Half Fare to Virginia and Carolina.

On May 5 homeseekers' excursion tickets will be sold from all points in the West and Northwest over the "Big Four Route" and Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. to Virginia and North Carolina at one fare for the round-trip. Settlers looking for a home in the South can do no better than in Virginia. There they have cheap farm lands, no blizzards, no cyclones, mild winters, never failing crops, cheap transportation and the best markets. Send for free descriptive pamphlet, excursion rates and time folders. U. L. Truitt, N. W. P. A., 234 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

It is pleasant to learn that Riley, the Hoosier poet, is getting better. After Riley was made the pattern was lost or destroyed. —Kansas City Star.

If all the Ohio people who have announced their intention of going to St. Louis really go, there won't be any one left to protect the State.—Springfield Union.

We will forfeit $1,000 if any of our published testimonials are proven to be not genuine. THE PISO CO., Warren, Pa.

John Bull has money to burn, and it looks as if he would have to burn a good deal of it, too, in Africa.

Democratic Convention, Chicago, Illinois, July 7th, 1896.

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Ex-Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins has presented to the Congregational Society of Somersworth, N. H., a $10,000 parsonage.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

The account of the dynamite explosion at Johannesburg, Africa, was cabled to the newspapers at a cost of $10 a word and a total expense of about $40,000.

The king of Portugal recently had his crown repaired, and the jeweler to whom the commission was given says it is the most valuable crown in the world. It is worth $5,000,000.

Harrison's favorite flower is the orange blossom, McKinley's the forget-me-not, Allison's the snowball, Reed's the tiger lily, Morton's the evergreen blossom.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for Children Teething

The new Czar will be crowned at Moscow on May 26, and all the crowned heads of Europe will be present in person or by proxy.

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Lieut. Walter Scott, lineal descendant of the great novelist and primogenital inheritor of his estate, reached the age of majority on the 10th inst.

Mr. Solomon H. Solberger, Bloomsdale, Mo., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters cured me of malarial fever when doctors' medicines failed. I shall always take this valuable medicine."

Lloyd Osbourne, son of Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, was married in Honolulu on April 11 to Miss Catherine Durham.

When Nature

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

The young King of Spain recently described an island to his geography teacher as a body of land almost entirely occupied by insurgents.

Homeseekers' Excursions.

On May 5 the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company will sell tickets at very low rates to points in Missouri, Kansas and Texas. For particulars address, H. A. Cherrier, 316 Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill., or T. B. Cookerly, 503 Locust street, Des Moines, Ia.

Never spend your money before you have it.—Thomas Jefferson.

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DEACON WILLIAMS DID IT.

Gave the Storekeeper an Idea and He Came Near Going Into Bankruptcy.

Opposite the railroad depot was a grocery, kept by a colored man, and as we had some time to wait for the train three or four of us crossed over to look at his stock.

Business was very brisk with the merchant, though all his customers were colored. We noticed that sugar, tea and codfish seemed to sell above all else and during a temporary lull approached the battered old scales on which everything was weighed and picked up some of the weights.

The hollow in each one had been filled with lead and when quite sure that the pound weight would balance at least twenty ounces of codfish I said to the old man:

"I see you have filled your weights with lead."

"Yes, sah—yes, sah," he replied, as he rubbed his hands together.

"What was the idea?"

"To keep de dirt out o' de holes, sah. Can't no dirt git in dar now."

"Was it your idea?"

"No, sah. I never should her got dat idea if it hadn't bin fur Deakun Williams. De deakun said it was de way dey did down in Greenville an' he fixed 'em up fur me widout cost."

"The deacon buys all his groceries here, doesn't he?"

"He do, sah. Yes, sah, he buys 'm all yere and he was tellin' me only dis mawnin' dat he nebber did see de beat how dem groceries held out."

He was advised to take his weights over to th cotton warehouse and have them weighed and he picked them up and started off at a slow walk and very much puzzled. When he returned it was on the run and his eyes hanging out and as he reached the store he exclaimed:

"No wonder I has gone into bankruptcy fo'teen times and had to sell my mewl and hogs an' make the ole woman go b'arfut! Dat ar' pound weight weighs twenty-two ounces, an' ebery time Deakun Williams has bought two pounds of sugar or codfish he has tooken away three pounds and a half! Shoo! I'ze gwine to close de doah an' put up a sign of 'busted agin!'"—Detroit Free Press.

The Poster Craze.

