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MARBLE HILL..... MISSOURI

A publisher says his wife's suit for divorce has ruined his business. He ought to have been an actor.

It is not always safe to judge the state of our prosperity by the prices put on the new hats for women.

Andrew Carnegie says we will have universal peace in the year 3000. We don't care what they have in 3000.

The wonder is that the Thaws should object to anyone—even a chorus girl—taking Harry off their hands.

The man who doesn't know enough to look sober when a girl says that she is mad with him is sadly inexperienced.

The man who says his wife deserted him thirty-seven times in seven years must at least have had a good many visits from her.

Over in Spain a man who becomes the father of a large family receives a title. But do Spanish titles help to pay grocery bills?

English women universally condemn the American short-skirt habit; so would the American women if they had the English feet.

A French deputy has given Gen. Andre "le boxe" with his unaccustomed Gallic fist. And there isn't even a campaign on!

London dispatches say Mrs. Langtry has fallen upon evil days. Which is a poetic way of saying that there are others who are younger.

The first day's regular receipts of the New York subway were given to the New York city hospitals—a sort of advance payment, as it were.

The Cleveland Cat club has just held its first annual meeting. Like a good many clubs of greater age, its primary object is to feed the kitty.

If, as a Parisian doctor says, love may be traced to the presence of a microbe, we must allow that it is a cozy little germ to have about the house.

Two men held up a North Dakota poolroom and got away with $500. This is the first instance on record of a poolroom getting the worst of a day's business.

The theory that health is contagious may be all right enough, but most of us are sufficiently inoculated by our ordinary habits to prevent our catching much of it.

Gen Andre, the war minister of France, who was assaulted in the assembly, is justified in feeling the strongest resentment against a civilian trying to fight.

Mrs. Maybrick will write a book. It will not be worth reading, but people will read it because Mrs. Maybrick wrote it. Notoriety is one road to (pecuniary) successful authorship.

The Japanese minister is recovering from his recent surgical operation, and is able to joke about it. The supposition is that he and his vermiform appendix parted in a friendly spirit.

To his Bible class, Sunday, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., decried the rush for sudden wealth and upheld the dignity of the little things of life. How easy it is to scorn wealth when you have it!

The Manchester Mirror and American has a cartoon under which runs the line, "In times of storm don't you want a man at the helm?" We certainly do, but not the man who conjures up the wind.

A London paper says a wife ceases to be a bride six weeks after marriage. Whether this is inherent in the constitution of things or the averaging up of the results of observation the paper doesn't say.

Japan is suffering from the stress of war. In Tokio a cigar that usually costs two cents now fetches fifteen, and beer is twenty-five cents a bottle. This is enough to drive the wayfarer to the national teapot.

The man who lived with a woman several years and introduced her to his acquaintances as his wife, has asked the law to make her quit claiming to be his wife. What will people next ask the law to do?

After three days of unbounded joy over the new subway, New York is now beginning to find fault with it. A New Yorker wouldn't be satisfied with heaven—but perhaps, after all, that won't make much difference.

"O solitude, where are the charms that sages have sought in thy face?" Thomas Murchie, a Utah prospector, was driven insane by a solitary existence of eight years in the mountains and had to be pursued and captured like a wild beast.

A man who was run over by a regardless automobilist fortunately wasn't seriously injured. Picking himself up, and without stopping to brush off the dust, he screamed after the vanishing chauffeur, with scathing sarcasm: "Rojestvensky!"

Mr. Barney Oldfield succeeded a few days ago in driving an automobile ten miles in nine minutes and twenty seconds. Why does Mr. Oldfield insist on doing these things? Everybody is convinced by this time that the automobile will go as fast as the law allows and often even faster.

Boston has 551 separate and distinct religions, not counting several indigenous ethical systems, peculiar to Boston alone and considered in exclusive Back Bay circles to be superior to any of the others.

