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CURIOS FACTS.

The Japanese are the politest people on earth.

Calcutta, India, is the hottest city in the world.

Minnesota's forest region is 330 miles long and 200 wide.

In Mexico the school children who have done best are allowed to smoke cigars while pursuing their lessons.

The combined age of five couples who recently celebrated their golden weddings at Wazemmes, in Belgium, was just 800 years.

All the railway stations in Sweden at which meals are served are known by a sign bearing the suggestive emblem of a crossed knife and fork.

A cherry tree in Dayton, Oregon, which was recently blown down by a storm, bore a ton of fruit in a season. It was cut out over forty-five years ago.

In the year 100 B. C. Hipparchus counted 1012 stars with the naked eye, and Hellenius 1022. First-class telescopes of to-day reveal over 100,000,000.

Canada claims to have the oldest newspaper in America. The Halifax Gazette made its first appearance in 1752, and is still published under the name of the Royal Gazette.

A Parisian lampmaker has long carried his rounds on a bicycle, a long torch carried over his shoulder. He guides the wheel with his left hand, and is so expert that he lights the lamps without dismounting.

A Bath (Me.) gunner was over in the Woolwich woods and wounded a rabbit, and before the bound could bring him down the little sprite had reached the river and had swam over 100 feet before a second shot had ended his career.

In one of the Canary Islands there is a tree that, at the evening come, quite frequently rains down a copious shower of water from its tufted foliage. This forms a pool at the base of the tree, which the natives use as drinking water, it being absolutely pure and fresh.

Downton, a seaside place of fashion in England, is the chief seat of the hering industry—in fact it possesses the largest market of its kind in the world. The busiest time of the year is the midsummer and autumn or home fishing. Herrings are bought as so much a "hundred."

One of the paying professions of Paris is said to be that of a trunk-packer. In many of the little trunk stores you can hire a man who will pack your trunk artistically, folding expensive gowns and other garments in tissue paper, and stowing away delicate bric-a-brac in the safest way.

Dr. Carl Dandstriner, President of the Vienna Society for the Protection of Animals, says that in the large cities of Italy "huge piles of nightingales, larks, finches, and of late, even swallows," are seen on the market stalls. These little creatures are caught by the wholesale in fowling nets during the fall of the year, when the birds are migrating to the south.

Pestiferous Buffalo Gnats. John W. Rusk, of Bellport, N. C., writes to the New York Sun regarding the buffalo gnat:

"I think that, as a native of North Carolina would say, the entomologists have not met up with the gnat in question; possibly it is not distributed over a large area of the country. I met the gnats several years ago in Arkansas, on the bottom lands of the St. Francis River, and I think they were the greatest day pest I ever saw. In shape they resemble a buffalo somewhat; hence the name. They do not bite or sting their victims. They have a disagreeable habit of flying from the ground and striking one in the face. But the chief trouble is that they crawl into the mouth, nostrils and the ears and deposit their eggs, which hatch in a very short time. The larvae eat away the membranes, causing death to large numbers of stock of all kinds, and of many game animals.

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"On one occasion I was kindling a fire to keep off gnats, when a large buck deer came rushing to the smoke and stood in it, not heeding my presence. In a few minutes a flock of wild turkeys and also four or five wild geese came for protection. It is not an uncommon sight to see a mule before the plow, trudging along with a bucket containing a smudge hanging from its neck. The mule will keep its nose over the smoke as much as possible. The gnat cannot stand smoke."

More than one-third of the population of Switzerland are depositors in the savings banks.

Greece is more thickly populated than any other country in Europe, with the exception of Sweden and Prussia.

Photography in colors is reported to be a success. It is what art lovers have long been waiting for, and, incidentally, bank-note counterfeiters. One result, if the discovery is affirmed, will be the early retirement of paper currency, predicts the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Railway Age predicts this as a great year for railroad building, and present indications appear to justify the prediction. This, as well as extensive repairs and rebuilding, will necessarily create a marked impetus in business without reference to other elements or betterment already apparent in the commercial situation.

A first-rate argument for good roads comes from Iowa. In Pocahontas County the mud is so deep and the roads so impassable that the spring term of court had to be postponed because the lawyers, litigants and witnesses were unable to reach the county seat. The county seat has no railway, and the roads, the only way it can be reached, cannot be traveled over.

An interesting system of electric railways is being built in Genoa. There is no city in the world of the size built on such a steep hillside as Genoa, and to overcome the sharp gradients existing several spiral tunnels have had to be pierced in the hillside, through which the electric cars rise from one level to another. The system inside the town will, when built, aggregate some thirty miles of track.

American exports of iron and steel in 1896 were 125 per cent. greater than they were in 1895, the amount having been 205,367 tons last year, as against 89,000 tons the year before. This extraordinary increase is significant, declares the New York Mail and Express, because it was not the result of any unusual conditions here or elsewhere, but followed as the result of legitimate trade enterprise and competition.

Our export business in these great staples having gained a solid foothold, is entirely likely to continue in steadily growing proportions.

The penalty for making love in public in New York is \$5. It was so decided by Magistrate Mott in the Center street police court. Eugene F. Looran, a member of the fire department, was arraigned by Policeman Houry, charged with disorderly conduct, the specific complaint being that the gallant fire laddie had hugged and kissed a young woman on the street, the carriages being graciously received.

The love-making occurred last Friday night in the shadow of the elevated tracks, and it was developed in court that inasmuch as the fireman is unable to call upon his sweetheart. Instead she is compelled to receive his company on the sidewalk. When Policeman Houry espied the couple he procured a lighted candle and stole upon the lovers. The Magistrate ended the case by imposing the fine.

Under a State law, enacted for the purpose of extending the work of the Cornell Experiment Station, so as to give an educational impulse to the farmers of New York State, an attempt is being made to establish the study of nature in country schools, announces the New York Post. For this purpose a series of leaflets have been prepared for the teachers of public schools, following which the pupils are asked to investigate how a squash plant gets out of its seed, to trace the growth of the fruit-spurs, flower-beds, leaf-buds, etc., of an apple twig and the like. The most interesting suggestion, as also the most practical, is that each school child grow a few plants during the summer and study their growth. It is specifically asked that the children grow sweet peas and asters, two handsome flowers of various colors, whose cultivation is comparatively easy. It is expected that many children will enter upon the garden experiment enthusiastically. But childish enthusiasm in such matters soon wanes, and something more than the desire to learn nature's ways will be needed to insure the success of the gardens. This stimulus might be supplied by competitive exhibitions of the flowers in schoolrooms.

An Unintentional Insult. A London exquisite—in America he would be called a dandy—had gone into a West End restaurant, and was far from pleased with the way in which his order was filled.

"Do you call that a veal outfit?" he demanded of the waiter. "Why, such a cullis as that is an insult to every self-respecting calf in the British Empire."

The waiter hung his head for a moment, but recovered himself, and said, in a tone of respectful apology: "I really didn't intend to insult you, sir."—Spare Moments.

Pray Five Times a Day. A gentleman traveling in Persia says he has been in a town where the bells ring for prayer five times a day, and business men rush out of their offices to the churches, leaving their places of business alone and unlocked, and nobody ever has a thing stolen.

A SONG FOR THOSE WHO SUCCEED.

