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COTTONWOOD FALLS, - KANSAS

PANSY-FACES.

Here's a box of velvet-pansies—white and purple, blue and gold. Lovely tints of light and beauty, springing from the dainty, dark mold...

LOCUST LEARNING.

Curious Information About the Cicada Sep-tendecim.

An Interesting and Instructive Chapter on the Dreaded Locust, Furnished by the Entomologist of the Agricultural Bureau.

Prof. Riley, Entomologist of the National Bureau of Agriculture, recently prepared a bulletin on the "Periodical Cicada." The following extracts from the advance proof-sheets of the interesting pamphlet are taken from a Washington special to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"The metamorphoses of insects, their instinctive industry, their quarrels and their instincts afford abundant food for our love of the marvelous; but few species can claim such a singular history as can our periodical cicada. We are moved to admiration in contemplating the fact that an insect, after living for nearly seventeen years in the bowels of the earth, should at last ascend from its earthly retreat, change its sluggish, creeping and wingless form, and endowed with the power of flight, become a denizen of the air and enjoy the full glory of the sun. But our wonder increases when we reflect that this same insect has appeared in some part or other of the United States at regular intervals of seventeen years for centuries, age for ages, in the past! Long ere Columbus trod American soil this lowly insect must have appeared regularly at its appointed time. It must have filled the woods with its rattling song when none but wild beasts and savages were present to hear it. To me there is something pleasant in the idea that through its periodicity we are enabled with tolerable certainty to go back, in thought, for centuries in the past, to a particular month of a particular year, or even to a given day, when the woods resounded with its song, in the same manner as they did in 1868, or will the present year."

of newspaper reporters, who are ever saying "goes it is strange there should be so much smoke" and no fire, and I will briefly review the only three methods by which stinging can possibly be produced. At the same time I give it as my conviction that there is but little cause for fear, as I have handled thousands of them, and know hundreds of persons, including children, who have done the same, and yet have never been able to witness a single case of bona fide stinging by the cicada.

There is a very large digger wasp, the habit of which is to provision its nests with cicadas. The burrows made by this digger wasp, or hornet, are about three feet long, with two or three galleries about one foot long, each terminating in a chamber considerably enlarged. The female cicada, which she stings and paralyzes, and drags into one of these chambers; and it is not very unlikely that she should occasionally alight on some human being with a stinging nettle, and be brushed off by the hand, or stung by the cicada behind, which in absence of the hornet would very naturally be accused of the sting. An allied species of digger wasp has been actually observed by Mr. Rathvon to carry off a few belated individuals of the periodical cicada; but the usual prey of both these species is the larger annual cicada, and they both occur too late in the season to be the cause of all the stinging we hear of.

AMERICAN CHILDREN.

Their Subordination and Lack of Reverence, and the Cause Thereof. As water will not run higher than its source, so the character of a school will not be stronger than the force which is resident in the heart and in the master. Yet a man of less weight than an Arnold or a Bonson may by tact and careful adherence to the examples and dicta of the great schoolmasters raise his school to a high standard of moral excellence. The first step toward its attainment is a clear understanding of the relative positions of the master and the boy. This is more needful of definition on this side of the Atlantic than the other.

BAYARD ON JEFFERSON.

An Eloquent Eulogy on the Father of Democracy by the Secretary of War. At the recent commencement exercises of the University of Columbia, Mo., Secretary Bayard delivered an elaborate oration. The occasion was rendered interesting by unveiling a tablet on which was inscribed the memorable epitaph of Thomas Jefferson.

THE PRESIDENT'S PURPOSE.

His Object is to Render Efficient the Civil Service of the Government. Although it is but little more than three months since Mr. Cleveland was inducted into the Presidential office, it is already apparent that one of the chief objects of his administration will be to bring the civil service of the Government up to its highest possible stage of efficiency, no matter how much time and deliberation the carrying out of this programme may require nor how much impatient and unfriendly criticism it may provoke.

NO MERMAID THERE. Mr. W. Put-Up Job Was Made of No Avail—A Detroit Liear. He was leaning against the railing at the ferry dock looking decidedly out of sorts when along came an oily, smooth-faced man and said: "How are you off?"

