Senator "Jeff" Davis was assaulted in a street car Saturday night by Colonel George W. Murphy, former attorney general, and Davis' most bitter enemy, politically and personally.

The story told by bystanders is that Murphy was on a street car en route home at 6 p. m., when Senator Davis stopped the car and started to board it. With a few words Colonel Murphy characterized the recent actions of the senator as cowardly and proceeded to punch the senator with a walking cane.

Davis lost his footing on the car and fell to the ground, rolling into the gutter.

Davis was not badly injured, but it is reported that his expressions regarding his old-time opponent in Arkansas politics cannot be printed. When called that night Senator Davis would not come to the telephone to discuss the matter in any way whatsoever. He sent word that he was not struck, that Colonel Murphy did not strike him a blow, and that he did not roll in the dirt of the street.

The incident is the chief topic of conversation in the streets. Colonel Murphy is aged and infirm, almost tottering in his walk, and much surprise is expressed at his determination to chastise the senator.

NAMES CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman Taggart Selects Aids to Plan for National Convention. French Lick, Ind., Dec. 23.—Chairman Thomas Taggart of the democratic national committee, today issued the formal announcement of the action of the committee in electing Dr. J. W. Foster of Indiana as chairman for holding the next national convention. Taggart also announced the following special committee on arrangements: Roger C. Sullivan, Illinois; James C. Dahlgren, of Nebraska; Norman Mack, of New York; R. M. Johnson, of Texas; John T. McGraw, of West Virginia; John M. Osborne, of Wyoming, and Clark Howell of Georgia.

GAYNOR AND GREENE LOSE.

Supreme Court Refuses to Take Up Cases. Washington, Dec. 23.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the petition for writs of certiorari bringing to the court the cases of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, who are under sentence to pay a fine of more than a half million dollars and undergo terms of imprisonment of four years each on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy in connection with the harbor improvements at Savannah, Ga.

GETS BRITISH GOLD AND TITLE.

Civil War Veteran Proves Right to Vast English Estate. Marinette, Wis., Dec. 23.—From obscure real estate man and hermit to English nobleman and heir to a fortune estimated at many millions is the Aladdin like record of George Northedge of this city.

For years he has lived here with his wife, who was formerly a lady in waiting to Queen Victoria, on his home-titled on Left Foot lake, in the wilderness of northern Wisconsin.

An advertisement for the son of Col. Northedge, U. S. A., in a Chicago paper, disclosed his identity.

He is sole heir to an estate valued at \$1,185,000 in Montreal and one of seventy-five heirs to a bigger English fortune.

He now is also Sir George William Northey-Northedge.

He is about 66 years of age and never has been in England. He was born in Canada and served in the union army in the civil war, as did his father. Both were wounded.

Northedge, with an attorney, will soon go to Montreal to adjust the estate there, and from Montreal they will journey to England.

The records of births in Hartford, Conn., for the month of March, 1841, which have been obtained by Mr. Franke, show that on the fourth day of that month a son was born to Col. William Northedge, and the Marquette man gives that date as the time of his birth.

His father, Col. William Northedge, died a few days after the birth of the boy. His father, Col. William Northedge, died a few days after the birth of the boy.

George Northedge himself, when interviewed, showed plainly that as yet he does not realize the extent of the possessions that are supposed to be his, as he said that he would never become other than an American citizen and that he would invest all of the money if he got it, in American real estate.

"When an English attorney came to me in Chicago, where I was in the real estate business, and told me that I was heir to a fortune of \$1,000,000, I was very much surprised and supposed to go over to England and establish claim to the rest."

"I thought it would be well to be satisfied with what I had already received, so I came up to Hartford, Conn., to see what I could do. However, I am positive of my right to the title of Sir George William Northey-Northedge."

DELAY TO FLOTILLA.

American Torpedo Boats Return to Rio Janeiro for Repairs—Delay Will Be Brief.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 23.—The American torpedo boat flotilla which left here yesterday morning for Rio Janeiro, returned here today because of an accident to the machinery of the Lawrence. The damage is not serious, and it is estimated that two pairs will be made in a day. The battleship fleet has not been signaled.

CUMMINS IN NEW YORK.

Governor Discusses Public Questions Before New England Society. New York, Dec. 23.—Governor Cummins, of Iowa, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the New England society in Brooklyn last night and declared the American fleet now steaming to the Pacific coast would be welcomed by all the great nations of the world before it again anchored in New York harbor.