A song for those who succeed.
(This year)
You whole successful crew,
Ye men of the strong heroic stripe,
Here is a song for you.
Now who is there here in this whole wide world
In whose honest ear I can sing my song—
(Stand up)

Ab, here's my millionaire:
(Come here)
Good art, your wealth is great,
And you who have scooped your fortune,
man,
From the loosened grasp of fate.
You have plucked up gold as the long years roll,
But while plucking up gold you have dropped your soul:
(Step back)

Ab, here's my wide-browed sage:
(This year)
Five thousand years of lore!
Faith, man, 'tis goodly heritage,
But you need a little more,
You have garnered all thoughts from the four winds blown,
But forgotten meantime to think your own:
(Sit down)

Ab, here's my artist friend:
(Step up)
You have given poems to men,
Yes, a world of dreams you have bodied forth,
With chisel, brush and pen;
But you've lost the meat of the tough world's strife,
And missed the juice of the vineyard of life:
(Step down)

Who's that old woman there?
(Step up)
She has no lord or peer,
And has worked so hard for those she loved,
She has never thought of herself;
She has done all the whole world's view;
Ah, madam, this song is meant for you:
(Step up)

—Sam Walter Foss, in New York Sun.

WANTED: A MODEL.

BY ANNA SEYMOUR.

IT seemed so very strange, dear, not exactly proper!"

Miss Seymour expected to see precisely the expression upon the face of her niece as did follow.

Lena Seymour's great brown eyes flashed, her pretty lips curled with scorn and a rich color mantled in her cheeks.

"Proper! Society does not run down here, Aunt Margaret. Besides it is a mere matter of business."

A twinkle danced in Miss Margaret's eyes, but vanished, presently.

"Oh," she said, "you mean to make a goodly sight of your art."

"Oh, dear!" Lena, "how many times I have told you, Aunt Margaret, that art will not accept divided honors. I hope some day to call myself an artist! Now," and the large brown eyes grew luminous, the lips smiled as if some vision of beauty woke a glad response in Lena's heart, and her little white hands moved unconsciously to clasp each other.

"Then she came suddenly out of this little ecstasy and said: 'I sent an advertisement to the 'Grantville Gazette' yesterday, and it is published to-day.'"

She took a folded newspaper from her pocket, opened it and read:

"By the way, Aunt Margaret, the utter absurdity of that address never struck me so forcibly as it does at this moment. 'Ocean Place'—a strip of sea beach half a mile in extent! 'Seaview Terrace,' four empty and one occupied cottage. I suppose all the population of Wilton will apply for the position."

"But nearly a week passed, every day bringing a repetition of the invitation, and not an answer reached Seaview Terrace. Lena worked busily at her picture, a seascap, with a group of children in the foreground, a woman watching the waves upon a rock to the right, and a great blank space for the fisherman, who was to come to greet her."

The subject was not very new or very original, but Lena was treating it with wonderful power for a young artist. She had worked faithfully under good masters in London, Paris and Rome for six years, and was an artist born. Her father had been proud of her genius, giving it full scope, while she was yet a mere child, and when he died he charged his sister to let Lena have her will, if she wished to continue her studies. So the girl, then only seventeen, when her father was over, took her easel and brushes for rest, for studies the bitter heart-pain her father's absence caused, and, with her aunt for a companion, went abroad to stud. She had been at home only two months when she took board at Seaview Terrace, and she began her picture—her first large one on canvas. It was too early in the season for seaside visitors, still April weather, and Wilton was but a small place, so she worked outdoors, her easel facing the wide, blue sea which copied with sometimes fainting, often exultant heart.

Mortimer Gilroy called himself weary of the world. At thirty-two he had exhausted all the pleasures a liberal fortune, strong health, a cultivated mind and plentiful leisure afforded. When he said "exhausted" I merely quote Mortimer Gilroy. He had "done" Europe, Egypt and his native country; had been petted by society, escaped numerous cunningly spread sentimental webs, and, while he hearted his flirtations by dozens, he was heart whole, as he lay upon the deck of the Firefly, his own yacht, reading the "Grantville Gazette." He had come from a winter cruise on the coast of Florida, through the Gulf of Mexico, winding about the West Indies, till weary of sea as well as land, he was sailing for New York when he put in at Wilton for a supply of fresh provisions.

"Hullo!" he muttered. "I do believe this is the beautiful artist I saw through my glass this morning, painting on the beach. 'Wanted—A fisherman to stand as model for an artist. Terms liberal. Apply at No. 3 Seaview Terrace, Ocean Place, Wilton.'"

"I was sorry when the sun began to glare on the water and drove her indoors. A fisherman!"

He paused a moment, then called:

"Bob!"

A rugged sailor answered at once. "Bob, I am going to stay at Grantville for a few weeks. You will take the yacht home!"

Bob was too much accustomed to his master's sudden freaks to make any comment, and Mr. Gilroy, hastily selecting a few articles, his cabin, packed a valise and went ashore.

June had come. Lena had spent the merry month of May in a dream of perfect happiness. She meant no deception when she told her Aunt Margaret it was the rapture of artistic success that painted her cheeks, and made her eyes brilliant, her voice thrill with musical cadences.

Every day, when the weather permitted, she was upon the beach, working with rapid fingers and swelling heart over her canvas. Every day, at the hour agreed upon, James Smith, fisherman, presented himself as her model upon the liberal terms offered in the Grantville Gazette. Had Lena been brought up in society I know it would have been impossible for her to accept James Smith at his own word, as a Wilton fisherman. But the young artist was a child yet in many ways. She had been educated with the seclusion of a nun, in spite of her foreign experience, and her devotion to her art had kept her still secluded from choice after she returned to her home.

It was, therefore, no amazement, but simply a delight, to her, when the handsome fisherman, who looked one of nature's noblemen in his rich, picturesque dress, conversed with her intelligently, and paid her the courteous respect of a gentleman. Little by little she found in every graceful address in their daily intercourse, James Smith the brilliant intellect, the traveled knowledge he possessed creep out into sight. He gave her to understand, without actually lying, that he had been a sailor, and so accounted for his familiarity with the scenes she had visited and carried graven on her heart and brain. He looked over her sketches, wondering at the power in the slender hands, the genius of the youthful brain, the idyllic touch and eye, and, as the restraint of strangeness wore away, his heart rose to his master. How could he but love her! With all her wondrous gift, she was the purest, simplest maiden he had ever met. Ladies he had known by the finest and in every graceful accomplishment, but never one more exquisite in refinement than Lena. A peasant girl he had seen with "beauty unadorned," yet not one more unaffected than this artist maid in her dress of cheap print, her hair simply bound in heavy braids of golden lustre.

There was the unaffected grace of gliding, will the well-stored mind of the wide world, music and art daily companions.

His conscience rebelled often at the deceit he was practicing, but he hugged the thought of the luxury he could afford his love, the toll he could spare her. June was yet young when the picture was completed, and in the early morning James Smith, Aunt Margaret and Lena set out upon the beach looking upon its beauty. It was to be packed and sent to New York in the afternoon, and Lena, her heart full, said, softly: "How can I live if it is a failure?"

