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## Churches and Societies.

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Presbyterian—Rev. C. H. Ferras, pastor. Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 9:30. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Thursdays.

Methodist—Rev. H. W. Jones, pastor. Services at 7 p. m. every Sunday and at 11 a. m. on the first and third Sundays at the Punta Gorda church; Sunday school every Sunday 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. Epworth League meets every Sunday 3:30 p. m. Charlotte Harbor Methodist church—Services at 7 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays and at 7 p. m. on Saturdays previous.

Punta Gorda Baptist Church—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.

Seventh-day Adventist sabbath school 10 a. m. preaching 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m. C. B. Stephenson, Elder.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Meets every Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

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Pythian—Tarpon Lodge No. 89, K. of P. Meets on Wednesday night of each week in Masonic hall. H. L. Blakely, C. C.; A. Roe, K. of B. & B.

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## SUBURBAN DOTS.

J. W. Byrd, of Cordele, Ga., was down looking after his interests this past week and was greatly surprised at the improvement of Punta Gorda and surrounding country.

Iredel Johnson has moved his residence up from Boca Grande. He will build on his land joining that of J. Swisher. He intends to build a comfortable 5-room cottage.

It is reported that Dr. Silcox has sold his young grove in La Villa.

N. N. Wakefield is having the pine stumps taken out of his yard and planting it in fruit trees. He and Wm. Rankie have contracted with Clay Porter for a number of water oaks to set out in front of their respective places.

Gordon Perkins was out boating Sunday with a fair companion. They stopped to take in the Solana sights, also for a drink.

Jack Farrington is getting his place ready for trees. Jack is going to have a beauty in time.

Mr. Whitten has purchased 3 acres from the Rev. Smith Hardin in Pineapple Center.

I hear that the Plant System contemplates a change in the management and that the Hon. F. Q. Brown would be the new president.

Mr. F. W. Howard continues to improve the roads in Solana. He soon will have them in fine condition.

A bunch of hogs owned by some "one have been playing havoc in the potato patches. The owner had better get them.

Mr. T. Stephenson is figuring on about \$20,000 worth of work for different parties in and around Punta Gorda.

I was compelled by the force of circumstances, the order of the grand jury and my supposed knowledge of blind tigers combined, to make a trip to Arcadia where I was agreeably surprised to notice the improvement in our county seat. I also met my old friend, Billy Lamar, who is managing the Arcadia House. I regret to state that his wife is very sick with typhoid fever.

Gen. Gilchrist informs me that the Jackson place is for sale cheap. I wish that he would find a buyer soon as it has been an eye-sore in the neighborhood for some time.

H. Farrell has gained quite a reputation from the successful way he has of setting out young trees. He is in constant demand by different parties to set out their trees.

Mrs. Hewitt is having her place in East Punta Gorda rapidly got in shape. She set out quite a number of young trees this week.

Mr. Weeks and Mr. R. Seavey have gone down the bay on a trip to A. Guthrie's fish camp at Estero.

Mr. T. Stephenson had a severe attack of illness Sunday. We are glad to hear that he is getting along nicely and hopes soon to be out.

Mrs. G. Seavey has been confined to her home for some days on account of lame back.

All the pineries are blooming with a prospect of a full crop this summer.

S. I. Huffman has purchased the young grove on Shell creek.

## A BRIGHT BOY DIES.

After an illness of three weeks, Russell, the bright and affectionate little son and oldest child of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts, died last Friday, 21st inst., and was buried the following day. The best medical skill supplemented by the unremitting care and attention of his devoted parents failed to arrest the fatal malady that carried him off.

He was only seven years and six months old, but had thus early given promise of a useful life. He was a handsome, manly little fellow and modest without as a girl, ever ready to assist his parents in any way that he could, and they are naturally sorely grieved at his loss.

He was fond of going to school, was attentive to his books and of evident to his teachers, and he endeavored himself by his brightness and affectionate disposition to all who knew him.

May the Lord soothe the hearts made desolate by his death and give them the comfort of feeling that they will find him again bright and happy forever in a land where separation and sorrow never enter.

HOTEL NOT CLOSED. The announcement last week that Hotel Punta Gorda had closed was premature. It was made on authority of Manager Van Ripper, but it seems that Mr. Van Ripper had only closed his engagement as manager and that the hotel is to continue open under the management of Mr. J. H. Conannon.

The latter has had the hotel thoroughly overhauled, has plenty of rooms for guests and will have abundant help in a few days, when he will be prepared to present a bill of fare in keeping with the character of the hotel. Meanwhile no guests will be turned away.

NEW WOOD MILL. I have just bought a new wood mill and am prepared to fill promptly and deliver all orders for stove and firewood of regular lengths at \$1.50 a strand or \$4.50 per cord. Leave orders at Seaward's. 7-11 THAD GILLIS.

