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How One Good Vote was Lost and Saved.

General Barnett tells a good story concerning Colonel Charlie Cotter, of Ravenna, a life-long adherent of Bourdon democracy—a roaring, ranting, thick and thin devotee of anything and everything his party may see fit to do or to say. On election day the Colonel noticed that a friend of his failed to put in an appearance at the polls. So he mounted his buggy and went to fetch him from his home, three miles away. Arrived there, he found his man busy stirring a huge kettle of apple butter. Making known his errand, the Colonel was met with objections on the part of the housewife. Her man could not go. The apple butter must be constantly stirred or spoiled by burning. In vain the Colonel expended his eloquence—urged duty, patriotism, the urgent need of every vote, country, party, all and every consideration were idle words to the good women whose apple butter was at risk. It must be stirred, and the voter must stir it, if the party and the country went to the eternal bow-wows.

Finally, in desperation, the Colonel proposed that the man should take his buggy, go and vote and hurry back, and he himself would supply his place at the apple butter kettle.

So long as the apple butter was cared for the good wife was indifferent as to the stirring; the voter went off and the Colonel took his place. On the way to the polls the voter fell in with some German friends who entertained him royally, and had little difficulty in persuading him to vote the straight republican ticket. Then came another good time. Finally, after the lapse of about four hours, the voter got back home with the buggy. Meanwhile the Colonel had grown anxious. What if those confounded Dutch republicans had stolen his voter. The thought was torture, but the Argus eye of the good woman was upon him, and he could not leave his self-imposed task. He sat and sweated and swore as he stirred the boiling mass, ever wondering when would his man return. Finally, he came, and the Colonel hastened back to Ravenna to find that he had lost nearly half the day stirring apple butter that one more vote should be polled for the republican ticket. But he is a bold man who dares say apple butter within striking distance of this "stirring" electioneer.

THE SLEEP DISEASE.

M. Talmy has presented a note to the French Academy in which he calls attention to the analogy which exists between "sleep disease" and chicken cholera. The sleep disease (*nelavan*) is a rare affection, which, up to the present time, has been met with only among the negroes of the west coast of Africa. It was first made known by English phpsicians in 1816, but was not accurately observed till many years afterward (1865 *et seq.*) by the French physicians, Daugaix, Nicolas, Guerin, and very recently by Corre. In this curious affection the person attacked keeps his eyes half closed, as if he was unable to open them wide, and is frequently siezed with a profound desire to sleep. Later on he sleeps continuously, and has to be awakened to take nourishment—which he does with pleasure if he is awakened sufficiently. Death approaches very gradually but surely, and the victim passes away at length without suffering any pain. This disease is always fatal, no cure yet being known for it. From the symptoms as given by the above-mentioned physicians, and from the symptoms of chicken cholera as studied by Moritz, Perroncito, Toussaint, and more recently by Pasteur, M. Talmy believes that the two diseases are of a similar character, and both due to a like cause.

A correspondent writing from Richmond, Va., wants to know if it is the custom of rats to tie up their offspring by their tails. He lately found "four young rats, each one neatly tied around the left hind leg with his own or his sister's or brother's tail, and all tied together at a common center and neatly interwoven, on a fabric of downy feathers which composed their nest."

An Army of Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, October 28.—The annual report of the appointment division of the Post Office Department for the last fiscal year was completed today. It shows that the number of post offices in operation in the United States on the 30th of June last was 42,989, an increace of 2,134 during the year. 1,761 of the postmasters are appointees of the President. The remaining 41,228 offices are filled by appointments of the Postmaster General. Besides the nearly 43,000 postmasters there are 17,460 persons throughont the country who perform service and recieve compensation upon the written authorization of the Postmaster General or his chief assistents, comprising 419 in the Post Office Department at Washington, 5,519 clerks in post offices of the first and second classes, 2,688 letter-carriers, 56 special agents, 2,946 employes of the railway mail service and, 8562 mail contractors. In addition to the post office clerks above reckoned, for whose employment allowances are made to Presidential postmasters of the first and second grades, it is estimated at the department that there are at least 50,000 persons acting as clerks in the third and fourth-class post offices who look for their employment and compensation directly to the authority, and it is believed, therefore, that there are now not less than 110,000 persons directly conneeted with our postal service.

A young man on Main street says he is going to attempt the feat of going forty days without working. He says if his employers do not watch him, he thinks he can accomplish the task.

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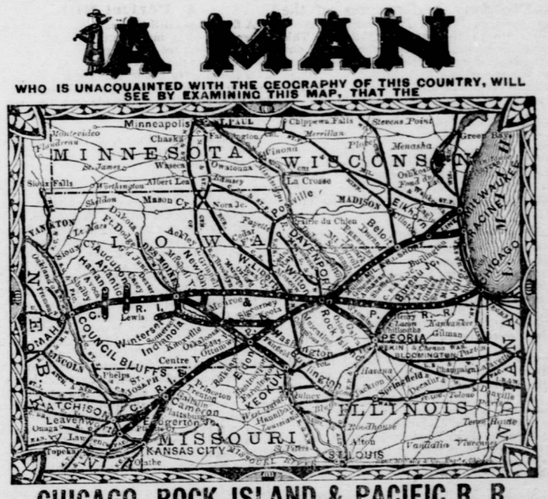

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