Believing she spoke of actual poverty, should her art fail to win money, James Smith, with a sudden, overwhelming love controlling him, spoke out. "It would make my story too long to tell the words that made Lena's heart tremble and her eyes grow bright, while Aunt Margaret's wrath was kindling at the fisherman's presumption."

But when Lena's hand was fast prisoned in his own, when her eyes, fast-lighted, were drooping and her cheeks blushing under his gaze, James Smith said:

"But, though I have once deceived you, you, you may trust me now, for all time."

"Deceived me?" she cried, shrinking a little.

"I am not James Smith, but Mortimer Gilroy; not an honest, hard-working fisherman, only an idle, useless gentleman. You will not need to work when you are my wife, Lena, but can paint for pleasure only."

Lena's eyes flashed merrily, and she would have spoken, even if Aunt Margaret had not said dryly: "Perhaps it would be a good time to tell Mr. Mortimer Gilroy who you are."

"Do not look so bewildered," Lena said. "I am not masquerading. I am simply what you know me—Madeleine Seymour, artist. But Aunt Margaret wishes me to tell you that I paint now, have painted for years, solely for my beauty. I have never loved anything better than earthly pleasure since first my hand could grasp a pencil. But I am not working for money, because I have more than enough. I am rich, too, though I do not paint in satin dresses or wear jewels at the seaside. Still, I did not mean any deception!"

"And you would have bestowed your wealth upon a poor fisherman?" asked Mortimer Gilroy, with glad heart and loving eyes.

She smiled, answering: "I think I found the pearl in its rough case. I did not know your social position, but I did know you were a gentleman in heart and education. I could not have loved you had you spoken in a manner less as rough as your dress."

So Aunt Margaret was satisfied, and society welcomed Mortimer Gilroy's artist wife, guessing nothing of the little romance that was founded upon advertising for a model.—New York Ledger.

A Phosphorescent Lake. This peculiar phenomenon may be seen near Providence, near Nassau in the Bahamas. It is an artificial lake, having originally been constructed as a place in which to store green turtles and fish. It is about 1000 feet long and from 200 to 300 feet wide. In the daytime it looks the same as any other small lake, but at night, which is the proper time for visiting it, the least disturbance of the water causes it to emit phosphorescent light. When agitated the whole lake looks like a sea of fire. Rowing boats are for hire to visitors, and as soon as the oars touch the water they seem to sparkle through gold. A young girl who lives with the keeper of the property can be induced for a trifle, to plunge into the water and swim and splash about for the delight of her audience, when she appears enveloped in flames or struggling in a lake of burning oil.

BEAUTIFUL MINORCANS.

A RACE OF HANDSOME WOMEN FOUND IN FLORIDA.

Descendants of a Colony Brought From the Grecian Island of Minorca in 1767—How 1500 People Were Deceived and Heartlessly Treated Like Slaves.

Down on the Hillsboro River, in Volusia County, Florida, there are the ruins of one of the settlements in this country, and its history forms one of the most tragic episodes ever recorded of any place in the United States. The place is called New Smyrna, but there is nothing new or attractive about it, except the orange trees, palmettos and green vines which nature distributes lavishly around.

There is one class of people in the South who can never be induced to visit New Smyrna, and the very sound of the name makes them shrink and turn their heads away in shame and anger.

In the streets of St. Augustine to-day, says the Detroit Free Press, one occasionally catches a glimpse of a type of American beauty that fairly takes the breath away, and again he sees traces of that type in so many other faces that he unhesitatingly attributes them all to the same source. What the Creole blood has done for so many women in New Orleans, the Minorcan blood has accomplished for the inhabitants of Florida. The wondrous eyes, the regular, classic features, and the beautiful hair are all worthy of the Creole slave—their real ancestral prototypes.

The coming of the Minorcans, and their subsequent slavery, was in this wise: In 1767 a certain Captain Andrew Turnbull obtained a grant of 60,000 acres in Volusia County, Florida, and named it New Smyrna. Florida had just been ceded to Great Britain, but it was so thinly settled that a small empire might have been built up in the middle counties without attracting any attention from the English authorities.

Captain Turnbull sailed for the Mediterranean after securing title to his land, and proceeded to dazzle the people of the Grecian isles with his fair descriptions and promises of his New Smyrna. He was not the first explorer or adventurer to misrepresent the wonderful climate and products of sunny Florida. He was so successful in his persuasions that a colony of 1500 men, women and children, chiefly Minorcans, were induced to embark with him for the new land. To make the promises seem more real Captain Turnbull offered to carry the colonists to their new home free of cost, and to clothe and feed them for a month. If at the end of that period any were dissatisfied with the conditions of the new home, he would transport them back to Europe. But to those who desired to stay he would present fifty acres of land and twenty-five acres thereafter to every child born.

What inducements could be fairer than these, fully set forth in the contract? Men and women of noble families joined the expedition and left pleasant homes behind them. But the prospects of the future home were more alluring than those at home, and the innocent Grecians and Minorcans cast in their lots together and started for the New Smyrna.

They had a rough passage across the sea, and some of the old and feeble ones died, but the rest were all well when they were actually landed on the coast of Florida. Everything seemed to be as represented, and the new colonists started in to make New Smyrna one of the finest homes in the world. They erected palmetto huts, and labored diligently in the fields for their food. It was not long before they found that they were in the hands of a crafty man, whose sole purpose in bringing them over was to force them to create wealth for him. They were in a strange land far away from any civilized town or village, and thousands of miles away from their own countrymen.

They were soon reduced to the level of the slave, and forced to labor in the fields from early morning until night. The contract they had signed was void. The immense plantation was soon brought under cultivation, and Turnbull realized a princely income from it. The Minorcans realized nothing but a pitiable living. No land was ceded to them or their children; no profits were given to them—not even wages. A small quantity of food was doled out to them, and they were forced to eat out of a common bowl. For nine years they toiled hopelessly for their cruel masters, but, in spite of it all, their spirit was never actually broken.

They were subjected to the lash on the slightest provocation. The women were whipped publicly. They were half-starved, and many of them actually died for lack of proper food. No Greek or other classic slave ever appealed more strongly to the sympathies of a world than these beautiful Minorcan women lashed to the stake while the executioner's whip was laid upon their bodies.

But there was to be an end to all this. One night the whole colony escaped from the plantation, and wandered through the almost impenetrable swamps of Florida to St. Augustine. They arrived there in time—600 strong, all that remained of the original 1500—and, throwing themselves upon the mercy of Governor Tonyn, they were protected from their former masters. Turnbull sued for his alleged rights, and a special court was organized for the trial of the Minorcans. Young appeared in behalf of the Minorcans, and they were made legally and morally free. Since then their descendants have lived in St. Augustine or the vicinity, and it is almost impossible to induce any of them to return to the scene of their former slavery. To-day their strikingly handsome faces attract the attention of visitors to Florida, for their beauty, while fresh and new to America, is as old as history.

The Most Powerful Poison. When snake venom is concentrated by removing the albumen substance, and retaining the other two, what is left constitutes the most powerful poison known to toxicology. It has been reckoned that a single thimbleful of it suitably applied would be enough to kill 25,000 people.

California's yield of lemons in 1895 reached 150,000 boxes.

CRABS AND THE MOON.

An Industry From Which Chesapeake Watermen Derive Profits.