## PAST HIS FIRST YOUTH.

A Powl That Was Hardly to Blame For Proving Tough. The swan is said to be excellent eating when young, but as it is one of the longest lived of all creatures it is well to learn if possible how old your bird is before you cook it.

A gentleman in Lincolnshire, England, sent a dead swan to the Athenaeum club, addressed to the secretary. A special dinner was to occur that week, and the committee without question turned the bird over to the cook.

At the dinner the swan, resting on a great silver dish, was a delight to the eye, but when it came to carving and eating the bird no knife seemed sharp enough to cut it, and of course eating it was out of the question.

A few days later the donor met the secretary and said, "I hope you got my swan all right."

"That was a nice joke you played on us," returned the secretary.

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## ODD CLASSIFICATION.

The Way a Carload of Tramps Was Designated in Mexico. In Mexico the billing of railroad freight requires a knowledge and precision which can only be attained by years of practice. This is due to the peculiar classification of various articles and the different rates of customs duties. A case recently occurred which severely taxed the ingenuity of the station agent, although he finally succeeded in meeting all requirements.

The town was overrun with tramps, and the council determined that steps must be taken to rid the city of them. It was finally decided to round them up and ship them out of the country. It would be too expensive to purchase tickets, so they concluded to hire stock cars and ship their tramps as freight.

The cars were procured, and by the aid of the police the tramps were gathered, but then the question arose as to how the shipment should be designated on the bill of lading.

The term "persons" could not be used, as it would conflict with the state law relative to proper accommodations for the traveling public, and it would also be in violation of the company's rules governing the rates of passenger traffic. "Marketable commodities" would not do, as that would subject the carload to a heavy duty upon crossing the tariff zone. Again they would have to be classified as "perishable" or the dispatcher might order the car sidetracked along the line.

But fortunately there is a customs law which exempts certain kinds of curiosities from duty, and so, after much consideration, the tramps were billed and forwarded as so many hundredweight of "perishable curiosities—unfit to eat."

## Curing a Duellist.

It is said that a Harvard man who was visiting Paris in some innocent way offended a club member, who promptly slapped his face, the Frenchman expecting, of course, to receive a challenge for a duel. Instead of this proceeding the Harvard man turned and looked for an instant at his adversary, then quick as a flash pulled back his strong right hand and sent the fellow rolling across the floor, breaking the bones of his nose in two places.

After a few weeks, when the Frenchman had sufficiently recovered from the incident to discover what had happened, he issued a formal challenge to the American offender to fight a duel, and, being the recipient of the challenge, the American was permitted to select the weapons. He promptly chose a baseball and, being an old pitcher, threw with an accuracy which resulted in the Frenchman's getting another wound on the nose, curing him entirely of the love for dueling.

How New York Steeps. New York is a city of infinite variety. There are those who have beds without sleep and those who sleep without beds. Three thousand of her winter residents slumber in the cradles of the canal barges that come each year from the great lakes and Lake Champlain to spend the winter months moored in New York harbor. In the tenement districts a man, his wife and his four or six or eight or more children sleep in a single room and one who goes about the city finds many a device for slumber and repose. On Washington street, on the west side, where the Turks, the Greeks, the Assyrians and the Egyptians live near neighbors to a colony of Irish, is a queer little oriental hotel on the top floor of a tenement.

Confederate Camp Flags. The Confederate stars and bars were in 1903 supplemented by the camp flag. This was in size and shape like the other, except that it was white, with no stripes, and the battlements in the upper corner next the staff. It was found deficient in actual service in a flag of truce, and on Feb. 24, 1865, it gave place to the last flag of the Confederacy, the outer half being a red vertical bar. Appearing so late in the war, it was not so familiar as the other, in fact, it was comparatively little known.

Rome's Churches. The guidebooks are responsible for the popular impression that there are 365 churches in Rome, one for every day in the year, but that is a mistake. The exact number is 352, including the four great basilicas outside the walls. Besides these there are about 118 chapels connected with monasteries, nunneries, schools and private palaces and a large number of shrines erected by individuals in different parts of the city to fulfill vows or show gratitude for deliverance from peril or sickness. There are 68 monastic establishments, 42 for monks and 26 for nuns.

The Umbrella's Conscience. A correspondent contributes another to the series of umbrella myths. During a smart shower a gentleman who was unprovided hurriedly overtook an acquaintance whom he chanced to see some distance ahead of him carrying an umbrella, intending to ask if he might be permitted to share its shelter. He was almost up to him, when suddenly the other turned around and with a guilty look thrust it into his hands and vanished.—London Globe.

His Weak Spot. Casey—Did ye hear about poor Flannery? Cassidy—Sorra the word. Casey—Sure, the big stame hammer in the foundry dropped down on his chest an' killed him. Cassidy—Well, O'm not surprised, for he always had a wake chest.—Philadelphia Press.

