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Talk about fine chocolates, Krell &
Math handle only those that took
premiums at the World's fair.

Don't fail to see the bargains on
the 5 and 10-cent counter at the
Eastern Fair, 2107 and 2109 Fourth
avenue.

Why do your own baking, when
you can buy such lovely cakes at
Krell & Math's, and at prices that
will surprise you?

If you want to give a party, and
wish to serve the daintiest refresh-
ments, and have everything nice, be
sure and have Krell & Math supply
everything for you.

Theo Free, of the Eastern Fair, is
now occupying both stores, 2107 and
2109 Fourth avenue, and has greatly
increased his stock in crockery,
glassware and cutlery, of which he
now carries a full line, and will be
able to fill all orders. This also in-
creases space for holiday goods, of
which he has a large line that will
be sold from 10 to 20 per cent lower
than anywhere in the tri-cities.

A Clerical Wit.

The New England clergyman of the rural
districts a century ago held a position of
great responsibility. Frequently he would
be the only liberally educated man of the
town, and he was therefore not only looked
up to as a religious teacher, but he had to
run the schools, hear and settle conten-
tions and be ready to give advice upon all
sorts of subjects.

The weight of responsibility, together
with the old abhorrence of anything like
frivolity, made the old time rural clergy-
man rather a sedate, solemn individual,
who had the appearance of carrying an em-
pire on his shoulders. But somehow a man
of a little different stamp had a parish in
one of the tier of southern towns in New
Hampshire, and some of his quaint and
witty remarks are preserved in the tradi-
tions of the town to this day.

It is related that upon one occasion he ex-
changed pulpits with a brother clergyman
of the next town, and just before the ser-
mon gave out and read a very long hymn,
after which he paused a moment as if se-
lecting some stanzas for omission in sing-
ing, then looked at the choir, then back to
the hymn, then scanning the choir a second
time, remarked, "Well, I guess you may
sing it all; you'd rather sing than hear
the old man preach."

At another time he was attending a meet-
ing of the clergy, when the question for
discussion was, "Is there such a thing as
disinterested benevolence?" After the dis-
cussion had gone on for a while, this pastor
arose and declared that there was such a
thing as disinterested benevolence, for he
had seen it. With a twinkle in his eye he
went on to state that his brother—, a
clergyman of the next town, had been tell-
ing him that his parish had just raised his
salary \$50 without his asking for it.

"If that isn't a case of pure, disinterested
benevolence, I don't know what it is," said
the speaker.

His merry way removed the barbs from
the pointed shaft, and no harm was done,
as the story goes.—Boston Herald.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are
improved more by the pleasant laxa-
tive, Syrup of Figs, when in need of
the laxative effect of a gentle remedy
than any other, and that is more ac-
ceptable to them. Children enjoy it
and it benefits them. The true rem-
edy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by
the California Fig Syrup company only.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Dates.

For the above occasion the Bur-
lington, Cedar Rapids & Northern
railway will sell excursion tickets at
all stations to points on its line with-
in a radius 200 miles, at a very low
rate for the round trip.

Tickets on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30
and 31, 1898, and Jan. 1, 1899, good
to return until and including Jan.
3, 1899.

For rates, tickets, time of trains
and other information, call on or ad-
dress any agent of this company.

J. E. HANNEGAN,
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A. O. U. W.

A full attendance of the members
of Noble Lodge No. 1, A. O. U. W.,
is requested at a meeting of their
lodge Monday evening, Dec. 11.
A special grand lodge deputy will
be present and deliver an address to
the meeting. All members of sister
lodges are earnestly requested to be
present. H. A. JOHNSON, Recorder.
E. O. LUNDY, M. W.

11 Day Excursion.

For Christmas and New Year's
holidays the C., M. & St. P. will sell
excursion tickets at one fare and one-
third for round trip, within a distance
of 200 miles. Tickets on sale Dec.
23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1; good to
return up to and including Jan. 3.
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Landed.

He—I have loved you long. Will you be
mine?
She—Oh, Mr. Smith, this is so sudden—
such a surprise!
He—Yes, I know, dearest, but your father
and mother keep writing to know my in-
tentions.—Frank.

BOILING POINTS.

These Are Unnumerable and Form a Cur-
ious Study.

It is interesting to note that the tem-
perature at which a liquid boils is the
same as that at which its vapor is con-
densed, precisely as the temperature at
which water freezes is the same as that
at which ice melts.

It may seem superfluous to observe
that there are more boiling points than
the boiling point of water. If it were
not so, all bodies would be in the solid,
liquid or gaseous state together, and life
would be impossible. It is partly by
giving every substance its own boiling
point, or rather its own set of boiling
points—for the fixed temperature, even
for the same substance, is a fallacy—
that nature has rendered our physical
environment suitable to our needs.

What is generally understood by the
boiling point of water is a temperature
of 212 degrees on the Fahrenheit ther-
mometric scale, but Alpine climbers
know well that, on a high mountain,
water boils at a very much lower tem-
perature—on the summit of Mont Blanc
at 184 degrees. The reason is that, at
these altitudes, the pressure of the at-
mosphere is very much reduced, since
the density of the air decreases with the
distance above the earth's surface, and
the water expands at a correspondingly
lower temperature, passing more read-
ily into the vaporous condition, in which
the volume of a given mass of any sub-
stance is always far greater than that
of the same mass when liquid. The
boiling point of liquid is, therefore,
seen to depend not only on temperature,
but also on pressure, and the boiling
point of water at 212 degrees corre-
sponds to what is called "a pressure of
one atmosphere," approximately 15
pounds to the square inch, or the pres-
sure capable of supporting the column
of mercury in a mercurial barometer
at a height of 29.9 inches. This is the
average pressure of the atmosphere at
the sea level, and if it is reduced the
boiling point is lowered, while if it is
increased the boiling point is raised.