The Chesapeake crab is now a commercial commodity, which, while coming in third on the list, the oyster coming first and the scale fishes second in order of value, is of no mean importance. On the contrary, to put the annual income to the fishermen engaged in the industry at a hundred thousand dollars would be to underestimate it. This crabbing industry along the Chesapeake bay is a growth of recent years. At Queenstown, Kent Island and Eastern Neck Island, near the mouth of the Chester River, are the principal shipping points for Kent and Queen Anne's counties of the soft crab, or the scarcely less appetizing hard crab.

During the early season thousands of dozens of soft crabs were shipped from these points, and, strange to say, the prices obtained are governed by the phases of the moon. The sloughing season of the crab is after the dark of the moon, increasing as the moon nears its full. Operated upon by the unvarying law of supply and demand, as the supply becomes more abundant at the moon full, prices often drop to ten or fifteen cents per dozen, while at other seasons the fancy prices of from sixty to eighty cents are received.

Labor-saving methods have now entered into the soft crab fishery, and from the tedious hoop-net method the soft crab is now dragged for with nets as are other fish, and at one haul many dozens are sometimes caught. A great shore flat, the favorite resort for the sloughers, for there, to a great extent, they are out of the way of their inveterate enemies, eels and large fishes. It is only at the season of shedding its old for a new garment that the crab grows and develops from the small crustacean of the opening of the summer to the "chancellor" at its close. From the fact that soft crabs are shipped in smaller quantities it would be impossible to aggregate the handsome results during a single season.

It is different, however, with the hard crab. On many trips of the Chester River steamers last season as many as one hundred barrels of hard crabs were shipped from Kent Island alone, the soft crabs varying from twenty-five cents per barrel to one dollar. At an average of fifty barrels per day for a three months' season, deducting twelve Sundays, gives a total of 4400 barrels, and putting the price at fifty cents per barrel, gives the handsome result for this point alone for less than three months' actual work of \$2200.

With favorable conditions and good luck attending, a single crabber will wind up a day's work with \$15 added to a season's profits. The trot line is the most picturesque way of capturing this summer delicacy. A line several hundred feet in length has attached at each end a float. At intervals of a few inches are lines about eighteen inches or two feet in length, all well baited. The crabber fans on his stomach in his boat, with net in hand, goes from end to end of this line, and at each trip finds a greater or less number of the baited lines with crabs on them. Large canneries have been opened and the canned crab is now known as a commodity of commerce in sections where a live crab has never been seen.—Washington Star.

A Muskrat Farm. John Duffield, of Cedarville, N. J., is the owner of a muskrat "farm" that is profitable to him. Duffield, about two years ago, for an extensive piece of marsh land, suited to the shores of Delaware Bay, near his home, was of no use unless he turned it into a muskrat "farm." This he did, and he bids fair to become quite well-to-do in a few years from the proceeds of the rodents, which are rapidly increasing in numbers. Duffield secured a number of muskrats and placed them on his "farm." Muskrats once settled on a piece of marsh land, suited to their tastes will not leave it. The soft-coated rodents need little or no care and increase at a marvelous rate. The harvest time for muskrat crop comes in the winter season, when the South Jersey farmer puzzles his brain to pass away the dull hours. Duffield gathered muskrats from his "farm" all of last winter, and he has learned that no farming he ever before engaged in as profitable. There is a ready market for the sale of the "rat fur" in Philadelphia and New York, and the prices the skins command are from \$20 to \$25 per hundred. Duffield has left several hundred pairs of the animals on his "farm," and if nothing unforeseen occurs he expects to gather several thousand pelts next season.—Philadelphia Times.

One Sign of Vanity in Bismarck. The doorman shows that ex-Chancellor Bismarck is prodigiously proud of his great height, and the size of his sons and daughter. Under the date of December 31, 1880, it bears a record of the height of each member of the family, penciled by the Prince himself. The inscription is as follows: Prince Bismarck, 6 feet 2 inches; Count Herbert, 6 feet 1 1/4 inches; William, 6 feet 1 1/4 inch; Rantzau (the son-in-law), 5 feet 10 1/2 inches; Princess Bismarck, standing on tiptoe, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Marie (Countess Rantzau, the only daughter), 5 feet 8 inches.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Chinook. In the Northwest States a peculiarly warm, dry wind, called the Chinook, which has a wonderful power of "eating up" snow, occasionally prevails, and a remarkable visitation of this wind occurred in Oregon and Washington last December. Professor Ward, writing in Science, calls attention to the close resemblance between the Chinook winds of the Cascade and Rocky Mountain regions and the celebrated foehn winds of the Alps. Both blow down from the mountain ranges, and both produce effects, in the sudden liquefaction of snow, that are almost marvelous. There is no mystery about them, although they require particular conditions of atmospheric pressure, combined with certain effects arising from the position of the mountains with respect to the isothermal lines, and lines of equal temperature.—Boston Cultivator.

A HUMAN SOUL.

A wise man walked by the river, And the water spirit's sigh As she yearned for a soul, it moved him, And he answered thus her cry:

"Can you smile when your heart is seething? Remember when others forget? Laugh lightly while hope is taking Its final farewell of you; yet meet the world and strive on to the ending Of life, be it ever so drear. Firm in faith, without feigning, unbending, I wish never a sign of a tear."

"Can you pause to do deeds of kindness— In the midst of your deepest woe? For grief, it must not bring blindness To the trials of others below. You must ever strive on, and your sorrow, Though heavy and sore to bear, Remains till the dawn of that morrow, When pain it is no more there."

Made answer the wise man slowly: "If this be so, and thou Canst bear grief, yet help the suffering, Thou hast a soul even now."

FUN OF THE DAY. He—"What pretty hair that Miss Dashiwood has—like spun gold." She (her rival)—"Yes—fourteen carrot." Punch.

Albert—"Ethel is at last beginning to smile on my suit." John—"Well, I don't blame her. Everybody else laughs at it." Twinkle.

Neil—"Are they happy in their married life?" Tom—"Very. He still wears the necktie that she picks out for him."—Somerville Journal.

"And you never have had a tandem collision?" "No." "Well, that shows you never have had a very pretty girl on in front."—Chicago Record.

Friend—"Do you take any stock in campaigns of education?" Politician—"Oh, yes. There are some votes that can't be had in any other way."—Life.

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DROWNED IN GORTON'S POND.

Harry Peterson's Loss of Life Saturday Afternoon at Niantic.

Saturday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock, the sorrowful news of the drowning of Harry Peterson, the 11 year old son of Adolph Peterson, was circulated about Niantic. The circumstances concerning his death are vague, since his companions were so excited when questioned that their statements were conflicting. The following version is conceded to be the correct one. Young Peterson, with several companions, was fishing from a stringer on the bridge which spans the upper road, where he lost his balance and fell into the water. The current at this point runs very swiftly and he was swept along more than 100 feet from the place where he fell in. His companions were all too small to render aid and had already lost their presence of mind, and instead of trying to summon assistance as rapidly as possible, stood shouting and waving their arms. Meanwhile Peterson had gone down for the last time and was beyond all human aid. The terrified boys immediately circulated the news and a searching party was organized at once. Medical Examiner Dart having been notified in the meantime. The body was found about 200 feet from where the boy fell, having been located by means of the fishing pole. The boy's hands and feet were so tangled up in the fishing line that had been an excellent swimmer, he could not have saved himself. All effort was made to resuscitate him but it was of no avail, the spark of life had been extinguished. Young Peterson's father is employed at Booth Bros., quarries, and a messenger was dispatched at once to notify him of his awful trouble. Mr. Peterson has been singularly unfortunate, having lost three members of his family in a little more than a year, and the entire community join in extending sympathy to him in his bereavement. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m., the interment being in Niantic cemetery.

