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Carpets do not usually increase in value as they grow old, but the old Philadelphia mint carpet just taken up, yielded \$100 in pure gold. The new one cost \$70.

In recent legal proceedings in London regarding the noise and vibration caused by a neighboring factory, a phonograph was used to record these noises and reproduce them in court, at the suggestion of Professor S. P. Thompson.

There is a good deal in some names. This is what they have located the little daughter of Archduke Stephen of Austria with: Maria Immacolata Caroline Margaretha Blanca Leopoldine Beatrix Ann Josepha Daufela Michela Stanislaus Ignaz Hieronymus Camillo Katharina Petra Cecilia.

There are strange things in this world. A dream the other night so disturbed Mrs. Samuel Bulling of East Greenfield, Ohio, that she awoke with a start. She imagined that she had been drowning cats in a well and their piteous wails aroused her. Then she discovered that she had dashed her own infant out of the bed with such force that its skull was crushed.

We have had wood paper for a long time, and now it appears we are to be asked to wear wood clothes, even before we are dead. The latest use of wood pulp is in woolen yarn. A way of spinning the pulp has been discovered and the product can be used with wool in making yarn, in the proportion of one part of wood to two parts of wool. Much of this composite yarn is said to have been made into hose, and few complaints as to the wear have yet been received.

The English sparrow threatens to become as big a pest in Australia as it is here, and several of the colonial legislatures have recently enacted laws whereby local authorities are compelled to spend a certain amount of the public funds at their disposal in effecting the destruction of the birds. It looks very much as if this most irrepresible and impudent of all feathered creatures were destined to become as great a hindrance to the prosperity and development of Australia as the rabbit.

New important harbors on the North Sea are projected by both Belgium and Germany. Belgium wants to make a large port at Heyst, the little fishing place beyond Ostend, best known as a quiet bathing resort and as a spot where the old form of Viking ship can still be seen in the fishing vessels. Antwerp is up in arms at the idea of such a rival. Then Germany proposes to develop Cuxhaven into a big port of war, feeling that since the development of her navy she is badly off with only two such harbors—Wilhelmshafen on the North Sea and Kiel on the Baltic. Cuxhaven has the advantage of being at the mouth of the Elbe and close to the entrance of the North Sea canal. Emperor William would like also to see the coast connected with the interior by a network of canals which should unite the big rivers of the empire. Unluckily parliament will not vote the necessary funds for the latter scheme.

It is plain that the mango-smearing mystery was taken very seriously indeed by the Indian authorities. It appears that military precautions were taken in Northern India, on a scale unknown since the country passed to the British crown. In one province the movements of the troops were published in detail in the newspapers in order to make the hopelessness of any attempt at disturbance apparent to all concerned. In another province the strength of the military police was increased, reservists were formed, and a complete set of instructions for emergencies, including a "riot-drill," were issued from headquarters. In each district of Behar, for example, fifty armed police were ready to move at a moment's notice, every town was under the special charge of an officer, a strong reserve lay waiting at Patna, and the troops at Dinajpur were warned to be ready to turn out. In spite of these precautions, and the prolonged measures of mediation which preceded them, no provincial governor breathed freely till the festival of the 16th of June had passed.

There was recently shown to the Edinburgh Medico-Chirurgical society a boy seven years old, who had been under treatment in the hospital for sick children, on account of bronchitis following an attack of measles four months previously, and, on examination, he was found to be suffering from chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Physical examination showed the heart to be on the right side; the apex beat was in the fifth interspace, just internal to the vertical line of the right nipple, and the transverse line of cardiac dullness measured about two and a half inches, the absolute dullness little over an inch; neither the liver nor spleen was palpable, and there was no dulness in the right hypochondrium anteriorly, but posteriorly there was an area of dulness below the ninth rib, extending across from the spine to the posterior axillary line, measuring vertically two and a half inches, on the left side, anteriorly, dulness could be made out, extending transversely in the left hypochondrium from the costal margins to the anterior axillary line. It was obviously difficult to determine the exact position of liver and spleen but, judging from the extent of the dulness on the right side posteriorly, there seemed to be sufficient cause to suspect that the liver was on that side.

STILL GOOD WEATHER FOR CORN.

