

NOT ALL FOR DECORATION.

Usefulness Also Had Something to Do with Display.

A well known illustrator who visited New Orleans grew most enthusiastic with reference to the quaint beauty of the old town. "I noticed a remarkably decorative effect in a street near the French Market," said he to a friend. "The second and third story windows of a certain house were hung with pale yellow bamboo curtains. These were perfectly plain and all of the same shade, yet you can form no idea how they set off the old place. They simply glorified it!" The friend, a New Orleans man, was puzzled. "I don't recall the house. Point it out to me the next time we're in that vicinity." A day or two later the friends were walking in the locality referred to, when suddenly the man from the north uttered an exclamation. "There it is!" he cried. "The house of the bamboo curtains! It must contain a colony of artists!" His friend smiled grimly. "That isn't bamboo," he explained. "You're enthusing over a spaghetti factory. They hang the stuff out there to dry."—Youth's Companion.

NOT A FAIR CONTEST.

Where Johnny Had the Best of It on the Weights.

The twin boys, Johnny and Tommy, not only looked almost exactly alike and could wear each other's clothes without the slightest misfit, but usually weighed the same, there being a difference of not more than an ounce or two between them, notwithstanding the efforts they were always making to outweigh each other. "Tom," said his brother one day, "let's go and get weighed. I believe I can beat you this time." Tommy agreed, and they went to the grocery store where these contests were usually decided. "You get on the scales first," said Johnny. Tommy complied, and his weight was found to be 68 pounds 12 ounces. Then Johnny took his turn. He tipped the scales at exactly 69 pounds. "That ain't fair!" exclaimed Tommy. "And it don't count! I forgot about that big ball on your arm!"—Youth's Companion.

Continuous Indian Dance.

The Cheyenne and Arapahoes are holding their annual square dance at this place. More than 5,000 Indians are encamped at the city park. The dance is a continuous one day and night and will last for several days. The bucks and squaws all take part in these festivities, and the little ones can be seen imitating their elders by dancing around all the time the tomtom is pounded. The garments of the Indians are with ornaments, and the elements made by the noise as possible out. —Watauga Herald.

It to the Lord.

A man residing in a small town recently had the misfortune to lose his wife. In deference to the last wishes of the deceased the remains were cremated. Bridget Flanagan, a former servant in the family, heard of her old master's trouble and called to console him. "Oh, wirra, wirra!" she cried, rocking herself to and fro. "An' yer poor lady is dead! Sure an' it's miserable we all are, for a more blessed soul niver lived than Mrs. Barton." "You are very kind to say so, Bridget." "An' ye had 'em burn her up?" "Yes, Bridget; she was cremated." "Och, the saints preserve us! Why didn't ye let the Lord 'tend to that?"—Lippincott's.

Correcting His Geography.

In the absence of the information editor, who was away on his vacation, this question was referred to the manager of the country circulation department: "Who wrote 'How Big Was Alexander, Pa?' " "I don't know," he said, "but whoever did it was away off in geography. There's an Alexander in Illinois, one in Iowa, one in Kansas, others in Maine, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming, but if there's an Alexander in Pennsylvania, by George, it isn't in the postoffice directory."

A London Weather Report.

One day while I was in London I wanted to know what the weather report was. The sort of weather we had been having was not all that could be desired and I hoped against experience that it might be better. Turning to the Tribune I found this: Summary Forecast—Light to moderate breezes, varying in direction; alternate close and thundery and fine periods; sharp local storms.—Putnam's Magazine.

Louisiana's Frog Industry.

The revenue from the frog industry in Louisiana is something over \$100,000 per annum. The frogs are shipped alive in barrels, packed in moss. Over 1,000,000 barrels of this living freight are shipped yearly—some going west as far as California. Of course, they are no ordinary frogs, but are carefully raised and fattened, being fed on bread, meal and cracklings.

How True.

Mildred—Of course, I care more for a man's true love than for the amount of money he spends. Clothilde—"Oh, of course!" Mildred—"But still, it's awfully hard to hold a cheap man dear."

ITS WATERS THE PUREST.

Claims of Lake Superior Are Borne Out By Analysis.