OLD LYME.

Mrs. Farwell has a new Hartford wheel. Mrs. Getty, of Waterbury, is at Miss Brown's. Dr. James Griswold spent Sunday in town. Mrs. Huntington was in New London last Friday. Wm. Bunnell of Hartford, was in town Friday. Judge W. C. Noyes was in town last Saturday. Dent Rowland was in New York city Wednesday. John Dorr, Jr., is the guest of his uncle, Henry Dorr. Miss Margaret Clark was in New London, Thursday. Mrs. Penfield's dancing class was postponed this week. C. C. Davidson of New Haven, was in town over Sunday. Miss Nellie Bradbury is riding a new Hartford bicycle. Griswold Perkins returned to Union college, Monday. F. L. Saunders has placed his order for a new Hartford bicycle. M. B. Bibble of New London, spent Sunday with his parents. Miss Fanny Gray, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Bertha Chadwick. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ludington, of New York, were in town, Friday. Boxwood pupils gave a hop last Saturday evening to a few of their friends. Miss Mabel C. Holman of Saybrook, was the guest of Miss Margaret Clark, Saturday. J. R. Jones was confined to the house several days last week owing to sickness. Miss Elizabeth Sisson of New London, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cankins. W. N. Austin took a party of Boxwood young ladies to Essex, Monday, in his naptha launch.

A number of the young people of this place attended the ball game at Clinton last Saturday afternoon. The cellar to Mr. Bugbee's new store is almost completed. The store is to be ready for occupancy July 1. The bellows band have a large tent pitched on R. W. Chadwick's land and last Saturday evening the dedicatory exercises were held. Miss E. Sisson, of New London conducted the meeting. The evening was cold and but few attended. The first real thunder storm of the season raged on Wednesday evening. It was not very severe however, although the lightning was pretty sharp at times and the thunder rattled considerably. The storm was punctuated by a steady downpour of rain that continued until nearly 11 o'clock.

CLINTON.

Capt. J. F. Skewes passed last week in the Metropolis. L. L. Hull has placed his windmill in position for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swole, of New Haven, were in town over Sunday. Workmen are painting the residence of Capt. J. Henry Jones, High street. Henry Chapman has raised the frame for his new cottage at Clinton Beach. Ave. y R. Pratt has purchased two more cottage lots at Hammock Point. D. D. Hurd has begun his regular summer trips with his bakery wagon. Dr. A. H. Stevens was the guest of his son, Fred, in Hartford the past week. A band of gypsies passed through town Monday bound toward New Haven. Miss Mary Winchester is attending Gaffey's shorthand school in New Haven. Mrs. Henry C. Hull passed a number of days in the Metropolis during the last week. F. D. Meigs, of New Haven, was at his summer home on Hammonasset, Monday. John Freeman, of Higganum, is building an addition to his cottage at Hammock Point. Miss Dudley, of Guilford, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Morgan over Sunday. Unclaimed letters remain in the post office, May 12, for T. F. Chapin and Mrs. M. Harge. Mrs. C. H. Grinnell and Mrs. Frank Buell were guests of Westbrook friends the past week. Mrs. Wm. Platt and daughter have returned from a week's visit with friends in Ivoryton. Miss Edith Brook, of Birmingham, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zora C. Brooks. Miss Mary P. Andrews, who is engaged in teaching at Waterford, was home over Sunday. Miss Grace Weeks, teacher at Hill-house High school, New Haven, was home over the Sabbath. Mrs. Elmer Taylor and son, of Torrington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards. Stone is being carted for the cellar and underpinning of the residence of Chas. R. Pratt at Harbor View. Mrs. Julia Ashcraft, of New London, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swain during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Booth, of Boston, have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. D. A. Stannard during the week. The new residence being built by C. L. Swain on the Prospect Hill road is fast approaching completion. B. H. Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dibbell during the past week. Evangelists Medling and Kunzleman have left town for New London, where they will labor for the present. Chas. Parker has returned from New York and entered the employ of Ruben Kelsey, the liverym n, for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Westrich, of Springfield, Mass., have arrived at their Hammock Point cottage for the season. Miss Katherine Elliot, of New Haven, has been the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Elliot. John E. Chatfield, of the Hotel Jefferson, New York city, passed the Sabbath at his farm near Grove Beach. Mrs. A. C. Pelton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Stevens, returned to her home in Providence, R. I., Saturday. Miss Jennie Gilbert has been confined to her home here for some weeks, the result of an injury to an ankle while bicycling. Miss Florence Shaller and Miss Gertrude King, of Essex, were guests of friends in town Friday, riding down on their wheels. Some our sportsmen are now hunting plover with more or less success. Frank Parker bagged seventeen one day the past week. Walter Wellman and brother, R. E. Wellman, of New Haven, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wellman, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Wright and child, of Worcester, Mass., are passing a few days in town the guests of relatives. Miss Stone, of New York, has been entertained for the past fortnight by Hon. H. A. Smith and wife at their Hammonasset home. E. G. Clark, superintendent of public schools at Newburgh, N. Y., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sutherland, Liberty street. Henry Doell, the baker, is remodeling his oven. When the improvements are completed, he will have one of the most complete bakeries in this section. Comparatively few people from here attended the Merchants Carnival at New Haven last week, owing to the lack of excursion railroad rates, apparently. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Pratt removed into one of the Blake cottages at Beach Park on Friday where they will reside until the completion of their new home. E. A. Hurd and wife, with Mrs. Clifford Everts visited Chestnut Hill, Killingworth, last week, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Redfield. Walter M. Anderson was the guest of David Fox, Wesleyan 1900, in Middletown over Saturday and Sunday, witnessing the Yale-Wesleyan base ball game. The American Mechanics are anticipating a fine time at their anniversary exercises this evening. Each member has the privilege of inviting three guests. Mrs. D. E. W. Spratt of Philadelphia and Mrs. Elwell, a returned missionary from India, are sojourning in town for a week the guests of Mrs. F. M. Watrous at her Grove Beach cottage. Roadmaster Perkins, of the New London division of the Consolidated, took a run over the track between here and Westbrook, Saturday, on his railroad "bike". Frank Tuttle landed three trout last Wednesday weighing 11.4, 1 and 11.2 pounds, positively. The reason for proving a reasonable one hereabout for every day.

WESTBROOK.