We have come to the conclusion that man cannot live by corn alone, and that therefore it is possible to overdo this good weather for corn. It is still somewhat pleasing to think of the corn waving Annie dear, and to imagine the corn leaves comfortably and cheerfully floating in a shimmering sea of heat, but it will not be pleasing to so think and so imagine many days longer. It will become monotonous, and there will be a desire for a change, even if by that change corn is made less comfortable and prosperous. It is perhaps sad that human beings are so made that they cannot long cheerfully give up their peace and comfort even for the sake of corn, but such is life. There are already signs that the more selfish ones think that corn has already had enough of a good thing, and that it is about time that they should have a show. Soon this will be openly said, and corn will get itself disliked if it continues to luxuriate in weather that is chiefly and conspicuously good for it. It is a mournful trait of human nature that it doesn't like to see too much comfort and prosperity bestowed on anything but itself.

We again say that this is good weather for corn, but we say it a little grudgingly this time. The announcement is not thoroughly cheerful and altruistic. If the weather continues to be good for corn, we may yet be impelled to ask what is corn that it should be so well treated so long? And is man a pig that he should be thinking all the time about corn?

REMARKABLE, UNUSUAL, ETC., ETC.

Remarkable, unusual, unprecedented, is what they say about the president's letter to Representative Wilson. These and several more adjectives can be used concerning it without straining description. For instance, bold and desperate. It is a bold thing for the president to pitch into the Gorman crowd in the way he does, and it is a bold thing for him to say that "every true Democrat and every sincere tariff reformer knows that this bill in its present form, and as it will be submitted to the conference, falls far short of the consummation for which we have long labored, for which we have suffered defeat without discouragement, which, in its anticipation, gave us a rallying cry in our day of triumph and which, in its promise of accomplishment, is so interwoven with Democratic pledges and Democratic success that our abandonment of the cause or the principles upon which it rests means party perdition and party dishonor." This is a bold declaration for the Democratic president to make, though it is the truth. But the president is a man of courage, as he showed in his treatment of the Debs rebellion, and he is equally bold in telling the truth about the real condition of what was declared at Chicago to be pure Democracy. If there is any Democratic party now it is indeed thoroughly smeared with perdition and dishonor.

Desperate is a good word to use concerning the letter because it is a desperate attempt to defeat the Gorman crowd. As the president puts it: "I cannot rid myself of the feeling that this conference will present the best, if not the only, hope of true democracy. The indications point to its action as the reliance of those who desire the genuine fruition of Democratic effort and fulfillment of Democratic pledges and the redemption of Democratic promises to the people. To reconcile differences in the details comprised within the fixed and well defined lines of principle will not be the sole task of the conference, but, as it seems to me, its members will also have in charge the question whether Democratic principles themselves are to be saved or abandoned." This is the situation. If there are any Democratic principles they do not appear in the tariff bill as it now stands, and unless some Democratic principles are put into it while it is in the conference committee will get into it.

The sugar part of the letter is, like all the sugar business, curious. The president is down on trusts, but while he believes that no tenderness should be entertained for trusts, and while he is decidedly opposed to granting them,

under the guise of tariff taxation, any opportunity to further their peculiar methods, he suggests that "we ought not to be driven away from the Democratic principle and policy which lead to the taxation of sugar, by the fear, quite likely exaggerated, that in carrying out this principle and policy we may indirectly and inordinately encourage a combination of sugar refining interests." This, as we understand it, is about what the Sugar trust believes. It doesn't want too much taxation in its behalf, but just enough.

What effect will the remarkable, the unusual, the unprecedented, the bold and the desperate letter have? Will it upset all the calculations of the Democrats who are not rank free traders and all the little arrangements that have been made to deliver certain goods? We shall be surprised if it does. There has been a great deal of time and money spent in arriving at the present condition of things, and if the president can now knock it all into a cocked hat he will show himself to be a great leader. We think it would be wise for the Democrats in congress to heed his bold and desperate appeal, but as we have lost faith in the wisdom of the Democrats in congress we shall not believe that they are wise until we see convincing evidence that they are.

THE FLEETING SHOW.

Some of Its Facts and Fancies. [Written for the Journal and Courier.] SHALL IT BE THE WATER LILY? Our "national flower." Will it ever be decided upon?

