

THE SINGING REEDS.

'Twas a piper gaunt and poor, Piping at a palace door...

Long ago, she loved me dear, She that loved me down to rest...

A Postal Mission.

I had a bright idea the other day and I want to pass it along as we do the dishes at the table...

The Legend of the Lily.

Once, long ago, when the earth was young, an angel was wandering through its verdant fields...

What Rare Stamps are Worth.

The high prices which the rarest specimens of stamps now realize will explain how it is that the trade in forgeries has become what it is in these days...

She Knew.

At an evening party recently a young lady was asked to parse the sentence, "He kissed me."

Very Likely.

Johnny—I wonder why I can't make my kite fly. Elder Sister—Perhaps the caudal appendage is disproportionate to the superficial area.

CATS GONE WILD.

The Thrilling Experience of a Commercial Man in the Woods of New Jersey.

Owen Clark, a commercial drummer of Newark, N. J., went into the dense woods about half a mile from the Passaic river, opposite Belleville...

Mr. Clark felt that he was overmatched, and he began to retreat cautiously, leaving his hat behind him...

These creatures are well known to persons who frequent the woods that they have made their home. They are the progeny of an immense female cat that some two years ago ran away from the house of a colored family living near Avondale.

Clay Pipes.

"Old country" clay pipes are largely frauds. The other day I gave an Irish friend a new clay, and told him it had just been given me by a newly arrived emigrant from the Emerald Isle.

Something to Show.

Men are too ready to assume that women, as they say, know nothing about business. Some women are ignorant of such matters, it is true, but on the other hand some women have quite as much business capacity as their husbands.

"Do you mean to tell us, Mrs. Billus," demanded Mr. Billus, angrily, "that you gave a total stranger an order for ten dollars' worth of groceries at prices less than wholesale dealers can buy them, and paid him for the goods in advance?"

"Why, yes, I have," said Mrs. Billus; "I have his receipt for it."—Youths' Companion.

Extraordinary Names.

The man who will name a pair of beautiful thoroughbreds Chills and Fever has gone a long way around the posts in search of a novelty.

It Was Too Fresh.

An American journalist who struck a job on a paper in the City of Mexico made a special effort to get all the news from the states in as speedily as possible, and for this reason he lost his place.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S LAST HOURS.

The Author of the Declaration of Independence Dies the Fourth.

On the southwestern slope of Monticello—in the midst of a forest hallowed by associations which have protected it from the ax, and where the winds murmur of the past—stands a plain granite monument, simple, chaste, appropriate, yet impressive.

The weakness of old age came over Thomas Jefferson's sound and vigorous body gradually. He dreaded the weakening of the mental powers, and found more symptoms of this than really existed, for his mind remained clear to the last.

In the winter of 1826 he began to break visibly, and in March he made his will. Then he took to reading the Bible and the Greek tragedies, and brooding moodily because his work was finished.

Hoof Prints.

Oil cake is the most desirable food for young stock of all kinds—nothing better for calves, colts, sheep and pigs.

Thought is necessary in breeding, and every improvement that a man makes in his stock is evidence of the improvement of his own mind.

There is one thing the people lose sight of when they undertake to feed cattle, says an exchange, that they can do without corn.

A Collection of Rare Watches.

I. B. Scott, of Beckford, Ills., has a collection of more than thirty antique watches. They are rare old specimens, being of Swiss and London makes, and many of them having been entirely manufactured by hand.

"You have heard of a Tobias watch," he will remark, "giving into the chest containing them."

Mr. Scott has a number of chronometer movements and one old pendulum movement. He has several repeating watches that strike hours, quarters and minutes.

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