Miss Ida Platt is among the latest purchasers of wheels. Mrs. Mary Wilson of Middletown is at her Stannard Beach cottage. Miss Lillian Stokes, who has been visiting in New Haven, has returned. A. A. Wilcox and son William are passing a few days in the Metropolis. Mrs. J. A. Fluke has returned from Brooklyn, where she has been visiting. Clarence E. Stevens of New Haven was the guest of friends in town Sunday. A. A. Wilcox has a most complete line of ladies and gentlemen's bicycle shoes. Miss Sable Hoadley is visiting her sister, M. S. Sanford Brainard, in Ivoryton. St. Paul's church Guild met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Julia Wilson, West Beach. Mrs. Harriet DeWolf was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. U. Brown, at Clinton the past week. Captain Joseph W. Spencer, New York, arrived at his summer residence Tuesday for the season. Mrs. F. F. Wright has moved from the James Crofut place into a portion of B. F. Hubbard's residence. Dibble Bros., the pound fishermen, are catching as high as forty or fifty shad p. r. day in their nets. Captain Charles F. Buell has rented his West Beach cottage to Dr. Dobson, of New Britain, for the season. F. A. Hayden has removed his family from the Wm. Tryon place into the west half of the James Crofut house. Mrs. Adelaide Sherman, Bridgeport, visited her father, Captain F. W. Spencer, for a few days the past week. Mrs. D. Lyon Stannard, of Meriden, is at her home on Seashore Avenue for a few days, preparing it for occupancy. Laodius D. P. Williams intends to have his Pochong House open for the season by D. coration day, May 20th. Major A. V. Squires and family of Hartford are expected at their Middle Beach cottage this week for the season. Dr. John Bushnell and wife, of New Haven, are passing a few days at the old homestead on the Grove Beach road. Miss Nettie Stevens of East Hampton, who has been visiting Mrs. Minerva Drown, has gone to Danbury for a visit. Tax collector D. W. Grosvenor is calling the attention of the public to the fact that taxes on the list of '96 are now due. Mrs. Chapman of Groton is passing a few days at the parsonage with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Bailey, who is quite ill. A number from here witnessed the ball game at Clinton Saturday morning between Morgan and Bukeley school teams. Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Post of Brooklyn, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George D. E. Post over last Sabbath. James Vandewater removed his family from the Chapman Mill tenement into the east half of Mrs. Ely Stannard's residence on Friday. Communion at St. Paul's Episcopal chapel next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Binney of Middletown, will be present and deliver the sermon. Unclaimed letters remain in the post office May 12 for Miss Julia Seller, Edw. F. Lord, Miss Klara Lundquist, L. Rams and Mr. Base Ball Club. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ripley and Alfred Scott of Springfield, Mass., with Charles Rogers of Haddam, as guests, are sojourning at the Ripley cottage on Stannard Hill. For one week only we will sell any 50 cent corset in our store for 39 cents and any \$1 corset for 88 cents. These are regular goods and will go back to original prices the first of the week. C. L. Clark. John Dale, of Illinois, has purchased the residence of the late Wm. Burghardt Wright at Horse Hill, where he proposes to carry on the business of farming and stock raising. He is at present dealing in horses. R. H. Parker and men are making alterations on the store belonging to the estate of H. M. Stannard and occupied by M. A. Watrous. The front of the structure is being removed and a new porch will be added. Several classes in the Congregational Sunday School met with Miss Cornelia S. Post last Thursday afternoon and organized a Sewing circle, the proceeds from whose efforts will be devoted to missions. Dr. Cowles and daughter of Rome, N. Y., are guests of Dr. F. S. Cowles, Seashore Avenue. Dr. Cowles Sr. is a dental practitioner of repute and it is expected he will do considerable work in that line during his sojourn here. Having thoroughly remodeled and improved our place of business, we have our coat and vest off prepared to sell goods at prices in touch with the times, which means you can afford to buy. Our damaged cottons and calicoes at 3 cents a yard are samples. M. A. Watrous. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker gave a dance at their Stannard Beach home on Tuesday evening, May 4th, in honor of the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Fanny, the affair being quite largely attended by our young people. N. E. Bushnell and Mrs. Chas. J. Merwin furnished music, while W. G. Bushnell promted.

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A tramp reported to the night watchman at the Cutaway Harrow Works at Higganum, at 9:30 o'clock Thursday night, that he had seen a boat upset in the Connecticut River opposite that place and that a man could be seen clinging to the keel. The boat was about half way across the river and drifting rapidly. A relief party was quickly organized and went out to the rescue. They found the boat, but the man had apparently become exhausted and was drowned. It is not known where the boat came from or who the man was.

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Shirt Waist Items.

15 doz n Sheer Lawn Shirt Waists, white detached collars, attached cuffs; 16 styles to pick from; 85c grade; opening price 49c.

10 dozen Fine Lawn and Percale Waists, very new designs, white and self detached collars and cuffs, 20 styles here; \$1.25 kind; opening price 98c.

A nobby lot of Shirt Waist Novelties, made of Fine Lawns, Dimities, Lapport Cloth and Percales, small or large stripes, checks, and linen off cuts, attached and detached cuffs in white and self; detached lin collars; fit and finish perfect; regularly worth \$2.00; a clove if these for \$1.50.

About 5 dozen last season's Laundry Waists, all good styles, were \$1.50 to \$2.25; closing price 98c.

Trimmed Hat Specials.

10 doz n Ladies' Fancy Straw Sun Hats (blacks only) 50c goods for 25c.

10 doz n White Sailor Hats, Dunlap and Knox shapes, \$1.00 sort 69c.

12 doz n Children's Fine Lighon Hats; colors, red, brown, navy and green; \$1.00 kind 49c.

Sale of Artificial Flowers.

100 boxes of beautiful flowers for hat trimming: Roses, Sweet Peas, Geraniums, Lilies, Mountain Violets, Wreaths, Crysanthemums, Poppies, Daisies, Pinks, Foliage Wreaths.

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Softens and preserves the leather, makes it waterproof, producing an elegant polish. Dabber and polishing cloth with each bottle, a neatly boxed. Once over with the dabber's quick rub with the polishing cloth, result a handsome coat black shoe. For men's or women's shoes. Price 25c a bottle. (On sale at Notion Counter.)

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Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 7:30 a. m., 4:31, 6:34 p. m.

NIANTIC POST OFFICE.

Mails close, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:30, 4:30 p. m. Going West, at 7:54 a. m., 1:30, 5:43 p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Joseph McKeon, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

THE FRATERNITIES.

Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Henry Arnold is visiting in Hartford. Mrs. J. M. Wheeler was in Westley, Friday. Gates Bros. received a car of grain Saturday.

One hundred clerks employed in the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad offices at New Haven were discharged Saturday on account of slack business.

W. W. Leonard was unable to attend to his duties at Waterford station today on account of illness. C. A. Beckwith occupied his position.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give entertainments and suppers in Union Hall to-morrow and Thursday evenings. They look forward to a large attendance.

The fishing steamer Walter Adams, Geo. F. Moore, Nat Strong, King Fisher and Peconia, all hailing from Greenport, started on the first fishing cruise of the season last week.

The Seymour-Stratton Comedy Co., which gave talented performances here several years, and which stranded later, is again on the road. It is expected that they will appear here.

Mrs. Chas. Lamb was arrested by Officer Geo. P. Hill, Monday, on complaint of J. H. Maynard on a charge of disturbing the peace. Court was held at 6 o'clock yesterday evening and adjourned for two weeks.

The entertainment given by the Ladies Society of the Baptist church at Union hall last evening, drew forth a large attendance. An excellent program was rendered.