The subject has been much discussed and the claims of many candidates for this honor have repeatedly been urged by their enthusiastic supporters. After all accepted floral emblems of other nations have been excluded—unlike their superfluous population—aspirants were found in all ranks of vegetable life, from decorative but soil-improving weeds up to the useful and practical Indian corn. In fact a whole book, and a very bright and wise little volume it is, too, has been published to advance the cause of the "bounteous, golden corn."

The subject seems to have met with little attention of late, mightier matters having absorbed the thought of the community, yet the idea has by no means been abandoned. A National Floral Emblem society was founded in Chicago last year, and in many states there are state associations, so both general and local forces are quietly being brought to bear upon it. It is evident that the flower or plant should be indigenous to our soil, general in growth, symbolic of our nation's condition, spirit and genius, useful, abundant and beautiful. It is doubtful if any flower appropriately typifies our country; we should choose an entire plant, stalk, leaf, blossom and fruit to symbolize "the union of many in one."

One of the later candidates for the exalted position of national heraldic emblem is the water lily, just now in the fulness of its beauty. A very ingenious, well-sustained argument is advanced in support of its claims by Mrs. Evelyn Mason, the well-known writer, who wisely says that "we must face the conditions natural to the constitution of our government, and search for a flower that shall so excellently symbolize the peace, peace and purity, the beauty of freedom, as, in future, to steady our spirits against any conditions opposed to those of idealized liberty, so that the sight of the flower will keep us from turning back in thought, set, or life, from the highest conceptions of our national destiny."

Asking then, "Can any flower help us out of the tumultuous condition which overwhelms us to-day? Can a flower aid in cleansing the so-called 'mud' of political life?" She goes on to say: "Mud, as it lies at the bottom of a river or stream, is but the accretion or deposit of past forms of life. Now we of the new age know that all life is good and only good, continually, and that the accretions called river mud, like the social and partisan accretions called political mud, are both in their first analysis, forms of life, good after their kind."

Mrs. Mason then gives various facts concerning the "lily flower which springs from the mud, to ride the crystal wave in perfect white when it floats in perfect freedom." She speaks of its perennial root stock; the orb-like leaves, the flower of delicate texture yet robust vitality, forming nearly a hemisphere when expanded, and the fact that there are red and blue water lilies, while the most common of all are pure white which is the union of all the seven colors of the rainbow of hope.

There are twenty-five varieties of water lilies, many of which are found in this country. The central states have a variety with large and white flowers, apple-scented, and bearing numerous self-detaching tubers, while Florida lilies are of the rich golden yellow. They seem to be spread all over the land and so fulfill the condition of general growth which is essential to a national emblem.

There is much to be said in favor of this flower both in the line of poetic and mystical meaning, of historic suggestion, or practical import. Its whiteness commends it to the Christian Temperance union, and Woman Suffragists alike, if they like, aver that its yellow filaments, which, dilating from the inner to the outer series, pass insensibly into petals, are of their chosen color, and symbolize, by the peculiarity mentioned, the growth, diffusion, and importance of their opinions.

As for the patriot he may say with Mrs. Mason: "It is the flower emblematic of the oncoming conditions of that America which is set to gather up safely all that might have been in the past of decaying and decayed nations! Nations the accretion of whose wisdom ways and hidden knowledge are the mud wherein our American lily grows, the good mud of present American politics."

It is a relief to know that there is some one who thinks the "mud of American politics" is good mud. We have thought of it as slimy and foul, rolled with "accretions" which are unwelcome and unwholesome, and the stirring up thereof were melodorous and detestable to us. But if it is not such, it is good after its kind, and from it

springs the perfect, lovely flower of purity and peace why should good men longer fear to "wade in"?

