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MONDAY, August 30.

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FROZEN MAN'S FIASCO. Poor Little Wadkins and the Girl Who Choked a Catamount. "I understand," inquiringly remarked the able editor of the Hawville Clarion, who was in search of news, "that you attended a wedding out at Frozen Man last night, Iko?" "I went that far for that purpose," replied Alkali Iko. "Give me the names of the happy couple, please."

A Fable Up to Date. A fierce cat once assailed a large mastiff and used most abusive language toward the canine. The dog listened for a time and then walked away. "Why did you tamely submit to such abuse?" inquired a friend. "You could have eaten that cat without any trouble."

Insanity Was His Plea. A murderer, who had been attended by a physician, addressed the following note to the letter from the jail: "Dear doctor, please make out your bill and send it to me right away. My trial comes off next week, and I am to be insane at that time and will so continue until I reach the asylum. I want to pay my debts before I lose my mind."

Going Even Further. Hicks-In my judgment, no man ought to marry until he is fully able to support a wife. Wicks-In my judgment, no man ought to marry until he is able to support a wife and four small children.

Housekeeper (to employment agent)—I don't want another young girl. Can't you get me a settled woman? Agent—Yes, madam. I know one who has had three husbands and doesn't want any more.—New York Weekly. The Cumminville Sage. "The honeymoon may be said to be over," said the Cumminville sage in a fine burst of aliteration, "when the bills for bacon begin to be bigger than the bills for boxes and bonbons."

AN INDICTMENT. Low browed woman that stole my love, Fairer than I, less true, You fooled him first with your wily tongue And your eyes' deceitful blue. You looked in his till you made him swear His first love was all a dream, While you let him toy with your yellow hair And bask in your smile's false gleam.

LINCOLN'S CHIDING. His Gentle Reproof In Reply to General Hunter's Ugly Letter. Another remarkable evidence of the great kindness of heart of Abraham Lincoln has been brought to light in the form of a long lost letter which the martyred president wrote to General Daniel Hunter in 1861.

EXECUTIVE MASHION, WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1861. Major General Hunter: DEAR SIR—Yours of the 22d is received, and I am constrained to say it is difficult to answer so ugly a letter in good temper. I am, as you intimate, feeling much of the great confidence placed in you, not from any act or commission of yours touching the public service up to the time you were sent to Leavenworth, but from the flood of grumbling dispatches and letters I have seen from you since. I know you were being ordered to Leavenworth at the time it was done, and I aver that, with as tender a regard for your honor and your responsibilities as I had for my own, it never occurred to me that you were being "humiliated, insulted and disgraced," nor have I up to this day heard any intimation that you have been wronged coming from any one but yourself.

A Novel Bridge at Rouen. This novel engineering work is called a "pont transbordeur" and is designed to fulfill all the purposes of a bridge, while it will offer no obstruction to the passage of ships with towering masts. On each side of the river will be erected a small Eiffel tower, about 170 feet in height, and these towers will be joined at the top by a lattice-work bridge upon which lines of rails will be laid.

The Colored Deacon's Figurative Prayer. A white minister, after conducting services at a colored church, asked an old deacon to lead in prayer. The brother in black offered a fervent appeal for the white brother and said: "O Lord, let him de eye ob de eagle det he spy out sin afar off. Put his hands to det gospel plow. Tie his tongue to det line ob truth. Nail his ear to det gospel pole. Bow his head way down between his knees and his knees way down in some lonesome, dark and narver valley where prayer is much wanted to be made. 'Noint him wid he kerosene ile of salvation and sot him on fire."—Roanoke News.

Discovery of Sulphur Mines. It is said that the sulphur mines near Buckley, Wash., were discovered by a camper, whose fire on a rock gave rise to such fumes that he was forced to move a long distance to escape suffocation. Within the last decade the population of Europe has increased by about 30,000,000, of whom Russia contributed 12,510,000 and France only 67,000.

In a Sydney newspaper lately there was this advertisement: "Wanted, a man able to teach French and the piano and to look after a bull."

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LEGAL NOTICES. BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF the corporation court of the city of Roanoke, Va., entered on the 1st day of July, 1897, in the chancery suit of Josiah Friend's administratrix and als. vs. A. P. Staples, trustee, and als., the undersigned as special commissioners appointed by said decree will offer for sale in front of the courthouse at public auction to the highest bidder at 12 o'clock noon on the 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1897, the following property situated in the city of Roanoke, Va., to-wit: First, Beginning at a point on the southwest corner of Campbell and Randolph streets, thence south 2 degrees 15 minutes west 100 feet to a point, thence north 87 degrees 45 minutes west 100 feet to a point, thence north 2 degrees 15 minutes east 100 feet to the place of beginning.

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ROANOKE STREET RAILWAY SCHEDULE IN EFFECT APRIL 21, 1897. Table with columns for Crystal Spring, Va. Col'ge, West End, etc. and rows for various routes and times.

Table with columns for Vinton, Norwich, East Roanoke, etc. and rows for various routes and times.

Table with columns for Franklin Road, SALEM, etc. and rows for various routes and times.

N. & W. Norfolk and Western Schedule in Effect July 4, 1897. Table with columns for WESTBOUND LEAVE ROANOKE DAILY and rows for various routes and times.