The duke of Albans, the prize catch of English society, is coming to America, probably to offer his ducal crown to an American woman. It is saying something for his judgment that he wants an American wife to share his unusual distinctions. The American woman comes high, but the British nobleman must have her.

Dressmakers report that it will take thirty yards of material for a woman's suit this season. No wonder our young men are hesitating about taking out marriage licenses!

Missouri Doings

PROPOSE TO BUILD LONG DRAINAGE DITCH

Plans Adopted for Reclaiming Million Acres in Missouri and Arkansas.

Caruthersville, Mo.: A drainage ditch seventy-two miles long, forty feet wide and from twelve to fifteen feet deep, to cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars, was proposed and undertaken by the Mississippi Valley Improvement Association, which held its annual session here last week.

Senator J. K. Browning of Piggott, introduced a bill at the last session of the State Legislature proposing a drainage district composed of Clay, Greene, Craighead and Poinsett counties in Arkansas.

A similar bill will be introduced in the Legislature Missouri asking that a drainage district be formed of Dunklin and Mississippi counties in Missouri. The sentiment of the Mississippi Valley Improvement Congress was that the United States Government should be asked to bear one-third of the expense of building this ditch.

This appropriation will be asked under the river and harbor improvement act, although by a large part of the congress it is regarded as impracticable, many delegates maintaining that the Government cannot legally lend any aid to the scheme, even if the authorities should be willing.

According to the estimates of the congress, the ditch will drain more than a million acres of the country in the St. Francis River spreads, most of which is now overflown by the water carried from the swamps in Southeast Missouri by ditches built in that section of the State. The Southeast Missouri section, composed of New Madrid, Stoddard, Mississippi and Dunklin counties, has been drained by ditches built by State aid, but the water, instead of being carried to the Mississippi, is carried to a lower section of the State, which it covers to an average depth of two feet.

The section which it is proposed to drain has been covered by one or two feet of water almost from time immemorial. At least, it has not been fit for anything except hunting since the seismic disturbance of 1812.

The section drained in Southeast Missouri is the same sort of land, and it has been found since the drainage that the former swamp lands, for years considered worthless, now produce from forty to sixty-five bushels of corn to the acre, and as much in the way of peaches, apples, small fruit and tame grasses as the most fertile lands in Indiana and Illinois. On either side of the Cotton Belt Railroad, from New Madrid, Mo., to Piegott, Ark., there are within marketed distance of the road's stations nearly 2,000,000 acres of land now worth $35 an acre that, five years ago, were worth less than $2. This is true only of the sections that have been drained.

The spreads of the St. Francis River which it is proposed to drain by the big ditch undertaken by the Mississippi Valley Improvement Association in its congress at Caruthersville are reported by the boards of agriculture of Missouri and Arkansas to be the most permanently productive sections of the two States, having a soil much stronger and much thicker than is to be found in any other part of either one of the States.

Three of the great life insurance companies of the United States and one from Liverpool have, in the last four months, sent loan men into the drained section of Southeast Missouri, and the report of each of these agents is that this section is the most promising of all the undeveloped land in the United States. One farm in New Madrid county, on which one company loaned $1,800 two years ago, is free from indebtedness, but is recommended for a loan of $5,000 by the agent.

The land in the St. Francis country which it is proposed to drain is now selling at less than $6 per acre. Three years ago it was worth only $12.25 an acre, and there were very few buyers at that figure. If the plans of the Mississippi Congress in the matter of Federal aid fail, the legislatures of the two States will be asked to authorize the assessment of a tax sufficient to build the big ditch, which, it is stated, will be the longest and most expensive in the United States.

Six Hurt in Bridge Collapse.

Pilot Grove, Mo.: A span of the new county bridge being constructed across the Lamoine river, north of here, fell, injuring six men, two seriously. John McClerry was badly cut and bruised about the head and John Frady was injured in the hips. The accident, it is said, was caused by the false work supporting the span being poorly constructed.