If, as a people, we are of sufficiently poetical temperament to be so inspired by a flower that we shall never turn back from the highest conceptions of our national destiny, and if the water lily, rooted in the ooze, but rising to splendid whiteness in the free air and sunlight, can so inspire us, let us adopt it at once and forever more. Let it be seen everywhere—the emblem of aspiration, and of ultimate triumph over difficult conditions. But the trouble is that we are not, generally speaking, poetic, or given to searching out the inner meaning of an emblem. We are prosy, not to say sordid, and heraldic devices do not stir our souls. One emblem alone we exult in, and that is our Flag, albeit some of us are ashamed about acknowledging even as much as that. We did a wise and loyal thing when we raised the flag above the schoolhouse and called upon the rising generation to do it honor. Not only to young Yankee Doodle Dandy, but to little Carl and Pierre, Sven, Guiseppe and Solomon Levi, does it teach the lesson of fealty to the land and obedience to its laws. These lessons cannot be taught too often or too thoroughly, and if a lily or a corn-stalk or any plant under the heaven can aid in the teaching let us use it as the emblem of pure patriotism and choose it as the emblem of pure patriotism and make sure that every man, woman and child in the nation understand the reason and meaning of such a symbol.

FASHION NOTES.

Parasol Devices. The accompanying picture shows an elegant visiting toilet of crepon, the bell skirt trimmed around the bottom with ornate soutache braiding. The blouse is of the accordion pleated white silk and is finished with a velvet collar. The figaro comes from velveteen entirely embroidered with a lighter shade of velveteen soutache, and is trimmed with large revers and medic collar of

watered silk. The sleeves have large velvet puffs and long cuffs of watered silk. The fronts of the jacket are fastened by a crosswise arrangement of velvet ribbon which also gives the belt. Parasol handles grow more and more elaborate. Tiny jeweled oval buckles are set in their handles and miniatures framed in paste are used which are more suitable at the throat as a jewel. A clever jeweler makes crystal salts holders overlaid with openwork silver and in circular shape, about the size of a small door handle. The opening is at the top and is protected by a sliding shield of the silver, so that the contents of the "bottle" will not escape when the parasol is opened. Then there are fine pieces in the center of a globe of crystal. The idea is not new as to the setting of a watch, but it is a novel as applied to umbrella handles. One parasol has a great silver ring set in the handle, especially noted as a novelty. The ring has on the under side an appliance for catching firmly and delicately the folds of the handkerchief, thus performing the duty of the old-fashioned "handkerchief ring" that grandmamma used to wear on her finger. Since fine lace handkerchiefs are the right things with elaborate costumes, perhaps it is as well that they should neither be hidden in the pocket nor subjected to the risks of tucking in the belt or bodice.

FLORETTE. Language is not always precise. The fly does not necessarily love the fly paper, for all it may be stuck on it.—Philadelphia Times.

Father—That young man of yours might just as well live here. Daughter—That's what he proposes to do after we are married.—Truth.

Blobs—I hear Wigwag is in bad financial straits. What is the matter? Blobs—He started to take ice early in the summer.—Philadelphia Record.

Lady of the house—Have you good references? "Riferences, is it? Oh have that, and from hundreds of mistresses. Oh have lived with the last six months."—Boston Transcript.

"My dear," said a fond wife, "when we were engaged I always slept with your last letter under my pillow." "And I," murmured her husband, "often went to sleep over your letters."—Texas Sittings.

Tommy (at the beach)—What are the wild waves saying, mamma? "I'm sure I don't know." "Well, I do. They are saying they wish little Tommy Jinks would come in swimming."—Boston Courier.

"These is terrible hard times," said Meandering Mike. "You bet they is," replied Plodding Pete. "a feller can't go nowhere nowadays lookin' for work without hevvin' some offered him."—Washington Star.

He—it was rather strange that you should have clear weather throughout the voyage. She—Not at all. I was told that the captain swept the sky with his telescope the first thing every morning.—Boston Herald.

Mr. A.—Just look at that dolt of a Lehmann; what a charming young wife he has got! How true it is that big fools always marry the prettiest girls. Mrs. A.—Oh, you flatterer!—Gartenlaube Kalender.

"As to this case of yours, my friend," said the lawyer, "to be perfectly honest with you—" "There needn't be any guilf of that sort between you and me," interrupted the client; "I'm a horse-jockey."—Chicago Tribune.

Inconspicuous.—The clergyman—In

very sorry indeed for your trouble. But your husband was a good man and we have every reason to believe that he is happy. The widow—But he always said he could never be happy without me.—Puck.

De Groot—Do you believe in a second life, Mrs. Van Puffer? The widow Van Puffer—This is so sudden.—Truth.

