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A BANANA TREE.

The Fruit Grows Small End Up and Is Cut While Unripe.

Contrary to popular belief, bananas do not grow on the tree as they hang in the grocery, but with the small end of the fruit pointing upward—to all appearances upside down.

There is probably no other fruit of such universal consumption about which so little is known to the average person as the banana. Something like 100,000,000 bunches are annually eaten in this country alone, but scarcely one man in a thousand not connected with the business knows what a banana tree looks like.

The fruit is never allowed to ripen on the tree, but is cut half or three-quarters "full"—that is, half to three-quarters developed—according to the distance it is to be shipped, and comes to maturity by feeding from the stalk, which contains a large amount of sap. Bananas cut in this way attain practically the same size as if allowed to remain on the tree, in which case the bunch becomes too much of a burden for its support and either falls or breaks the tree and ripens on the ground.

After the cutting the plantation is "cleaned," which merely consists of severing the standing trunks within a few feet of the ground, and a new tree comes forth from the remains of its predecessor, so that the fruit in all stages of growth is to be found at the same time and the yield is continuous.

An Anecdote of Wordsworth.

A contributor to the London Spectator thus writes to that journal:

Your interesting article on "Vastness and Isolation" recalls to my mind Wordsworth's own interpretation of the lines—

Those obstinate questionings
Of sense and outward things,
Fallings from us, vanishings—
as reported to me by the late Professor Bonamy Price. One day as he was walking with the poet in the hills he asked him what he meant precisely by the words "fallings from us, vanishings." Wordsworth's answer was to this effect: "Sometimes I find myself in a mood in which the whole material universe seems to fall away. The sense of outward things is lost. Nothing remains but an immaterial self, detached from all physical conditions. In order to get back into the known world of consciousness I have to clutch at something—so." Here he grasped the bar of the gate on which they were leaning at the moment. I was much struck by the story at the time and made a note of it.

George Washington's Sobriquets.

Washington was called by many sobriquets. He was first of all "Father of His Country." "Providence left him childless that his country might call him father." Signorette calls him "Father Patrie." Chief Justice Marshall, the "American Fabius." Lord Byron in his "Ode to Napoleon" calls him "The Cincinnatus of the West." For having a new world on his shoulders he was called the "Atlas of America." The English soldier called him by the sarcastic nickname of "Lovely Georgius." Red Jacket, the Seneca Indian chief, called him the "Flower of the Forest." The Italian poet Vittorio Alfieri called him "Deliverer of America." In The Gazette of the United States he was called the "Savior of His Country." His bitter opponents sarcastically called him the "Stonfather of His Country" during his presidency.

Dangers of Procrastination.

Landlady—I s'pose you noticed that long whiskered old gentleman who sat opposite you at dinner today? That is Professor Dribbles, and you can have his room, as he is going west on a scientific exploration—strange thing you ever heard.

New Boarder—What is?

Landlady—The object of his tour. He has been told that a prehistoric cave has been discovered out west, and in it sat ten skeletons around a petrified table.

New Boarder—Well, well! Why didn't the fools change their boarding house sooner?

Ten in the Time of Buddha.

At the time of Buddha China was enjoying a large foreign commerce in tea. It was carried by her junk to Japan, Korea, Tonquin, Anam, Cochinchina, Burma, Siam, India, Ceylon, Persia and Arabia. According to one record, it was sent to a great black river country west of Arabia, from which it was separated by a long and very torrid sea, which must have been Egypt. It was carried by caravans to Manchuria, Mongolia, Kuldja, Tartary, Tibet, Persia and northern India.

A Boy's Definition of Peace.

"Can you tell me the meaning of the word peace?" asked Miss Gray of a little boy who had just recited a patriotic poem in which the word occurred. "Peace means when you ain't got no children," answered the child.

"How is that?" asked Miss Gray.

"When my mother has washed and dressed her six children for school in the morning, she says, 'Now I'll have peace.'"—Chicago Tribune.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Items of Interest Pertaining to the State Institution and the Boys In Blue.

J. J. Watt went to Deadwood on Sunday's train for a three months lay-off.

Jay Dudley the second cook, and the life of the kitchen and dining room, went up to Lead for a lay-off and he said, "to see that the old boys don't get into mischief."

Amos Potter, the Home carpenter, left for Shawano, Wis., last week. He went on important business and will visit friends too, while gone. He will be gone about three weeks.

Peter Miller will don the sergeants stripes the first of June and make details and look after the boys who are always hunting extra work. If Pete don't satisfy them it will be a surprise to those who know him.

Sergt. H. C. Daly has been promoted to the chief engineers position vice, Phillips resigned. "Yank" is a thorough mechanic and will need no instructions as he is entirely familiar with the plant and all its surroundings.

Jim Ward packed his grip, took a three month's furlough and went to Lead City to see what sort of a lay out he may strike. Jim can't stand it to stay above ground all the time. He likes the pick, shovel and crow bar.

Joseph Stalcup left for Leavenworth, Kans., yesterday to visit a brother whom he has not seen for many years. Both were soldiers and both are old men now, and the last survivors of their family. No doubt they will have a great visit.

Jack Parquahr went up to Lead to attend the state meeting of the Odd Fellows. Jack is a devoted member of the order and yet some of the "profanes" say Jack is more devoted to the Rebekahs than to the Jonathans. It is a fact that Jack blushes to the color of a blood red when charged with a partiality for the Rebekahs.