Speaking to the toast, "Are We Pilgrims Still?" Cummins referred to the Pacific fleet and said: "I am not discussing the wisdom of the plan, although its purpose merits my unqualified approval. These pilgrims have gone not to coerce but to convince, not to use power but to exhibit power, and before they rest again in the harbor of New York they will be welcomed by all the great nations of the earth."

Cummins, in speaking of the attitude of the legislators towards corporations, said: "There is a belief prevalent in some places that the people of the country and especially the people of the west have gone mad in a crusade against railway investment. It is not so. On the contrary there is not a shadow of rancor or hostility in the course they have taken."

"The tendency toward monopoly or substantial monopoly is swift as it is natural. Within the limits competition great corporations should be encouraged not denounced; but the moment one of them grows strong enough to dominate the business in which it is engaged and to exclude all rivals it becomes dangerous as the spirit of anarchy."

"There are a few men who have fallen into this unfortunate habit of denouncing the master spirits who have accumulated fortunes, but they have no constituency. The man who wins in the struggle for supremacy, if he wins fairly, is entitled to the fruits of his victory no matter what may be said by his envious neighbors. He may excite envy, he will always exert admiration. There are a few men who see in every advocate of change and progress a demagogue, but they do not speak for the people and their voices should be drowned in a current of sober thought and a noble patriotism."

FOR AID OF POOR

Latest Project of the Christian Science Movement is Institution at Boston, Which Will Cost \$1,000,000 or More.

Boston, Dec. 23.—A Christian Science institution, to cost at least \$1,000,000, and to be devoted especially to helping the poor, is the latest project of the Christian Science movement. The first news of the project came today thru the columns of the Christian Science Sentinel.

NO OFFICIAL FUNERAL.

Senator Mallory, of Florida, Makes Dying Request of Senate. Washington, Dec. 23.—In conformity with his dying request, conveyed in a telegram to the sergeant-at-arms yesterday, the late United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida, will be buried in an official funeral, but it will be conducted privately and without ostentation.

Founder of Cornell College Dead.

Iowa City, Dec. 23.—John Burge, father of Martin Burge, of this county, and grandfather of Dr. A. J. Burge, assistant surgeon of the university hospital, died at the university hospital.

The deceased was one of the oldest pioneers of the state, coming to Iowa in 1837 at the age of 8 years. He has lived the entire time at Mount Vernon and his family was instrumental in founding Cornell college at that place.

SHIPPER'S CLAIM A HALF MILLION

Cattle Feeders and Shippers of Iowa May Secure Large Sum For Overcharges

LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE RESISTS

Refund of 1/2 Per Cent Asked and Prospects Favorable for Securing It—Some Individual Claims Amount to as Much as \$700—Meat Producers' Association Backing Claims.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Fully a half million dollars will be paid back to cattle feeders and shippers of Iowa if the claims on file for excessive charges in switching at the Chicago yards are paid, and there is every indication that they must be paid. The claims of single cattle feeders in some instances amount to \$700. Credit for the recovery of this money and for getting the switching charge cut down from \$2 to \$1 a car is being claimed by the Corn Belt Meat Producers and the Texas Cattle Growers' Association, who dispute the claims of the Chicago livestock exchange.

It is estimated that fully 100,000 cars of live stock go from Iowa every year to Chicago. For switching this stock from the terminal of the road to the stock yards the terminal railway charged \$2 a car. The farmers and stock men generally claimed that this was excessive and back in 1900 the Chicago live stock exchange started suit before the interstate commerce commission to have it cut down to \$1. The commission made the order but at that time under the old law the commission had no authority to enforce its orders and the road continued to charge its \$2 a car.

After the new rate law went into effect the suit was reinstated and was won again but this time the commission has authority to enforce its orders and on all shipments for the five years preceding August 23, 1907, there is to be a refund to the shipper of 1/2 per cent.

After the live stock exchange of Chicago had started the suit it "laid down" according to the claims of the shippers and didn't press the suit and it was about to be lost. The Texas Cattle Growers' Association and later the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association came in as intervenors and finally got the suit thru to a successful termination. Now they claim the live stock exchange, which is an organization of the commission men of the Chicago, is claiming credit for the whole thing.

