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A Country Editor's Troubles.

BY FARMER'S MIX. The type's all had pocketed their rules (There were but three upon the paper then), And lounging idly on the office stools, Surveyed the "Colonel," who with busy pen Was dabbling off a leader for his sheet. "Entitled," "Dignity at the County Seat."

Local Items.

Thanks to the courteous officers of the St. Mary and Mary Ida for highly appreciated favors. Rice cutting was inaugurated in our parish last Thursday by Mr. A. Lebon, owner of the CAMELLIA plantation. There are about 250 arpents of fine rice on that place. Most of our rice planters will not commence cutting before the 15th of this month.

If any professional grower can beat the man of law, we will be glad to record the fact. All water melons received at this office will be scrupulously registered and their weights will go down to prosperity. Bids remain open till the end of the season.

Life Insurance.

Life has a value which can be as securely insured against as any property liable to loss. The value to a family of the protective head, is what the protective head furnishes to support and educate the family and as the death of the head of the family would terminate such support, it is the interest of the family that such an event should be guarded against.

State Nicknames.

Queer are the nicknames of people of the different States: The inhabitants of Alabama are called Lizards; of Arkansas, Toothpicks; of California, Gold Hunters; of Colorado, Rovers; of Connecticut, Wooden Nutmegs; of Delaware, Muskrats; of Florida, Fly-up-the-Creeks; of Georgia, Buzzards; of Illinois, Suckers; of Indiana, Hoosiers; of Iowa, Hawkeyes; of Kansas, Jay-hawkers; of Kentucky, Corn Crackers; of Louisiana, Creoles; of Maine, Foxes; of Maryland, Craw Thumpers; of Michigan, Wolverines; of Minnesota, Gophers; of Mississippi, Tadpoles; of Missouri, Pukes; of Nebraska, Big Eaters; of Nevada, Sage Hens; of New Hampshire, Granite Boys; of New Jersey, Blues or Clam Catchers; of New York, Knickerbockers; of North Carolina, Tar Boilers and Tuckoes; of Ohio, Buckeyes; of Oregon, Web-feet and Hard Cases; of Pennsylvania, Penances and Leather-heads; of Rhode Island, Gun Flints; of South Carolina, Weasels; of Tennessee, Whelps; of Texas, Beef Heads; of Vermont, Green Mountain Boys; of Virginia, Beadles; of Wisconsin, Badgers.

The Lafayette Family.

By a letter from Hon. Mr. Washburne, United States Minister at Paris, published with papers relating to our foreign relations, the members of the Lafayette family are given as follows: Gen. Lafayette left one son, George Washington Lafayette, and two daughters, Mme Latour-Maubourg and Mme. de Lasteyrie. All of these are now dead.

Origin of the God Hymen.

Danchet, the French poet, tells us respecting the dification of Hymen, that he was a young man of Athens, obscurely born, but extremely handsome. Falling in love with a young lady of distinction, he disguised himself in a female habit in order to get access to her and enjoy the pleasure of her company. As he happened to be one day in this disguise, with his mistress and her female companions, celebrating on the seashore the rites of Ceres Eleusina, a gang of pirates came upon them by surprise and carried them off. The pirates, having conveyed them to a distant island, got drunk for joy and fell asleep. Hymen seized his opportunity, armed the virgins, and despatched the pirates; after which, leaving the ladies on the island, he went in haste to Athens, where he told his adventure to all the parents, and demanded her he loved in marriage as her ransom. His request was granted; and so fortunate was the marriage, that the name of Hymen was ever afterward invoked in all future nuptials, and in progress of time the Greeks enrolled him among their gods.

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the rings on her first and fourth fingers—one on each, like two charms to keep away the tempter. It is somewhat singular that this disposition of rings is rare!

Language of Finger-Rings.

In the case of a gentleman wishing to marry literally "in the market" with his heart—he wears a plain or chased gold ring upon the first finger of the left (or heart) hand.

FERRY SALE.

Parish St. John the Baptist. In conformity with law, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the Court House of this Parish, on Saturday, August 26, 1876, AT 12 O'CLOCK, M., the privilege of the lease of the following ferries in the Parish, viz: Station No. 1, established at the lower line of Mr. Watson's HOPE Plantation.

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NOTICE.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, Parish St. John the Baptist. To the Tax payers of the Parish of St. John the Baptist. The undersigned hereby give notice that the assessment of taxable property of this Parish on the 1st day of August next 1876, and will continue for one month thereafter according to law. Parties interested will please take notice and appear before said board during the time specified, and attend to the assessment of their property. Delinquents will be assessed from the best information to be had. No alterations will be made in assessments after the last day of August. Parish St. John the Baptist, July 15th, 1876. LUCIEN CAMBRE, Sheriff. ZENON MILLET, Recorder. A. C. BABCOCK, Clerk Court.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. PARISH COURT. Succession of Mrs. Isilda Hymel, deceased wife of Ursin Jacob. No. 192. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias directed in the above entitled and numbered cause by the aforesaid Court, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, at the Court House of this Parish, on SATURDAY the 5th day of AUGUST 1876, AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, M., the following described property, the purchaser having failed to comply with his bid, to wit: A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, on the right bank of the Mississippi River, measuring one arpent front on said river, by three arpents and a half, more or less, in depth, bounded on the upper line by the property of John G. Mall, and on the lower line by that of D'Aquin & Webb, and in the rear by that of Jean Hortaire Cambre, together with all the buildings and improvements therein, consisting of a dwelling house and two out-houses and other constructions thereon and thereunto belonging.

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