The poster collecting craze has started out with a flourish and bids fair to be as popular as the stamp collecting, or, for the matter of that, any other craze that has ever existed. The modern maid likes oddity, but she occasionally finds on her hands a collection of the unique things she most desires without knowing just how best to dispose of them. Here is a suggestion for the girl who has a hundred or more posters or magazine covers, of the new order, that she prizes, but does not know quite what to do with. Buy a tall, Japanse screen, no matter how substantial the cloth may be, just so the frame is strong. Cover it with blue or red demin and paste your posters, with edges nicely trimmed and a little space apart, smoothly on. It is surprising what a pretty decorative bit the poster screen makes.—St. Louis Republic.

Proof Positive.

When a man has made his application and passed the physical examination and the civil service examination and has duly seen a few people with pulls, and has gotten his appointment, and his uniform, and his billy, and twisters, and revolver, and has had a beat marked out for him, he feels at last that he is really a policeman, but when he sees a dirty-faced small boy stick his head around a corner at a safe distance and shout: "Aw, go chase yourself!" and then run violently away, he is absolutely sure of it.—Somerville Journal.

Modern Infidelity.

Where does infidelity get its idea of justice, mercy and truth? I say it has stolen them from Christianity. Where do men get their ideals of morality except from the bible? Every man worships something. Even infidels worship Ingersoll. They must think as he thinks, do as he does, and imitate his weaknesses. About all they get is his doubt, and his doubt means desolation and damnation to the soul.—Rev. F. W. Jacobs.

A Magnetized Tack Hammer.

An inventor has conceived the idea of a magnetized tack hammer. This will lift a tack from a box by the head, and it is only necessary to give a gentle tap to fix the nail in the wall or floor, or wherever it is intended to go. It can then be securely hammered in without the fingers coming in contact with the nail or the hammer in contact with the fingers.

Marking Towels.

If you wish to mark your silver, china, and glass towels in the very latest fashion, you will mark on the former two crossed spoons, on the glass towels a wineglass or tumbler, and on the china towels the outlines of a cup. These outlines are then worked in stem stitch, and even the maid ignorant of English cannot mistake their use.

Blessedness is a whole eternity, older than damnation.—Ritcher.

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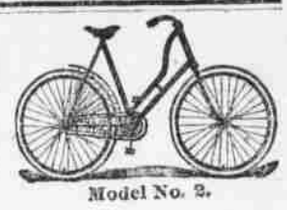

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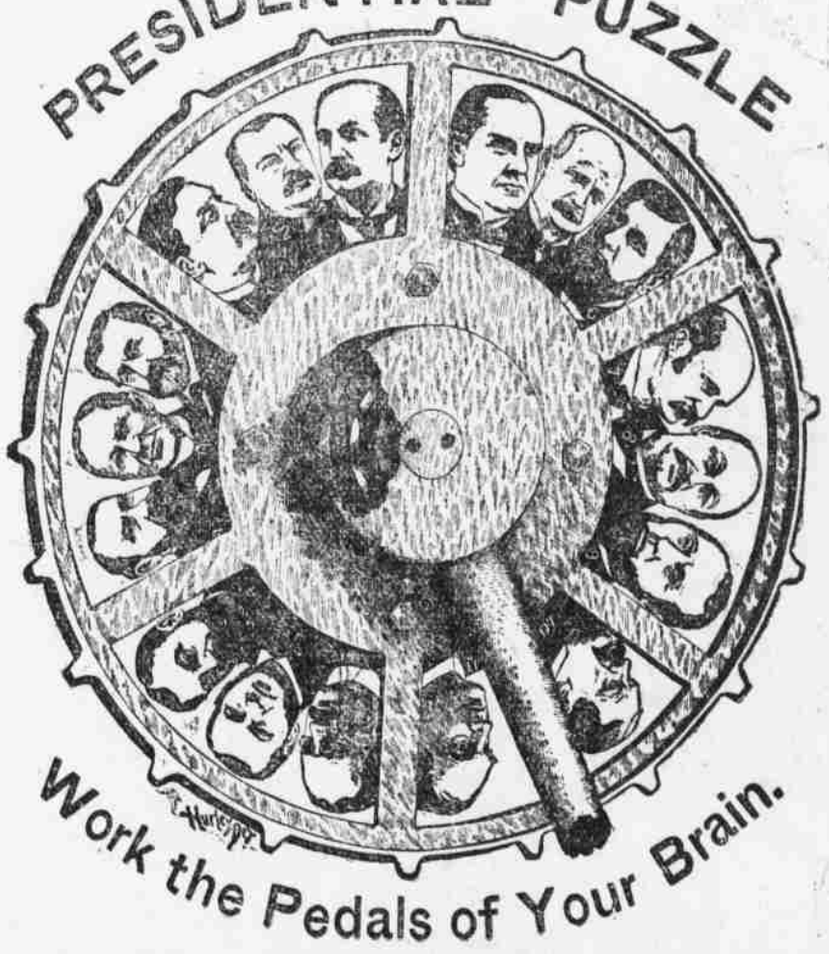

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