Frederic Pernie, J. M. Bissell, John W. Parker, J. M. Burke, W. H. Gelmoise, all of Hartford; W. A. Smith, Boston; G. M. Bates, New York city; W. J. Hubbs, Saratoga, N. Y.; E. M. Presson, Gloucester; John L. Boswell, Norwich; J. W. Cutter, of Putnam, were registered at the Niantic House last week.

Potatoes, either for eating or planting purposes, are scarce. A year ago this time this important article of food was a "drug on the market," and hundreds of bushels were fed out to stock or thrown away.

Connecticut's "Bay of Naples," as Niantic Bay is sometimes termed, to an arctic person appeared uncommonly beautiful Saturday. As far as the eye could reach, could be seen the pale blue gleam of dancing waves.

Roll of Honor for East Lyme Public Schools. Flanders Primary, Miss Hawer. Melvina Ames, Mabel Newton, Lizzie Bailey, Willie Park, Grace Beebe, Mabel Park, Willie Crofts, Angus Park, Herbert Crofts, Myrtle Rich, Charlie Durkin, Willie Rogers, Willie Eggleston, Bertha Rogers, Willie Eggleston, Fred Taft, Jennie Gadbos, Flossie Tubbs, No-rey Hishop, Willie Tubbs, Marcia Kiley.

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Niantic Hill, Miss Stanton. Maud Latham, Grace Richmond, Daisy Banta, Nellie Rogers, Myrtle Richmond, Chas. Rogers, Leon Rogers, Earl Huntley, Frederic Smith, Henry Dean.

Representative Arthur B. Calkins was a guest at a dinner party given at the Hotel Heublein, Thursday evening, given by Representative Frank C. Fowler, of East Haddam, to many of his legislative friends.

For wall papers we must have been, for every customer insists that we have that kind of an eye. Well we take an interest in our business and buy goods for our friends as for ourselves.

Saturday at the East Lyme saw mills, fate averted what, but for her intervention, would have been a terrible accident. Wm. Quigg and an assistant were sawing out ties, when suddenly without a bit of warning, the saw struck something, and a number of teeth were ripped out.

The saw which was valued at a hundred dollars, was totally ruined. Another Crescent Beach Robbery. The News chronicled some time ago, that many cottages at Crescent Beach had been broken into and ransacked during the winter months.

Dr. Elisha Munger died at his New London residence on Friday evening after a prolonged illness of two months. His condition had been such for two days before his death that the end was expected at any time, all hope of his recovery being abandoned.

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"Fanny made regular visits to her and seemed to take great interest in the proceeding. The duck rarely left her nest. After sitting for about a week she sickened and died. Fanny seemed almost heart-broken over the untimely death of her friend. The remains of her dear Miss Poland from her accustomed place in the yard and began a search for her. I found her in the duck's nest with the eggs underneath her. The next morning I visited the poultry house and found Fanny still covering the eggs. I concluded not to disturb her, but await results.

"This continued for some weeks, and at the end of the third week I noticed that she had laid six lively little ducks had become citizens of the poultry yard. Fanny seemed very proud of her success as an incubator. The little ducks followed her, and seemed to know no difference between Fanny and a barnyard fowl.

"The strangest part of the story yet remains to be told. Fanny is a remarkable ratter, and these little ducks developed into the finest ratters I have ever seen. It was a matter of course that these six ducks against six terriers for \$100 to \$1000 a side in a rat-killing contest, and I will win the match."

"A Governor's Left-Handed Shake." "Excuse my left hand," said a man who was being introduced as "Governor" to a number of people at the Elliott House, says a Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune. He was a trifle under the ordinary stature. There was no vacant sleeve, so the request to excuse his left hand seemed necessary. It was Governor Scofield, of Wisconsin. He was wounded in the war and his right arm was rendered almost useless. Notwithstanding this, Scofield's "left-handed shake" is well known in Wisconsin, and helped to elevate him to the Governor's chair. He was a lumberman and had served in the State Senate. He shook hands so successfully that when the convention met the other candidates were forced to yield the nomination to him.

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HIS CLOCK OF FLOWERS.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER WILL HAVE A LARGE FLORAL TIMEPIECE.

It is for the Standard Oil Magnate's Country Seat—The Biltmore—on the Hudson River, that the clock is to be used—A Novelty in This Country.

John D. Rockefeller, the multi-millionaire Standard Oil magnate, is to have, it is reported, an extraordinary floral novelty on the grounds of his country seat on the Hudson, near Tarrytown. The wonder talked of is to be a clock, made entirely of growing flowers, and it will tell the time of the day with much accuracy.

The floral clock is the suggestion of Mrs. Rockefeller, with whom botany is more than a mere fad, for she has for many years been an earnest student of floriculture, and is an authority on plants. It is said that before she was married to Mr. Rockefeller, and while that gentleman was yet a bookkeeper, she was a teacher of botany.

There has never been a floral clock planted in this country, but the Baroness Burdett-Coutts had one and so did the Duke of Westminster, and they were a source of pleasure to the owners and their guests. The one that is expected will be seen up the American Rhine will be of home design and the flowers used will be for the most part those that grow wild about Tarrytown.

There are sixty-seven varieties of flowers that have certain virtues for opening and closing their petals. A very early morning flower was the timepiece of the poor, who had no other way of telling the time. The white lily, now as then, opens at 7 a. m. and closes at 5 p. m., and in the country districts is called the "day lily."

The design for Mr. Rockefeller's clock, it is said, has just been completed by an Ohio landscape gardener, who has selected the common yellow dandelion to represent the hour. These flowers open at 5:30 a. m. and close at about 8:30 p. m. and the hands will point to the arrangement of flowers representing those figures. For other parts of the queer timepiece the gardener has suggested a large number out of the many from which a selection may be made, and Mrs. Rockefeller will decide which shall be used.

The yellow goat's beard will be used for one. It grows in the meadows everywhere, and in the country districts of Scotland the schools which cannot have clocks are dismissed by it. For the 2 p. m. flower the hawkweed has been suggested as the best, as it closes at that hour to the minute. Then the snow thistle, all common to the meadow, closes its little white flower at exactly 1 p. m. The best 11 a. m. plant is from the pasture and is called the snow thistle. It opens at 5 a. m. and begins to close at 11, but is not closed before 12.

The water lily and several other members of the lily family are celebrated for the exactness with which they open and close each day, and there are a number of flowers common to the every-day sight that may be made to do duty in the construction of the novelty that is to contribute to the pleasure of Mr. Rockefeller and his friends.

From a distance the clock will have the appearance of a flower bed, but one will on close inspection mistake it for anything other than what it is. That those not familiar with the habits of the flowers may anticipate the pretty timekeepers in their duty an oilcloth book, written in indelible ink, will probably be placed alongside the clock, so that those who watch may inform themselves.—New York World.

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LADIES' COLUMN.

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The Ascot Tie. The Ascot tie is a fad among women. It looks very natty when worn with a tailor-made coat. The most stylish tie of this kind is made of striped or plaid Madras in a combination of brilliant colors. This gives dash to a dark wool gown. It is now as bad taste for a woman to wear a ready-made tie as for her brother, father or husband to do so. So if she dons an Ascot, she has to go through the torture of learning to tie it properly, but the result is worth while.—New York Sun.