A very curious result is arrived at
if we place a vessel of water in the re-
ceiver of an airpump and reduce the
pressure to .006 of an atmosphere, for
then the water boils at 32 degrees—that
is, at its freezing point under ordinary
pressure. Since it is now possible to
produce an almost perfect vacuum,
water may be boiled at still lower tem-
peratures.

All liquids do not boil at the same
temperature. Thus, while water under
a pressure of one atmosphere boils at
212 degrees, alcohol, which passes more
readily into the state of vapor, boils
at 172.3 degrees and ether at 93.8 de-
grees, which is below the normal tem-
perature of the body.

Since increase of pressure retards the
vaporization of a liquid, it of course
facilitates the liquefaction of a gas by
assisting the process of contraction.
Consequently many gases are capable
of being liquefied by pressure alone,
though only when they are below what
is called their critical temperature
(different for every different gas), above
which cold as well as pressure becomes
necessary. Oxygen, hydrogen and nitro-
gen are the most remarkable examples
of gases having low critical tempera-
tures, and it is only recently that their
liquefaction has been accomplished at
all. They were long thought to be
"permanent gases," but it is now
known that all gases are liquefiable.

The boiling points of oxygen and ni-
trogen are respectively 373.3 degrees
and 356 degrees F. below the freez-
ing point of water, and therefore
these are the highest temperatures at
which they can exist as liquids. To
produce these extremely low tempera-
tures it is necessary to employ great
pressure along with freezing mixtures.

The most remarkable liquefaction which
has yet been accomplished is that of
air. It was supposed that the oxygen
and nitrogen having different boiling
points, they would liquefy separately.
This is not the case; the mixture lique-
fies as air and presents the appearance
of water, but on being again evaporated
the nitrogen evaporates first and the ox-
ygen afterward. This is a puzzle in
physics which will doubtless be ex-
plained ere long.—Good Words.

Love For the Zigzag.

The straight line is an abomination to
the Chinese. They endeavor to
avoid it in their streets and buildings
and have banished it completely where
country field paths are concerned.
They will always substitute a curve
whenever possible, or they will torture
it into a zigzag.

In districts not devastated by the Tai
Pings nor subject to the influence of the
foreigner, the houses and temples are
characterized by curved, often
peaked, roofs, ornamented with fantas-
tic modifications of the "myriad stroke
pattern." The inhabitants of such re-
gions are soon found to have a mental
world to correspond. The straight line
is scorned. They think in curves and
zigzags. To the Chinese mind the
straight line is suggestive of death and
demons. It belongs not to the heaven
above nor to the earth beneath. In a
true horizon line are seen the "undula-
tions of the dragon." Therefore, argue
the Chinese, the straight line pertains
to hades.—Contemporary Review.

Hope Without Faith.

"Oh, doctor, I have sent for you,
certainly; still I must confess I have
not the slightest faith in modern medi-
cal science."

"Oh, that doesn't matter in the least.
You see, a mule has no faith in the
veterinary surgeon, and yet he cures
him all the same."—Tagliche Rund-
schau.

An Economical Wife.

He—I can't send my clothes to the
tailor's every time they need a button.
We must economize. Can't you sew
on those suspender buttons yourself?
She—Here, my dear; fasten them
up with a hairpin. That will save
thread, you know.—New York Weekly.

COUNTY BUILDING.

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E. Carlson, lot 6, block V, Moline
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line, \$650.

Jacob Stewart to Sarah E. Norton,
lot 17, block 1, Stewart's add., South
Moline, \$1,050.

the Fair.

Oh, no! Twenty-three million five
hundred and twenty-nine thousand four
hundred people did not pass through the
gates of the Chicago fair, nor did 21,477,
212 individuals pay for admission. It is
fair to assume that at least 250,000 of
Chicago's residents went in a dozen times
each and some of them a hundred times.
Scores of thousands of citizens blurred
their eyes, blistered their feet and wearied
their physiques all the way from 5 to
25 times each. There is no practical
method of determining just how many
individuals "did" the fair. It is sufficient
for us to know, and very pleasant also,
that after every cent is paid there will
remain at least \$1,000,000 to be divided
among the enterprising, plucky and gen-
erous stockholders.—Joe Howard.

Burning Soil.

A special in the New York World
from Fort Dodge, Ia., says: Several hun-
dred acres in Humboldt county, which
this summer raised the biggest hay crop
in Iowa, are burning away to ashes,
the soil itself being consumed by fire to
a depth of 15 feet. Two years ago the
land was several feet under water and
was known as Owl lake. It was drained
by a big ditch and dried up, leaving a
very rich soil. A few days ago, when a
prairie fire swept over it, the soil itself
took fire, burning like turf. The fire
eats down to a hard clay that will be of
no use for farming purposes. Any num-
ber of interesting fossil remains are ex-
posed to view where the fire has burned
out.

A Little Girl's Experiences in a Lighthouse

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