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We find the following curious case of the effect of what is commonly called "tying up by will" in an exchange, and as it has been already well condensed, we give it entire:

Fifty years ago ex-Governor McArthur, of Ohio, died and left a property worth several millions. By his will the estate was not to be divided until the youngest grandchild should reach the age of 21 years, and then it was to be divided equally among them all. But the grandchildren kept coming, and the older children saw no chance of getting anything during their natural lives if they had to wait for others to be born and attain their majority. So they asked for a division of the property, which was accomplished after fifty years delay. A dozen of the best lawyers in Ohio, including Stanley Matthews, are arguing the case before Judge Swayne, sitting as United States Supreme Judge, and the suit will go to the Supreme Court for a final decision, no matter what the decision of Swayne may be.

There is one county in the state of Pennsylvania of which prohibitionist are proud. We refer to Potter county, in which there has not been a licensed saloon for twenty years. The clerk of the courts and other citizens unite in saying their jail has not averaged one occupant during that time; but one person has been sent to the penitentiary, only two paupers in the poor house. Their taxes are thirty-five per cent. lower than they are in the adjoining counties where saloons are licensed. Their circuit court only occupies three or four days each year, and dockets are closed. If prohibition does not prohibit, pray tell us what it does do, with such facts as these before us?—*Star of Hope.*

The Reading railroad has just put on its line a new style of locomotive which consumes as fuel coal dust instead of coal. The Philadelphia Record, in describing it, says; "The cabin is perched way up on top of the boiler, like a saddle on a long-bodied horse. It is not so clumsy as the old camel-backs which were used on that road for years, but its oddity draws the attention of the traveller. The locomotive has four drive wheels, each five feet seven inches in diameter. The fire box is eight feet long by four and a quarter feet wide. The engine is capable of a speed of seventy-five miles an hour, and by consuming the dust makes a great saving in the item of fuel."

A patient, persevering printer of Ottawa, Ills., has contrived, with an ordinary steel pen, and without the aid of any magnifying power, to transcribe the whole of the sixth and seventh chapter of the gospel of St. Mathew and the first and thirty-eighth verses of the first chapter of St. John, besides some remarks of the writer, on a postal card. In this little space there are no less than 2,180 words, clearly and legibly written. The card thus contains more matter than is usually written on twenty sheets of note paper.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr Croffroth of this State proposes a radical change in the method of filing applications and procuring pensions. He says its objects are to simplify the method of procuring pensions so as to expedite the clearing up of the multitude of claims now pending in the Commissioner of Pension's office and to enable deserving and needy pensioners to speedily procure a future monthly pension.

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