Farmer Meets Accidental Death.

Brunswick, Mo.: Corra Masters, a young farmer living north of town, while on a squirrel hunt, accidentally shot and killed himself. Mr. Masters left home about 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Soon after his departure his wife heard a shot, but gave little attention to it. When night came and he had not returned she became alarmed and notified the neighbors, who formed a searching party, but did not succeed in finding him until past midnight. He leaves a wife and five small children.

Union Station for Joplin.

Joplin, Mo.: Plans are being perfected for the building of a union station in Joplin. A deed has been filed in the recorder's office, transferring to H. R. Conklin a twenty-acre tract which lies between Eighth and Ninth streets and east of Kentucky avenue, which, it is claimed, will be the site for the depot and terminal purposes. It is said that Mr. Conklin is acting for a local company organized for the purpose of building a new union station.

Judge James L. Bogy Dead.

Ste. Genevieve, Mo.: Died at his home in this city last week, Judge James L. Bogy, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of this community. He was Judge of the Probate Court at the time of his death. The funeral was held Friday morning.

Hannibal Convocation at Mexico.

Hannibal, Mo.: The Hannibal Convocation, composed of all of the Episcopal churches in northeast Missouri, today has decided to hold its next meeting in Mexica, Mo., in February.

JUDGE JAMES COONEY IS DEAD AT MARSHALL

Congressman From Seventh District Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Marshall, Mo.: After an illness of little over a week former Congressman James Cooney died last week at his home in this city. He was stricken with acute pneumonia, followed by congestion of the liver and spleen. From this he almost recovered, but on account of heart affection he was not able to resist the complications.

Judge Cooney was a native of Ireland and was born in 1848, coming to this country when only 4 years of age. He was left an orphan early in youth and was compelled to make his own way through life. He received his education in the public schools of Boone county. After completing his preliminary education he worked his way through the State University by teaching and going to school alternately.

After graduating from the university he moved to Saline county, in 1875, and began the practice of law in this city, where he had since lived. He had at different times held important public offices. In 1880 he was elected Probate Judge to fill an unexpired term and in 1882 offered himself as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, which position he held for two terms.

In 1896 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to represent the Seventh Congressional District and held the position until 1902, when he was succeeded by C. W. Hamlin of Springfield.

At a meeting of the Saline County Bar Association a committee was appointed to draft memorial resolutions.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS PERFECT ORGANIZATION

T. A. Nicholson of Greene County Elected President of Association.

St. Louis: Clerks of the circuit courts of the various counties of Missouri and St. Louis perfected a permanent organization and elected officers last week at a meeting in State Hall of the Missouri Building at the World's Fair.

The new organization has for its objects the promotion of good fellowship, the unification of the work and the betterment of the service rendered to the public. It will be known as the Missouri Circuit Clerks' Association.

John T. Fitzsimmons of St. Louis was elected temporary chairman and L. M. Henson of Butler county temporary secretary. T. A. Nicholson of Greene county was elected president, Frank Dietrich of Jefferson county vice-president and O. P. A. Heinrich of Howell county secretary and treasurer.

Five committees are to be appointed by the president, as follows: Executive, Ways and Means, Programme and Arrangement, Laws and Duties Pertaining to Circuit Clerks and Books and Forms. Each committee will consist of five members.

Business Section Burned.

De Witt, Mo.: At 3 o'clock Thursday morning fire destroyed almost the entire business part of De Witt. The fire was first discovered in the basement of Ellington Griffith's grocery store, and before the flames were subdued the following houses burned: The entire brick row, consisting of Doctor Spencer's drug store, Floyd Weltner, general merchandise; Ellington Griffith, grocery; De Witt Furniture Company, furniture; Miller, Logan & Co., general merchandise; Harry Squire, hardware; Doctor Squire's office, and the Coleman Hotel. The total loss is about $40,000; insurance about $37,000.