"Are these colors fast?" she asked of the new clerk. "Yes indeed. You ought to see them when they once start to run."—Washington Star.

The ministerial one—The race question seems to be as much of a problem to-day as it was at the close of the war. The sports one—You're dead right, parson, I've been follerin' the horses for thirty years, an' I have just as much trouble pickin' the winner now as I had de first day I ever went to a track.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Punishment to Fit the Crime.—Judge (to prisoner who has indulged in violent language on hearing his sentence)—Prisoner, you hev broken the third commandment and dishonored the name of the Almighty. You are fined ten dollars. Hev you got that down, Mr. Clerk? Clerk—Yes, yer honor. Judge—An' prisoner, you hev spoken disrespectfully of this here court. Put down fifty dollars more fer that, Mr. Clerk.—Puck.

Edward and Catherine. In the morning Edward leaves Catherine in, say, for instance, the affectionate phase. In the afternoon, perhaps, a powerful preacher channels her into the religious phase; and when Edward returns, the same demeanor that pleased her in the morning makes her irritable in the evening. Indeed, it may not do to call her Katherine, the exalted phase may demand plain Catherine. Now, if Edward is unwise, he complains of all such changes. It is safe to wager pounds to pence that he is in some way criticises; and the difference between a martyr and a fool seems obscured. Then, when with much effort he is attuning himself to religious austerity, he may soon find that her existence is being devoted to revenging, in a lady-like but incisive and rather unchristian way, some social slight. After a period she is to be found only in the nursery, when the maternal phase is taking full possession of her; or his existence may seem forgotten when she is wrapped in a prolonged grief in which she appreciates herself because she grieves, and which might have a short duration except for the sympathies tendered by outsiders, which make her feel important.

And so on, indefinitely. By turns, Edward's plesantry or gravity or affection please Catherine. At other times any of these makes her turn from him. His own egotism has little chance to parade itself, and this rather saddens him. If he has more brains than intuition, he is always trying to find out by what mental process she can allow herself to act as she does. He does not know that without intuitions, even his brains are mere stupidities for her sometimes; and if he has sought her for her supposed intellectuality, his very pride in his choice prevents him from acknowledging that she has but few "reasons" or "because's" or "therefores," but simply passes from one woman's phase into a different one. He has never been taught that the demands and conditions of a new phase may be entirely different from those of a previous one; and he cannot understand that to retain her love, or at least a periodical show of it, he must always be able to present himself sympathetically in the different attitudes which her different phases demand of him, and to efface himself when he can take no part in the prevailing one.

Men who have been almost angels have intuitively recognized these truths and acted upon them. But the undesirable majority have found it difficult to become phase barometers which generally indicate "change" and never get up to "set fair."

Innumerable fogs would lift if men would seek to understand women as creatures to whom changes are as natural as the so-called changes of the moon. The different phases do not seem to be very numerous and each one of them apparently produces very similar outcomes, in mentalities, actions, and speech, in all women; so that if a man could once ascertain the phase a woman was in, he could be prepared for the inevitable results of it, and have a better chance to do to fashion his own demeanor as to make it more acceptable.—Thomas Stinson Jarvis in August Lippincott's.

A Bad "Fate." A New York newspaper which has a large circulation once printed an elaborate story of a wedding which, it said, had occurred the day before. The details of the event were all there—the description of the bride's dress, the list of the presents, the names of the guests and every other feature calculated to interest the readers of society news.

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Any one who read several of the New York morning papers that day, and this journal among them, might have thought that this was a bit of exclusive information, for no word about the wedding appeared in any other paper. But the next morning developed the fact that the wedding had not occurred on the day named. The editor of the paper which published this detailed story had made a mistake in the date fixed for the wedding. He had anticipated it by twenty-four hours. If he had only said, "This is a story of the wedding as it is to occur to-day," or had held the story till the following morning, he would have saved his reputation for accuracy. And beyond that he would have saved the press in general from some slurs which were cast upon it by the readers of his paper. "That's the way with newspapers," was the common comment upon this mistake. Fortunately, it is not the general way for newspapers; although the anticipation of events is becoming one of the fine arts of journalism.—George Grantham Bain in August Lippincott's.