After the suit had been in behalf of the cattle feeders the work of getting a refund of the excessive charges paid was started. It was then necessary for the association and later the corn belt meat producers' association to get the number of cars they had shipped and the dates from their commission men before they could file their claims. In spite of the order of the interstate commerce commission the Chicago live stock exchange firms in many instances wrote back to the farmers that they would look after the matter for the farmer. Then they proceeded not to look after it and many of these farmers have now discovered that their claims are in too late. Some of the farmers insisted on getting the number of cars and dates and filed their own claims. Where they got in before August 23, they will all get a refund of 1/2 per cent every car they shipped during the five years preceding. It is estimated that there have been 100,000 cars a year shipped from Iowa alone for the past five years which will make \$500,000 due the cattle men of all the other states shipping to Chicago are entitled to the same refund.

In Iowa and the territory adjoining this the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association has been looking after the claims for the members of the association.

Iowa banks are in fine condition according to the statement issued last night by State Auditor Carroll. It is based on the replies to the call sent out a short time ago and takes in the state and savings banks and trust companies on the close of business December 31.

There has been an increase in deposits of more than \$18,000,000 in the state and savings banks during the past year since the official statement of November 12.

Deposits decreased between last and preceding statement made August 22 and the statement of December 3, less than \$10,000,000, which is less than 5 per cent of the total deposits on the former date.

Half of this decrease was due to the transfer of its commercial business by the Des Moines Savings bank to a consolidated new Iowa National bank, so that the decrease in deposits in the Iowa banks from August 22 to December 3 was only about two and one-half per cent.

This remarkable statement surprised the public officials who have been compiling the reports from the state and savings banks for it had been supposed that the deposits had fallen off very much more.

The surprise and gratification of the auditor were augmented by the fact that the reports showed a reserve of eighteen and one-half per cent in the

banks, which is a falling off of only about two per cent since August 22. The reports show a decrease of \$1,870,409 in bills receivable held by the state and saving banks. This is referred to by which the commercial business of the Des Moines Savings bank was transferred to the Iowa National Bank. There was a decrease of \$160,000 in capital stock. This is more than covered by the transfer.

The unexpected fact that the morning from an overdraw of funds of more than \$18,000 in the state and savings banks during the past year since the official statement of November 12, 1906.

ACTRESS TOOK AN OVERDOSE.

Member of Louis Morrison Company Accidentally Poisoned. Webster City, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Cyrus Johnson, aged 23, whose stage name is Miss Ruth Parsons, of the Louis Morrison company presenting Faust, died suddenly in this city early yesterday morning from an overdose of fluid extract of cotton root bark. In the cast she carried the role of Sybel.

Fluid extract of cotton root bark taken in overdoses, is an emmenagogue. The woman was found in her room unconscious by her roommate at 11 o'clock Saturday night. Drs. Desmond and Conrad were called, but the patient did not recover consciousness, dying several hours later. Coroner Wyatt empaneled a jury whose verdict was that the dose was accidental and that no one was concerned as an accessory.

The Morrison company is here for its annual vacation which closes on Christmas night, when they present Faust at a local house.

GROW THEIR OWN LUMBER.

Iowa Farmers Beat the Barons by Milling Their Cottonwoods. Waterloo, Dec. 23.—In order to avoid paying the high price which lumber now commands, farmers of the southern part of Black Hawk county are converting their cottonwood trees into building material. A portable sawmill is at work and the farmer pays \$7 a thousand for sawing. The trees are grown on the farm. Hundreds of thousands of feet of home-made lumber is thus provided for building barns and fences.

FIRE IN DES MOINES

Large Establishment of Pratt Wall Paper Company Destroyed—Loss Will Reach \$100,000.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Fire practically destroyed the J. Pratt Wall Paper company plant today. The loss is \$100,000. The firm did an extensive jobbing business.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—The fire started from a workman moving a match on the floor and damaged both building and stock, located at Second and West Walnut. W. J. Pratt says the loss is total. The fire was on the top floor, the fourth, and burned off the roof. Water soaked the stock. The fire started at 8:30 and was out by noon.

Eldora Lodge Elections.

Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Dec. 23.—Equality Temple, Pythian Sisters, of this city, have elected the following new officers: E. C. Mrs. Adelaide L. Robb; E. S. Mrs. Vivian Willis; E. J. Mrs. Sadie Sheffield; Manager, Mrs. W. B. Strother; M. of R. and C. Mrs. Maggie Collins; M. of F. Mrs. Laura C. Hauser; P. of T. Mrs. Aggie Peisen; G. of O. E. Mrs. Fannie M. Crockett; Trustees, Ethel A. Ellsworth, Mrs. Eda Martin and Mrs. Frankie Hartman.