Election Returns Nearly All In.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Up to Friday one hundred and three counties in the state had sent in their election returns of last week, leaving but eleven counties and the city of St. Louis to be heard from. So soon as all are received the canvass of the vote will be begun. The missing counties are Adair, Buchanan, Carter, Clark, Dade, DeKalb, Jackson, Knox, Miller, Reynolds, Ste. Genevieve and the city of St. Louis.

Post Office Clerk Convicted.

Kansas City, Mo.: The jury in the case of John A. Fagg, charged on two indictments with stealing an $8.000 package and a meerschaum pipe while register clerk of the depot branch of the post office, returned a verdict of guilty as to the theft of the Meerschaum pipe in the United States district court, after remaining out all day.

Boenker—Senden.

St. Charles, Mo.: Benton Boenker and Miss Ella Senden were married at the Lutheran church Thursday, Rev. J. A. Friedrich officiating. The attendants were Miss Mary Meiser and Oliver Boenker.

Mrs. Patti Moore.

Kansas City, Mo.: Mrs. Patti Moore, police matron of this city, died at her home here after a long illness, aged 62 years. Mrs. Moore was a member of the National Matrons' Society and was well known.

Acquit Roney of Robbery Charge.

Kansas City, Mo.: John Roney, alias John Murphy, charged with having participated with Dale, Johnson and Charles Sanders in the robbery of the Higginsville post office on August 24, was acquitted.

United Railway Company Sued.

St. Louis: Flora Hammel sued the United Railways Company and the St. Louis Transit Company in the Circuit Court for $1,975 damages for injuries received August 27 last at Jefferson and Pestalozzi street.

Harris Lectures on Banking Methods.

Columbia, Mo.: Virgil M. Harris of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis delivered a lecture last week before the department of economics of Missouri University on "Banking Methods." This is the first of a series of lectures to be delivered by prominent bankers of Missouri.

Rev. B. F. January.

Dixon, Mo.: Rev. B. F. January, pastor of the local M. E. church, died at his home in this city, after a short illness, aged 71 years.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING

THIS YOUNG WOMAN APPEALED IN VAIN FOR HELP.

When Hope had Almost Settled Into Utter Despair Relief Came from an Unexpected Source.

Mrs. Emma Heidebreder, of No. 1323 Joy street, Burlington, Iowa, whose husband is an employee of the Rand Lumber Co., tells a story of pitiable suffering:

"For about five years," she says, "I had a host of physical ills that kept me an invalid and puzzled the doctors. Some of them thought I was going into consumption. At times I was so weak that I could not comb my hair or even wash my face. Then excruciating pains ran suddenly up my thigh and I had to be carried to bed screaming in my agony. I could no longer do my work and the drain upon my husband's purse was very heavy. I craved food but what I ate only gave me discomfort. My liver was torpid, and often I had to be carried to the door for air to save me from suffocating.

"The worst was the pain which seemed as if my thigh were being pushed out of my body. The best doctors could do was to deaden it by narcotics. Once they thought I could not live for more than two days. In one of my worst attacks, a friend said: 'Why don't you try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills? They are the only thing that ever helped my rheumatism.'

"I took his advice. After using one box I felt better, and I continued to use the pills for three or four months with steady improvement until I was well. For four years I have been able to do all my household work, and no longer have to take medicine for any serious trouble. I gave one box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to a man on crutches because of rheumatism and advised my market woman to buy a box when she was complaining of the same trouble. I heard that he was soon able to throw his crutches away, and she told me she had got rid of the rheumatism by the use of one box and could not thank me too much."

Testimony multiplies as to the magnificent curative powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, nervous headache, palpitation of the heart and all forms of weakness in either male or female. They are sold by all druggists throughout the world.

Altitudinous Luncheon.

Recently a company of fifty Philadelphians had the novel experience of eating luncheon at the top of a brick chimney 275 feet high. The stack had just been completed and the luncheon was in celebration of that fact. An improvised elevator took the guests up the shaft of the chimney, which is eighteen feet in diameter and five feet from the top a platform was built on which the tables were placed.