Exquisite Neck Decorations. All sorts of exquisite little neck decorations will take the place on summer toilets, of the stiff military or stock collars, standing and falling ruffles of India muslin, silk canvas, lace, chiffon, etc., and little tufts over collars and Paquin points of white batiste and lace, which give such a dainty touch to the gown. One of the latest neck trimmings for airy gowns is a band of linen batiste not more than an inch and a half wide. This is laid in tiny folds with very narrow Valenciennes lace on each edge. In the front, and just at the back are points of linen with a delicate embroidery in each point and lace at the edge. Wide white organza collars trimmed with lace are finished for French zephyr gingham and colored dimity dresses, and Valenciennes lace and insertion figure largely in the decoration of all thin gowns for the coming season that are made for special wear. For more ordinary uses, very fine Irish laces and linen insertions are used, and some of the designs in these trimmings are exquisitely dainty and thread-like.—New York Post.

For Neckwear. Fashion in collar bands and their decoration still plays an important part in the finish of our costumes, and while they are not so elaborately trimmed as they were in the winter, a frill of some sort, and above all the touch of white, is a positive necessity for the success of any neckwear. A short ruche, wider at the back than at the sides, appears on all the half dress gowns, and this is made of lace or net in any of the bright colors.

Loops of ribbon are still used at the back of dress gowns, with the lace ruche falling between, and one pretty neck finish is two quarter of a yard lengths of four-inch black satin ribbon cut out slanting ends and plaited on one edge in a small double box plait, forming two little frills meeting in the back, and the lace, which begins narrowly in the sides, falls over each. The tucked collar bands are very pretty with simply the lace ruche in the edge, and the knot effect in front is another fancy this season which is very pretty on some gowns. Linen collars are still worn with shirt waists, but the stock collar of silk, with a narrow turnover collar of linen is by far the most fashionable. The narrow linen collar comes in a great variety, plain, hemstitched and with tiny insertions, in lines of embroidery a little way from the edge, and trimmed with lace. Then there are various shapes in linen lawn with insertions and edgings of lace, and embroidered edges as well. Stocks made of the silk like the bodice tied in a soft bow with hemstitched ends in front, and a narrow linen collar turned up and down the village street, singing and whistling, either in the open air, or accompanied, or sitting in rows upon the benches outside the huts, occupied in a similar manner.

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Insects Fast Disappearing. English entomologists are becoming much alarmed at the rapid disappearance of the insects of the woods and fields. The Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society has drawn up a series of regulations to protect the insects from the greed of collectors and requires that no specimen of the wood white butterfly shall be taken, while of certain other species a collector may take not absolutely, but during the season. Violations of the rules bring unpleasant penalties. A transgressor who is a member of the society may be expelled, he will be reported to any other society of which he is a member and the influence of the society will be used to prevent him from exchanging or dealing in any way with other entomologists. While these regulations may be difficult to enforce, it is hoped that the loss of the insect world, and insects from extermination may be considered.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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AMUSEMENTS IN RUSSIA!

"ICE-HILLING" IS A FASCINATING SPORT OF THE PEOPLE.

The skating is not so good, owing to the poor ice—Russians are very fond of Must-Go-Bustians in the Open Air—Throwing Thick Wooden Clubs at Uprights.

The aristocracy assume themselves very much in the same way as our own. They shoot, they loaf and play cards in the clubs, they hunt pigeons out of traps, they have the latest fashions, they dance much and well; some have yachts of their own. Many of them keep English grooms, and their English—when they speak it—for this reason smacks somewhat of the stable, though they are not usually aware that this is the case. If a Russian aristocrat has succeeded in making himself look like an Englishman, and behaves like one, he is happy.

Of winter sports, in which, however, but a small minority of the Russian youth care to take part—there are skating, ice-yachting, snow-shoeing and ice-hilling. The skating upon, naturally, to be very good in Russia. As a matter of fact the ice is generally dead and lacking in that elasticity and spring which are characteristic of our English ice. It is too thick for elasticity, though the surface is beautifully kept and scientifically treated with a very fine skating wax, a special kind of wax, or an acid or two of the Nevra's broad bosom is reclaimed to make a skating ground. Some of the Russian amateurs skate marvelously, as also do many of the English and other foreign residents. Ice yachting is confined almost entirely to these latter, the natives not having as yet awakened to the merits of this fine pastime.

Ice-milling, however, at fair times—that is, during the carnival week preceding the skating—was a game much practiced by the people. This is a kind of cross between the snowback and tobogganing, and is an exceedingly popular amusement among the English residents of St. Petersburg, who support an Ice Hill Club of their own and repair to it weekly during the winter in order to amuse themselves by diving headlong down the ice slopes, and to be amused by the attempts of novices to follow their example. I may assure you that it is a most exciting and most awe-inspiring to beginners, and the most charming of all sports to the expert that the mind of man can imagine.

Snow-shoeing, again, is a fine and healthful recreation; it is the "ski" running of Norway, and is beloved and much practiced by all Englishmen who are fortunate enough to be introduced to its fascinations. It is too difficult and requires too much exertion, however, for the average Englishman, and is indolent individual, in consequence, rarely does the snowshoe.

The Russians are a theatre-loving people, and the acting must be very good to please their critical taste. Many of the theatres are "imperial," that is, the State "pays the piper" if the receipts of the theatre so protected do not balance the expenditure. In paying for good artists, whether operatic or dramatic, the Russians are most liberal.

Nearly every Russian is a natural musician, and cannot only sing in tune, but can take a part "by ear." The man with the balalaika or gramonka is always sure of an admiring audience, whether in town or village; and there is not a tiny hamlet in the Empire but resolves itself on holidays into a pair of choral societies—one for male and one for female voices—which either parade up and down the village street, singing and whistling, either in the open air, or accompanied, or sitting in rows upon the benches outside the huts, occupied in a similar manner.

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DR. TAYLOR'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

He Takes for His Subject a Thought Most Interesting to All Who are Trying to Achieve a Livelihood—The Ravens of God That Brought Bread and Flesh.

Text: "And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening."—1 Kings xvii, 6.

The ornithology of the Bible is a very interesting study, and the knowledge of the habits of the various birds, which are mentioned in the Scriptures, is a most valuable acquisition. One of the most interesting of these is the raven, which is mentioned in the Bible as having brought bread and flesh to Elijah the prophet in the wilderness.

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Is a Healthy Wife.

A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home. I sometimes marvel at the patience of some husbands.

If a woman finds that her energies are flagging and that everything tires her, her sleep is disturbed, her nerves are on edge, and she often wakes suddenly in the night with a feeling of suffocation and alarm, she must at once regain her strength.

It matters not where she lives, she can write a letter. Mrs. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., will reply promptly and without charge. The following shows the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, accompanied with a letter of advice:

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to drop for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. After using the treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped. I am now gaining strength and flesh and am a better health than I have had for years. I am so glad to tell you that I wish to say to all suffering women, when there is one so kind and willing to aid you."—Mrs. F. S. BENNETT, West-Philadelphia, Kans.

Paris Police Drummers. A corps of police drummers is to be found in Paris. Its functions will be, when riots are apprehended, to supply to each Police Commissioner and Inspector a drummer or drummers. The beating by any of these men of the drums will be equivalent to the reading of the "riot act." They are to be taught by the drum major of the Republican Guard.

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