ANT MARIAN—When I was here two years ago, Hulda was looking for a husband. She is married now. Uncle George—Yes, but she is still looking for him—that is to say, a good deal of the time.—Boston Transcript.

## RISTORI AS A DIPLOMAT.

How the Great Actress Won Courtship of Her Cause. Ristori was charged with the mission of bringing round Prince Gortchakof to the side of Italian unity when she went in 1890 to a play at St. Petersburg. As the court was in mourning she was commanded to come and recite "Maria Stuarda" at the Winter palace. Mme. Ristori recited her great part and electrified the court. The czar shed tears.

After she retired from the room where the imperial party was to a salon filled with courtiers, the czar's wife brought in Prince Gortchakof and presented him. He had something to say about the emotional character of Ristori's recitation. He wondered how she could have been so deeply stirred by the sufferings of one who had perished so many centuries ago.

"I was not thinking of her," cried Ristori. "I was thinking of a living and discredited martyr, supposed to be dead, but living. I was thinking of my beloved Italy. I wanted, under the name of Maria Stuarda, to represent to the minds of their imperial majesties the cause of Italian independence and unity, and I think they vibrated in unison with my patriotic efforts. I now want to convert you, prince, for I am afraid you think that Italy must not be resuscitated, though she has risen as if from the dead and is full of life, energy, hope."

Gortchakof answered in diplomatic commonplace. At length he appeared moved by Ristori's eloquence and said: "I promise to refer the matter to his imperial majesty. You have not pleaded in vain."

Ralph Waldo Emerson's Speech. There is an old tradition that tells how Ralph Waldo Emerson, the Sage of Concord, once went on a wild, reckless spree. Henry of Marcus Aurelius, Alcott and the serene heights of Concord, he resolved to make a plunge into the vortex of crime and folly in a great city to see vice and the vicious at close range and thus learn by experience of the underworld.

He went straight to the saloon of one Brigham in Boston. In those days far famed among Harvard students as the original inventor of more "fancy drinks" than any one since the days of Father Bacchus. Bewildered by the festive scene and the endless list of beverages he had never heard of, he asked Brigham which one of the whole bibulous catalogue might be relied on to impart the largest sum total of experience in the shortest possible time, to which devout inquiry genial Brigham, who at once took in the situation, is said to have replied, "Oh, I guess a glass of lemonade would be the right thing for you!"—Boston Herald.

Supplied the Want. A certain writer while in San Francisco visited the new house of an old friend, a gentleman of Irish extraction. The hostess evidently took great pride in the house, the furnishings of which were new and beautiful and gave every evidence of taste and refinement. The writer, who has an eye for the beautiful, gave unstinted praise to everything he saw.

"But," he said, "I am sorry to see that your house, beautiful as it is, lacks one ornament which no Irish house should be without."

"What is that?" she asked unsuspectingly.

"A pig," replied the writer, with a satisfied chuckle.

The hostess's eyes sparkled.

"It did," she said indignantly, "but you have supplied the want."—New York Times.

English Names For Towns. Many names of towns in England have been appropriated for a similar use in this country. These names frequently indicate themselves the origin of the towns. For instance, names ending in "chester" or "cester" or "caster," such as Dorchester, Worcester and Lancaster, undoubtedly apply to sites of old military settlements or camps, and the termination is derived from "castra," the Latin word for camp. If the name of a place ends in "coln," like Lincoln, then, too, is of Roman origin, because the Latin word for colony is colonia. When the syllable "by" ends the word, like Rugby, we then know that the Danes are responsible for the name, for the Danish word for town is by.

Judicial Differentiation. Dipper (at wayside tavern)—That was Judge Close, who just took a solitary at the bar; know him, I suppose.

Tipper—Oh, fairly well.

Dipper—Examining fellow. I loved him a small bill at one time, and being tied up at the time, I went to him for a little indulgence, and he wouldn't even give me thirty days.

Hardcase (interposing)—Excuse me, gentlemen, but I had a little different experience. I didn't owe him anything, and he gave me seven years.—Boston Courier.

Penalities of the Opium. The American opium is one of the most curious animals living in the United States. It is the only one that carries its young in a pouch like the kangaroo. It is the only animal that can feign death perfectly. It is remarkable for hanging by its tail like a monkey. It has hands resembling those of a human being. Its mouth is like a bag, while its mouth is liberally furnished with teeth. Its eyes are like a rat's, and it hisses like a snake.

Too Attractive. "Now, here," said the salesman, "is a very fine umbrella. The handle, you will observe, is especially attractive."

"That's just what I want to avoid. Every umbrella I ever owned has been entirely too attractive."—San Francisco Post.

Lucky Girl. Mr. Cropper (after the fox hunt)—Were you in the death? Miss Annie Seed—Well, rather. My poor old grandfather left me a quarter of a million.—Philadelphia Press.