Perfection.

"Can you tell me anything about Mr. Blank, Mr. Richard Blank?" asked a visitor of a resident in Tidewater, Va. "I mean, of course, about his standing and financial responsibility."

"Mr. Blank, suh, is a perfect gentleman, suh, a perfect gentleman, suh," and here he paused, until he gently whispered, "but short o' cash."

Antipodean Pearl Fishing.

The pearl fisheries of West Australia employ 2,505 men, of whom 110 are Englishmen. The average yield per boat per season is placed at $625 for pearls and $3,375 for pearl shell. At last year's prices the average revenue per boat was $4,200, the average expenditure $2,600, making the average net profit $1,600.

Will Give Official Interview.

In order to get rid of the swarms of reporters and kodak fiends who daily beset him Pierpont Morgan has decided to receive one newspaper man every afternoon and give him any news that is to be given out, under pledge that the recipient shall share his information with the others.

New Idea in Russia.

It is reported that the Russian minister of the interior is considering a project for nationalizing the medical profession, so that all doctors and chemists would be state officials. A commission has been appointed to collect information on the subject.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N.Y.

The Gulf Stream.

The gulf stream is 200 fathoms deep off Cape Florida. Near Cape Hatteras the depth is only half as great, the stream appearing to have run uphill, with an ascent of 10 inches to the mile.

Honduras Has No Market.

Honduras, since 1900, has had no market for her cattle. In the past she has depended on Guatemala, but financial conditions in that republic have closed the market.

Cost Falls on Venice.

As the Italian government declines to contribute, the whole cost of reconstructing the fallen campanile of St. Mark's will be borne by the Venice municipality.

The First Ice Cream.

The first ice cream ever sold as a regular article of commerce was shipped by a Boston merchant named Tudor, in 1805. He sent a load to Martinique.

Figures that Stagger.

The solar system is travelling towards the constellation Hercules at fully 20,000 miles an hour. It will take a million years to get there.

Swim With Eyes Above Water.

Garfish, sunfish, basking shark and dolphins all have the habit of swimming with their eyes above the surface of the water.

Finest Rock Crystal Ball.

The finest rock crystal ball in the world is in the Boston Fine Arts museum. It measures seven and a fourth inches in diameter.

England Well Watered.

Including rivers and canals, it is estimated that no part of England is more than fifteen miles from water communication.

Smallest Flowering Plant.

The smallest flowering plant is a kind of Indian duckweed known as Wolffia microscopica. Each plant has two flowers.

Steel and Iron.

A quarter-inch bar of steel did not break till 8,332 pounds were put upon it; but a bar of iron of the same diameter bore 4,504 pounds only.

Bushels of Truth.

One generation makes money, the next burns it, and the next lives by sifting the ashes.—Puck.

ANOTHER LIFE SAVED.

Mrs. G. W. Fooks, of Salisbury, Md., wife of G. W. Fooks, Sheriff of Wicomico County, says: "I suffered with kidney complaint for eight years. It came on me gradually. I felt tired and weak, was short of breath and was troubled with bloating after eating, and my limbs were badly swollen. One doctor told me it would finally turn to Bright's disease. I was laid up at one time for three weeks. I had not taken Doan's Kidney Pills more than three days when the distressing aching across my back disappeared, and I was soon entirely cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

Baffling Mystery Cleared.

A recent article by the editor of Harper's magazine may help to clear away a cruel mystery that has greatly worried a good many would-be contributors to that popular periodical. Mr. Alden explains that four out of every five manuscripts received are rejected, and that perhaps once in a twelve-month the first offering of a new writer is accepted. Yet why despair?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Diplomat a Fine Pianist.

Theodore Hansen, the new first secretary of the Russian embassy, in Washington, is master of the piano, his touch, technique and expression being almost, if not quite, equal to those of the great professionals. Mr. Hansen is particularly happy in his rendering of works belonging to the modern school.

