

'Round About Chicago

The Sights One Sees and the Tales One Hears in the Great Western Metropolis

There is in Chicago a man without a country; a man who, until a few days ago, could ask for protection under no flag; a man who, while now an American citizen, was but a few days ago an outcast among the nations.



Renounced His Allegiance to the Spanish Queen.

Never was there a campaign in which each political party searched harder for votes, and in looking for some one to cast them this man, who could claim no ruler as his sovereign, who could ask the protection of no nation, was found, and the authorities asked to grant him naturalization papers.

The would-be voter was a native of Cuba, and who is the ruler of Cuba is a question that none but a Chicago official could have solved. Spain has announced to the world that she is no longer responsible for the island and the actions of its people; the United States has announced by public proclamation its intentions not to assume sovereignty over the island, and the republic of Cuba is unrecognized among the nations.

The auction houses of Chicago, the ones where bric-a-brac of all kinds is disposed of to the highest bidder, and usually at a fair profit, lay many snares to catch the wealthy men of the city who buy this kind of stuff.

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Intelligence Comes First. When employing a servant girl, or as the select call them, a maid, in Chicago these days it is necessary to designate to her whether or not she is to think.

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month, with anything less than that it must be a servant girl—and advertised in the usual way for the desired servant. From the applicants for the position she selected one she thought suitable and they arrived at an agreement for three dollars per week, with nothing said about "thinks."

"Why are you not preparing dinner, Maggie?" asked the lady. "Because you have not told me what you want me to cook, or how to cook it," replied Maggie.

"But it is your place to think of what we are to have and how you are to cook it." "Not for three dollars a week, ma'am. I did not agree to think for three dollars, and if I have to do that I must have 50 cents more, and if I am to do all the thinking I must have a dollar more."

"But you agreed to work for me for three dollars a week." "Sure I did, ma'am, but I didn't agree to think for you for that. Work I will for three dollars, but I won't think for less than \$3.50."

If a woman wants all of her work and meals planned for her the usual charge for "thinks" is from one to two dollars a week, but if the girl has only a limited number of things to think about she will charge only 50 cents a week for it. So it is necessary to designate whether "the maid" is to think or not to think.

He Is Forgotten.

"Is fame worth the purchasing?" asked one board of trade broker of another as he pointed to a small scrap of paper pinned to a post with a pin.

"I hardly think it is," replied the other.

The little piece of paper to which the first broker had pointed was the extent of the notice which the board of trade had taken of a man who had been known in commercial circles throughout the civilized world. It recorded the death of P. B. Hutchison, "Old Hutch," as he was familiarly known to all whether friend or foe.

It is less than a short score of years since P. B. Hutchison had wielded an influence in the cereal markets of the world that had never been known before and has not been known since. Even Joe Leiter's attempted corner did not produce anything like the sensation that Hutchison's famous corner in September wheat did.

The Luertger Murder. One would think that the Luertger murder case had been passed and forgotten, but there is still sufficient interest in it to give the police considerable trouble.

"I was approached by a citizen today, who told me that he had dreamed upon several occasions that the pond in the area just north of the sausage factory in Diversy street should be drained. 'Mrs. Luertger's body will certainly be found at the bottom of this pond,' said the self-appointed detective. 'Of course I know a long time has elapsed since the crime was committed, and that the police dragged this pond. But I feel certain that if the water were pumped out the remains of the missing woman would be found. Dragging would never reveal the presence of portions of a human body. Some wealthy citizens must be found to subscribe to a fund for paying for the fire engines that will be necessary to remove the water.'"

"How did I get rid of him? Well, I told him that he was at liberty to raise the money if he could and to obtain permission to pump out the water. But the public would take little interest in the greswome quest. As far as the police are concerned, the Luertger case is a closed incident." visit of several weeks to relatives.

IF THE sewers of a dwelling are faulty, or get clogged, it soon becomes so foul that life is not safe in it. That is just what happens to you when the Liver or Kidneys fail in their work. The first little signs are backache, poor appetite, changes in urine and sometimes bowel troubles and dropsical swellings. Do not neglect any of these; Deadly disorders may follow—STOP the mischief in time, use

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Pedestrianism of Birds.

The goose is the champion pedestrian of the birds—that is, among the amateurs, like turkeys, ducks, hens and guinea fowls. Professionals, like the ostrich, can, of course, beat a goose out of sight. On a trial between a flock of turkeys and a flock of geese for a heavy wager, the geese covered the distance between Norfolk and London, England, nearly one hundred miles, in forty-eight hours' less time than the turkeys, and none of the geese dropped out, whereas several of the turkeys were used up and the remainder showed evident signs of exhaustion.

Everyone must have noticed the habit of guinea fowls, when moving from place to place, of forming an Indian file, close order. Geese belong to open plains and march in column, with extended front. The instinct of the guinea fowls is derived from their African ancestors. Africa is intersected with paths, not more than eighteen inches wide, so any bird that would not walk in single file got left. Hens and turkeys are descended from forest-inhabiting ancestors, who never took long walks. Hence the pedestrian weakness of their descendants in spite of their muscular legs, which are better adapted to scratching than to locomotion.—A. V. MEERSCH, in American Fancier.

Soft Shells.

The lime used by the hen to make egg shells comes from the food she eats, says the Stockman. Clover has a great deal of lime, so has bran, and so many other foods. The real value of oyster shells is their use as grit in grinding up the foods into a more digestible form. Another cause of soft shelled eggs is over feeding, which makes a hen too fat. A fat hen very often lays eggs that have no shell at all. Stop feeding her so much and make her exercise more and this trouble will be removed.

Great Multitudes.

The idea of vast concourses of people may be conveyed in many ways. For examples, speak of—The correspondent who stood on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey at the battle of Manila. The survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade. The youngest soldier of the later war. The youngest soldier of the later war. The first man up the hill at San Juan. The original McKinley man. The oldest Mason. The author of "Beautiful Snow" and "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight."—Harper's Weekly. From Trust Headquarters. "But can I trust him?" "Trust him? Of course you can. Why, he's a trusty from Trustville." "From New Jersey, eh?"



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