Uncle James Williamson left for his old home in Turner Co. this week. Uncle Jimmy is 85 and growing very feeble. He is one of the good old men one meets and admires. He maintains his Scotch pride and vigor despite his years. It is likely he will not return here, but will be kindly remembered by all. He is the oldest man in the Home.

Willard Simpson's wife came out on the excursion from Huron to Lead. Simpson went over to Buffalo Gap, met her and went to Lead with the crowd. It was interesting to watch him begin to get ready Saturday morning to make the journey to Buffalo Gap, 13 miles, Sunday morning. He had to pack one collar and one neck tie, while doing the work the sergeant says, "Simp" kept saying, "I wonder if I will get my grip packed in time, and I wonder if she will be on the train."

S. R. Preston and Joe Drey rigged out a wagon with a complete camping outfit and attached a team of mules to the vehicle and struck out for some point fifteen miles north east of Rapid City where they will repair and open up a ranch Preston has bought. They left in high spirits and with great expectations of wide liberty, fat living and a large bank account. The pessimistic fellows who saw them start said, "Oh yes they leave in high spirits, but in about two months they will come hiking back, sad eyed, hungry, dirty, tired and denying that they were ever in the ranch business." It would be but history repeating itself if their predictions prove true.

Lee Phillips, the long time and faithful engineer at the Home, tendered his resignation to take effect June 1st and goes to the Upper Hills where he will accept a position carrying better pay. In order to meet his engagements he left on the 15th, placing the steam plant under the control of that old Trojan of an engineer, M. Pendergast. If there is anything about a steam plant "Pender" don't know, it has not been discovered yet. Phillips has been in full charge of the steam plant here since 1893. He is a first class engineer, knows all about the business and is a safe and careful man always. His going away is regretted.

N. J. Way got so uneasy about garden making he struck out for Hill City. It is believed by those who know him that he will have the best garden in the town, and probably after his is all planted he will help all his slow neighbors to plant theirs. Nate's highest ambition is to see things well done, and like his predecessor, Nathan, "Sit under his own vine and fig tree," which means at Hill City to sit under a pine tree when it is hot. Be careful Nathan and don't agitate your solar plexus to such a degree you can't get back, for the boys all want you back and some are so eager for you to come they predict you do so before the garden needs hoeing, not to escape the labor, but to please them with your presence in the shade on the porch.

John W. Harden left for Woonsocket on Wednesday's train intending to go from there to Bath, N. Y., and enter the Home there, being in his native state and from which he entered the service when a young man. Comrade Harden excites the sympathy of all who meet him. His affliction is one

rarely seen or met with, known as weeping paralysis. He can't carry on the simplest conversation without weeping so he is unable to be understood. Of course he attracts attention and causes strangers to stare at him. When it is recalled by those who knew him in his prime, when he was known as one of the ablest men in the state, the case is all the more pitiable. There was a time when it was not extravagant to say he was the leader of the Populist party in South Dakota and on the platform he was a Sampson. But poor comrade, he is now a total physical wreck and perhaps no hope exists that he will ever be better. He leaves here with the sympathy of every man in the Home.

Saxony's Forests.

Saxony possesses one of the best regulated systems of forestry in the world. The forests of Saxony serve not only the purpose of giving the state a substantial annual revenue, but they add a thousandfold to the scenery of the country, thus attracting many tourists into those parts every summer. The most important feature of the forests, however, is the fact that they keep forever alive the fountains of water which spring from the highlands of the Erzgebirge and Saxon Switzerland. The forests furnish the material and the water the motive power to hundreds of pulp, paper and saw mills, which, in turn, give employment to thousands of men, women and children.

Might Have Been Worse.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torbins, "that horse you bet on!" "There's no need of bringing the matter up. I know that my judgment was very bad and all that." "Oh, I wouldn't take it to heart! The horse might have been beaten worse. You must give him credit for getting around ahead of the horses that were entered for the following race."—Washington Star.

Pay Your Debts.

"No, sir," declared Gassen as he warmed up to his subject, "you'll never be happy so long as you are in debt. Pay your debts. Swayback, pay your debts."

"But I have no money," said Swayback. "Then borrow it."—Detroit Free Press.

Truth's Chances.

William—The idea of his calling his book a historical novel! It doesn't agree with history even in the slightest particular.

Frederick—And so may be quite true. —Boston Transcript.

A Puzzle.

Mother (reprovingly to little girl just ready to go for a walk)—Dolly, that hole was not in your glove this morning.

Dolly (promptly)—Where was it, then, mamma?

Of 100,000,000 passengers by sea all the world over fifty lose their lives. Of the same number by rail forty-seven are killed.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m. Union service in the evening at 8:00. Thursday evening prayer service at 8:00 p. m. All are invited to these services.
Are you a stranger in our midst? Come and welcome.
T. M. COFFEY, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10:00; morning service at 11; Epworth League at 7:00. Our people greatly enjoyed the services of Dr. Clark in the evening last Sabbath. The Dr. stayed over until Tuesday morning going home to Deadwood by way of the Elkhorn.

At the quarterly conference Monday evening an invitation was formally tendered to the Black Hills Mission of the M. E. church to hold its next session in Hot Springs. September 14th is the date and Bishop Fowler, of Buffalo, New York, will preside. A great treat is in store for all our people at that time.

For the evening service we have accepted the invitation to attend the Presbyterian services on account of the baccalaureate sermon for the High School.

Thursday evening prayer service at 8:00 p. m.
All are cordially invited.
HENRY ALBERTSON, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning service 11 a. m.
Evening service at 8:00.
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