$100 Reward, $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Invitation From Dead Man.

A resident of Walthamstow, Essex, England, had rather a bad shock the other evening. He received a letter the address of which was in the handwriting of a friend who had been dead six months. Upon opening the missive he found it to be an invitation to lunch. The letter had been nearly a year in transit.

Killed at the Telephone.

Otis Parker was instantly killed at Paris, Tex., the other night, while using a telephone. He had the receiver to his ear when he suddenly dropped dead from an electric shock. The 'phone must have come in connection with an alternating current by crossing other wires.

Mrs. J. H. Giles, Everett, Pa., Suffered years with kidney and bladder trouble. Cured by Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. Rondout, N. Y., $1.00.

Kept Family Records.

Two New Jersey people celebrated their golden wedding recently, and the family record reads: "Cross words spoken by either husband or wife, none; number of times the kitchen fire has had to be built, 18,263; number of times Mr. Dixon has built it, 18,263." But are family records always to be depended on?

World's Largest Bean Field.

The present average yield of lima beans in Southern California is 22,000,000 pounds, which is about three-fourths of the total production of the world. One ranch in the bean country covers 1,500 acres. This is the largest bean field in the world, and it requires forty tons of seed beans to plant it.

Her Position.

A young lady applicant for a school out west, says a St. Louis humorist, was asked the question: "What is your position upon whipping children?" and her reply was: "My usual position is on a chair, with the child held firmly across my knees, face downward." She got the school.

Chancellor Opposes Football.

Chancellor Day of Syracuse university gives notice that unless the present dangers to life and limb are reformed out of football his conscience will force him to declare war upon the game and to ask the executive board to restrain the young Syracusans from engaging in it.

TILL NOON.

The Simple Dish That Keeps One Vigorous and Well Fed.

When the doctor takes his own medicine and the grocer eats the food he recommends some confidence comes to the observer.

A Grocer of Ossian, Ind., had a practical experience with food worth anyone's attention.

He says: "Six years ago I became so weak from stomach and bowel trouble that I was finally compelled to give up all work in my store, and in fact all sorts of work, for about four years. The last year I was confined to the bed nearly all of the time, and much of the time unable to retain food of any sort on my stomach. My bowels were badly constipated continually and I lost in weight from 165 pounds down to 88 pounds.

"When at the bottom of the ladder I changed treatment entirely and started in on Grape-Nuts and cream for nourishment. I used absolutely nothing but this for about three months. I slowly improved until I got out of bed and began to move about.

"I have been improving regularly and now in the past two years have been working about fifteen hours a day in the store and never felt better in my life.

"During these two years I have never missed a breakfast of Grape-Nuts and cream, and often have it two meals a day, but the entire breakfast is always made of Grape-Nuts and cream alone.

"Since commencing the use of Grape-Nuts I have never used anything to stimulate the action of the bowels, a thing I had to do for years, but this food keeps me regular and in fine shape, and I am growing stronger and heavier every day.

"My customers, naturally, have been interested and I am compelled to answer a great many questions about Grape-Nuts.

"Some people would think that a simple dish of Grape-Nuts and cream would not carry one through to the noonday meal, but it will and in the most vigorous fashion."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Salvationists Building Citadel.

The Salvation Army is building a large citadel in Cleveland, Ohio, for institutional work. Total cost will be about $90,000. Already $30,000 has been paid on the building and site. An appeal to John D. Rockefeller for assistance has brought forth the response that if by May 1, 1903, $80,000 has been paid on the entire cost he will make the final payment of $10,000.

A Kansas Editor Ruminates.

It is said that when a hungry Indian goes hunting he kills the first thing he sees, if it is only a crow. If he kills a duck he drops the crow and if he gets a deer he throws away the duck. Some girls are regular Indians, aren't they?—Lane New Leaf.