The water in Lake Superior is the purest in the great lakes, according to tests by the government. Lake Erie contains the largest percentage of incrustants. The analysis shows that the waters hold in solution varying quantities of calcium and magnesium compounds, which from their tendency to form scale or incrustations on boilers are called incrustants. Named in the order of the total incrustants, beginning with the lowest, the lakes rank as follows: Superior, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, Erie. The waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are nearly identical in quality and the same may be said of those of Lakes Ontario and Erie. Lake Superior, however, carries just about half the amount of incrustants borne by the other lakes. The reason for this variation is found in the geological formation that surrounds the lakes. The streams flowing into Lake Superior drain areas composed chiefly of crystalline rocks, which yield scant quantities of mineral water flowing through them. Lake Erie is highest in incrustants because it receives not only the waters of Lakes Michigan and Huron, but the drainage from immense areas of sedimentary rocks in Indiana and Ohio and the province of Ontario.

PUT TAX ON BACHELORS.

State of Argentine Republic Was Harsh on Those Unwed.

Although much has been written in modern times in earnest and in fun on the taxation of bachelors, there are not many corners of the earth where such a system of taxation is introduced as was done in the state of Cordoba, in the Argentine republic, at the beginning of the twentieth century. There every male who has passed his twentieth year is considered fit for marriage, and the state enjoins upon him the duty of finding a companion for life. If he remains single till the completion of his thirtieth birthday, he must pay for his freedom a tax of five dollars a month. Then the tax increases \$10 a month at the age of 35, and even to \$30 a month from the age of 50 to 60. From the age of 60 the tax gradually decreases. Widowers have only three years given to enjoy their liberty, after which they have got to get another wife or pay the tax.

Size of Oregon Mosquitoes.

The late Col. L. L. Hawkins was fond of telling a mosquito story of his own, when Mazamas, gathered round their evening campfire, had to fight off the singing pest at the foot of snow mountains, where the hot footed birds are often troublesome. "You can talk about your big mosquitoes," said he, after the tale telling drifted into fairy topics, "but we (meaning Rodney Gilman and himself) can tell something about mosquitoes ourselves. We climbed Skinner's Butte, at Eugene, to see the sunset. After we had watched the sun awhile it was obscured by a dense cloud of tremendous mosquitoes. They were the hugest I ever saw." Here somebody usually asked: "How big were they, colonel?" "They were so big," was the response, "that many of them weighed a pound." Strange to say, Col. Hawkins never suffered bodily injury for telling this story.—Portland Oregonian.

Will Try to Reform.

Some of its readers having criticised the London Law Notes for being "too Yankee in tone," the editor replied: "Have our candid friends any idea how dull the English law and lawyers have grown lately? Rarely is there any legal incident in this country with a grain of fun in it. Hence we are driven to a younger country, where lawyers, in common with the rest of the population, still retain some boyish instincts and are not too blasé with life to enjoy a joke. However, we will try to be less Yankee and more British and stodgy for as long as we and our other readers can stand it."

A Street Car Adventure.

A lady entered a Baltimore street car and, just as she was about to sit down, the car gave a lurch, throwing her into a gentleman's lap. Quickly recovering herself, she apologized and said, "I would give a quarter if I were a man, so I could swear." "Damn," promptly came from a man sitting two seats away, and he never looked at the lady. She quietly took a quarter from her purse, offered it to the man who had spoken, and he, as quietly, put it in his pocket. No further conversation, and all were apparently satisfied.

More Reading Matter.

"Martha Smith, the village postmistress, is in a fine humor," confided the rural mail carrier. "Going to get a raise in salary?" asked the city boarder. "Nope! That wouldn't please her half as much as the new postal yards!" "New postal cards?" "Yeou bet! Since people are allowed to write on both sides of them Martha has had twice as much to read every mail."

Enid's Prayer.

The other night little Enid, tired out by a day's romping, was about to retire for the night when her mother told her to say her prayers, which she evidently was about to forget. This is what she said: "Oh, Lord, if you know everything, you know I am very—very—so doody by till to-morrow night!"

HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Palestine Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Palestine people, should be evidenced beyond dispute for every Palestine reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in far-away places. Read the following:

N. White, retired, of 402 Howard avenue, says: "About six months ago I was seized with an attack of kidney complaint. It first began with slight pains in the back. I paid little attention to it at the time, thinking it would disappear in the course of a few days, but instead of getting better it grew gradually worse until it became so bad that I had to take to my bed. From the nature of my suffering, I came to the conclusion that the trouble was all due to disorders of the kidneys. I used a number of different remedies and tried doctor's prescriptions without getting any marked benefit. Finally my attention was called to Doan's Kidney Pills, and I decided to give them a trial. I procured two boxes at the Bratton Drug Company's store. I never used any remedy so effective. In a few days the pains disappeared from my back entirely, and I could stoop, straighten and move about without inconvenience. I cannot say too much in favor of Doan's Kidney Pills and I take pleasure in recommending a remedy that does just what is claimed for it."

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NOTES FROM LABOR WORLD.

A general railroad strike is threatened in England as the result of the long struggle of the railway men's union with the British railroad companies for the recognition of their organization.

The highest accident death rate among industrial workers in Great Britain is among the seamen (53 per 1,000), and the death rate of seamen in sailing vessels is three times as great as even this ratio.

Inquiry into the need of various states and labor for immigrant labor has been instituted by T. V. Powderly, chief of the division of immigration, recently established in connection with the Bureau of Immigration.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters during 1906 paid benefits amounting to \$107,000, and the death and disability claims paid during the same period amounted to \$218,202.

Organized labor of Chicago has declared war on the new Illinois vagrancy law as an infringement of the right of picket. The Woodworkers' District Council has decided to make a test case of the act.

As Chinamen are not union men and their laundries not unionized, they are to be deprived of the patronage of union carpenters in the future if a recent vote taken by the Boston Carpenters' Union is honored by the members.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company it was voted to increase the age limit for persons entering the employ of the company from 35 to 45 years.

The organization of the National Association of Carpet Workers of America was recently completed. The new organization will have jurisdiction

over about twenty thousand persons employed in carpet mills.

The proposition to establish an old age home for miners was defeated by the Iowa mine workers on a referendum vote.

A fight against the use of convict labor in the state of Wisconsin has been taken up by the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. The federation desires particularly to stop the manufacture of brooms by convicts.

For the first time in two years the glass bottle blowers have succeeded in getting a scale signed with the manufacturers. The scale grants an advance in wages in two departments.

The executive board of the Massachusetts state branch of the American Federation of Labor has decided that legislation to limit or define the power of courts in injunction cases is to be the effort of organized labor of the state in the fall campaign.

About forty employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad have been retired on pensions. The men so retired have been in the employ of the company from 35 to 40 years, and now receive from \$6 to \$7 a week for the remainder of their lives.

Owing to the recent numerous strikes on the part of mill hands and railroad operatives throughout Mexico, the government has decided to take drastic action against the leaders and agitators in all cases where the men are advised to walk out for trivial causes, as has been alleged in the late strikes.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

The dead body of Tom Lockhart, aged 70, was found in a pasture near Parker.

Attorney General Davidson and J. J. Lightfoot will both attend the meeting of attorneys general at St. Louis.

The trouble between the journeymen and employing barbers in Houston has been adjusted.

The constitution and by-laws of the Retail Liquor and Malt Dealers' Association provides for the enforcement of the Baskin-McGregor law.

A forty thousand dollar passenger depot will be built at Temple.

Capt. McDonald will go to Galveston to see if the liquor dealers are paying their state tax.

The Sam Houston Normal Institute opens the new year with increased attendance.

Lumber mill men of the state are complaining of the scarcity of cars.

Total number registered to date at the State University is 406.

Dr. J. S. Abbott has been selected as dairy and food commissioner, with headquarters at Denton.

Canary Birds in Church.

Children's Day was celebrated Sunday by the largest Methodist Episcopal Sunday school in Pennsylvania, that of Siloam church, East Susquehanna avenue. The school has 2,148 pupils, and all but a few of them attended the special services. The girls were all dressed in white, and the solid rows of them, together with the flower decorations, made a pretty spectacle for the church members and the visitors who crowded the gallery. A dozen cages, each containing a canary bird, were suspended from different parts of the high ceiling, and the little feathered songsters joined in the singing with the children. The idea of having song birds in a church service is new, and every one present agreed that the innovation was a clever one.—Philadelphia North American.

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