The following officers have been elected by Eldora Lodge No. 114, A. O. U. W., for the coming year: M. W. Overmeer, W. J. Miller; Recorder, P. M. Sheffield; Financier, Stephen Whitted; Receiver, D. Willis; Guide, D. T. Hooker; L. W. M. Milford; O. W. H. L. Beman; Trustee, C. M. Runkle; Medical Examiner, Dr. W. E. Hitey.

The officers of the Montage Lodge No. 117, A. F. and A. M., for 1908 are: W. Master, C. C. Polley; Senior Warden, L. F. Brown; Junior Warden, H. A. Huff; Treasurer, A. E. Smith; Secretary, S. R. Edgington; Senior Deacon, D. B. Aylesworth; Junior Deacon, E. B. Hadley; Senior Steward, Albert V. Crossan; Junior Steward, Vincent Brown; Tyler, Harry Hammond.

Wm. Tracy Taylor, of Algona, Dead.

Algona, Dec. 23.—William Tracy Taylor, an old soldier and respected citizen of Kossuth county, died suddenly at his home near Algona Friday. He got up in the morning, lighted a fire in his room, turned to get his clothes, when he fell to the floor, and at night passed away. Mr. Taylor was born in Newton, O., in 1844. In the year 1861 he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Wisconsin regiment and served until wounded and discharged. He was badly wounded at the battle of Champion Hill and carried one bullet till a few years before his death. After that battle he was never again able to take the field. In the year 1866 he came to Algona and settled on his farm north of Algona and resided there until his death. He was a man much respected by all his friends and neighbors. He leaves a wife and twelve children. He was a brother of Mrs. C. C. Chubb and Mrs. F. M. Taylor, who reside in Algona.

Miner Kills Himself.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—John Granquist, a miner residing in Marquetteville, killed himself in his home there last night by discharging the contents of a double barreled shot gun thru his chest. Granquist was driven to his death by a fit of despondency caused by several weeks of hard drinking. He is a man about 50 years of age and has a wife and three children.

T. R. BULLETIN.

NOTICEABLE NEWS OF TODAY

The Weather. Sun rises December 24 at 7:26; sets at 4:47. Iowa—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; colder Tuesday and in the southeast tonight.

South Dakota—Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Tuesday fair. Missouri—Partly cloudy and slightly colder tonight and Tuesday.

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Telegraphic News. Mines Resuming in Goldfield. Chicago in Grip of Sleet Storm. 200 Strikers Killed in Chile. Tests in Heredity Show Marvels. Iowa Shippers Claim Half a Million Refund.

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Markets and General. Weakness in Wheat. Corn Remains Early Loser. Cattle Score Gains. Hogs Also Advance. House Committees "Loaded."

Cousins Secures New Naval Rule.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The president has directed the civil service commission to aid in testing the qualifications of applicants for designation for appointment in the military and naval academies whenever a request to that effect is made by any congressman, providing that the carrying out of the order would not add to the expenses of the commission. Congressmen frequently have so many applications for the military and naval academies that it is difficult to make a choice between candidates and resort is had to competitive examination. The order of the president was the result of a request made by Representative Cousins, of Iowa.

A Lake of Burning Ice.

"Cold? Then we'll set fire to some ice and warm ourselves." The speaker made, with the heel of his skate, a hole in the ice. He applied a match to the hole. It flared up instantly with a hot, bright flame.

"Oh, how good it feels," said the young girl. She removed her gloves to warm her slim hands the better. "But isn't it rather odd," she said, "to warm one's hands at a fire of ice?"

"You are a stranger to Atchison," said the young Kansan, "or you wouldn't find it odd. We are used to it here. Always, when we skate on Lake Doniphan, we set the ice afire if we are cold."

She watched her own little fire. "What is the explanation of this miracle?" she said.

"A very simple one," added the young man. "This lake is full of natural gas. When it freezes over, gas in the form of bubbles impregnates the ice. You have only to burst open a bubble and put a match to it, and a bubble will put a match to it, and up shoots a magical flame."

"Wonderful!" said the young girl. "What a fine thing it would be if the fire of all skating ponds could be impregnated in this way with gas. Then skaters would never need a coal."

A Shocker for Mother.