

MY DEAD.

I can trust the mighty Shepherd... W. C. Gannett.

THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK.

The Number and Length of Mayor Hewitt's Letters—How He Manages.

Mayor Hewitt has a thin, stooping figure, and when he gets to the mayor's office, at about 11 a. m., muffled in wraps, and escorted by a stout policeman...

The mayor has astonished many persons by the number and length of his letters, which have been most remarkable, taking into consideration his known ill health.

Not counting his private letters, which are considerable, his missives to heads of departments, to the governor, the legislature and to various public bodies which have invited him to dine, have required an amount of intellectual effort that looks appalling to any one not trained to the work.

For a short letter the mayor sometimes does not give his stenographer time to sit down, but catches him on the fly, as it were, and dictates to him while both are walking about the room.

Mayor Hewitt is a good listener. His attitude is generally one of reflection, and he hears patiently as long as his informant tells a straightforward story.

The Polk Homestead. The Polk homestead is a large, roomy, two story brick fronting on Union and Vine streets, with ample grounds about it, modestly and tastefully ornamented with shrubbery and flowers.

Potash Fertilizers for Fruit. Potash fertilizers have decidedly improved the desirable quality of fruits. Wherever the percentage of this element has been raised the change is accompanied by an increase of sugar and decrease of acid.

Diamond Soles. Diamonds ought not to be worn on the soles of the shoes, as a certain French actress once wore them.

Paris' Claque System. Paris still retains the insane claque system, and one of the prominent chiefs has resigned rather than submit to a reduction in his salary.

Cabling to Their Doctors. Of late the Atlantic cables have been often used by wealthy Americans to consult their physicians who were traveling abroad.

Farming in Japan.

An American writer who visited some of the most important of the agricultural districts of Japan in company with Gen. Van Buren, United States consul general at Yokohama, has published an interesting account of what he saw and heard.

In many parts of the country the soil is extremely fertile and the cultivation is excellent. Near Kioto, the old capital, it is not uncommon to grow seventy bushels of rice to the acre as the second crop of the year from the same land.

Women Behind the Counter. "Some one told me that a smile would go a long way toward helping me become a successful saleswoman," said a girl to whom store life was yet new.

A rather stupid girl with a sweet, even disposition is more apt to succeed than a brighter girl who is quick tempered. I mean to earn \$30 a week some day, if I wear out my mouth smiling.

A Joke on Bernhard. Apropos of the theatre, Mme. Bernhardt was made the victim of a practical joke on the night of her last performance at the Star theatre.

What School Girls Eat. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae of Boston have issued a pamphlet full of statistics of what school girls eat and do not eat in New York and Boston.

A Peril for Emigration. Mr. Grant Allen, a recent visitor from England, has discovered a peril from migration which has been wholly overlooked.

The London Times' Paper. The paper in The London Times press room comes in great cylinders, containing each four miles of paper.

The Proprietors in Washington. One thing, however, is certain. In no city in the United States is there a higher regard for the usages proper among a cultivated and educated people than exists among the Washingtonians proper.

To sensitive people a mortification is almost as bad as a calamity.—Philadelphia Call.

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