Modeled on Y. M. C. A.

The success of the Young Men's Christian association in Japan has called into existence a young men's Buddhist association, modeled on the same lines and aiming to inspire not only religious but patriotic sentiment in the minds of its members.

Write MURINE EYE REMEDY Co., Chicago, if your eyes are sore or inflamed, and get complete advice and free sample MURINE. It cures all eye ills.

Musical While Asleep.

Harvey Joyce of Tingley, Pa., occupies a sleeping room with John Richler. The latter is a violinist, but the former never plays when awake. The other night, while in a somnambulistic state, Joyce took possession of Richler's violin, and played two tunes with musical skill. His roommate was aroused by the music and stared at him in wonder.

A Jewel of a Servant.

When the hired girl who set the plates for a little dinner in Lawrence, Kan., read in the local papers that "covers were laid" for fifteen guests, she entered an indignant denial, saying that only two of the whole party got so bad that they had to go to bed. That servant is a jewel.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Would Please Napoleon.

Napoleon, if he were alive, would be gratified to learn that the population of France, which decreased 25,988 in 1900, increased 72,398 in 1901, and all the more so because the increase last year was due more to an increase in the number of births than to a lowering of the death rate.

Strange Walking Fish.

The "walking fish" of Santa Catalina channel, California, is a member of the pediculati tribe, and has congeners among the gulf weed of the Mexican coast. Its pectoral fins are shaped so as to serve for legs, and it can rest on them so as to snap its prey. It builds a nest of seaweed.

Owes Position to Accident.

Alard Sheck, military attache of the German embassy in Washington, is said to owe his appointment to his close resemblance to President Roosevelt, the German emperor himself having remarked this and suggested the brilliant young officer for the billet.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Discovered Gigantic Glacier.

Rev. James Outtram, a noted Scottish mountain climber, who has been visiting unexplored districts of the Rocky mountains in British Columbia, says he discovered on Mount Columbia a gigantic glacier covering 200 square miles.

Painter a Confirmed Bachelor.

John S. Sargent, the American portrait painter, who is coming to this country to do a picture of President Roosevelt, is so much of a bachelor that he bars the opposite sex even in the matter of domestic science.

A prominent Southern lady, Mrs. Blanchard, of Nashville, Tenn., tells how she was cured of backache, dizziness, painful and irregular periods by the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gratitude compels me to acknowledge the great merit of your Vegetable Compound. I have suffered for four years with irregular and painful menstruation, also dizziness, pains in the back and lower limbs, and fitful sleep. I dreaded the time to come which would only mean suffering to me.

"Better health is all I wanted, and cure if possible. **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** brought me health and happiness in a few short months. I feel like another person now. My aches and pains have left me. Life seems new and sweet to me, and everything seems pleasant and easy.

"Six bottles brought me health, and was worth more than months under the doctor's care, which really did not benefit me at all. I am satisfied there is no medicine so good for sick women as your Vegetable Compound, and I advocate it to my lady friends in need of medical help."—MRS. B. A. BLANCHARD, 422 Broad St., Nashville, Tenn.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhœa, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

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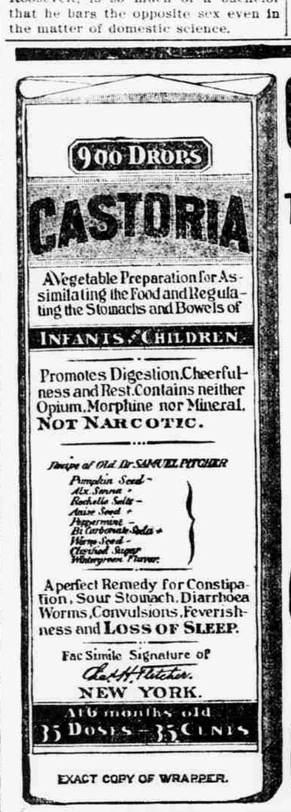

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