CAN ONLY HURT THEMSELVES. The Administration, Deceived to Shape its Policy to Suit Republican Senators. The truth of the announcement that the Administration does not intend to shape its policy is subservient to the Republican majority in the Senate is so strangely probable that it need not be questioned.

—In relation to the controversy going on between an English and American agricultural journal as to whether the same person should always milk the same cows, it would make very little difference if the law of kindness were always observed.

—Speak well of your friends—let your enemies say nothing.—N. J. Horard.

—These terms are entirely inapplicable to the distinguished personage who has the honor of presiding over this great Nation, and conveying his government solely by intense malicious partisan feeling.

—Senator Don Cameron says that Prof. Bell, the telephoning man, once offered him a controlling interest in the stock of his company for \$6,000. The Senator declined. Last year the company's profits were over \$1,500,000.

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

LIKE A WEAVER.

Like a weaver I sit at life's busy loom; Like a weaver I sit at life's busy loom; Like a weaver I sit at life's busy loom; Like a weaver I sit at life's busy loom;

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS.

June 28—Review of Service of Song, Missionary, Temperance or other Lessons selected by the school. THIRD QUARTER. July 5—Revolt of the Ten Tribes.

SPEECH THAT IS GOLDEN.

Words Fitted Spoken—How to Counteract the Foolish Talking of the World.

There is an oft quoted adage that "speech is silver, but silence is gold." When we see how much foolish talking there is in the world we do not wonder at the popularity of this adage.

But it is base and cowardly not to speak because we may speak unwisely or be misunderstood. It is our duty to speak, to seek out acceptable words, to say what is fitting, as the skillful artist paints apples of gold in the pictures of silver.

As a nation we are not unsocial. We are accused of being of the other extreme. When thrown together as strangers we do not wait for formal introductions. We begin to talk about the weather and other common-places as a matter of course.

Apples of gold are highly esteemed as the apple. It is indeed the word of gold. It is indeed the word of gold. It is indeed the word of gold.

NEW EUCLID.

The art of match-making and elopement hunting having been long since reduced to a science by the humbug of fashionable life, it has been thought desirable to embody the same in writing for the benefit of posterity.

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GOD'S WORD.

The More It is Studied the Greater the Hungering and Thirsting After it.

I have heard some express the thought that perhaps the things of God might lose their freshness by our familiarity with them. I think the reverse will turn out to be the case.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

If we are the best we can be towards others, they in turn, the best they can be towards us. The crumb of divine grace and help may be multiplied to feed five thousand wants and anxieties.

Many Christians have to endure the solitude of the unnoticed laborer. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticeable.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The attempt of a foolish fellow named Odium to surpass the feats of Sam Patch by jumping from the Brooklyn Bridge had a fatal result.

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AMERICAN AS SHE IS SPOKE.

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California has a State Board of Education which has elected a necessary proof-reader and editor-in-chief at a salary of \$200 per month.

BEE CULTURE.

Suggestions to Persons Who Contemplate Engaging in the Business of Bee-keeping. That many persons fail at reaching success in keeping bees is undoubtedly true.

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THE PACHONTAS BUSINESS.

John Esau Cooke, of Virginia, has made a searching investigation of the Pochontas matter, and he is satisfied from all the evidence to hand.

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FEATHER BEDS.

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Bishop Cox, of Western New York, announces that the Diocesan Council has fixed \$1,000 as the lowest salary which should be offered a minister.

Edward Everett Hale thinks that "in these days the church has something to do besides singing, reading and praying."

The Rev. Dr. P. H. Mell, the venerable moderator of the Georgia Baptist Convention, was first elected in 1857, and has served continuously since.

A witty deacon puts it thus: "Now brethren, let us get up a supper and eat ourselves rich. Buy your food; then give it to the church; then go and buy it back again; then eat it up and your church debt is paid."

The Methodists of Georgia are interested in the conversion of the Jews, and have a mission organized for that purpose.

When Dr. Tucker preached the introductory sermon before the Baptist Convention at Columbus, Ga., recently, a lady in the congregation was wearing the same dress which she wore thirty years before on a similar occasion.

Teachers are employed by the Government in Germany to travel from place to place and give instructions in bee culture. It is said that the German rural schoolmaster is examined in bee culture before he is granted a diploma as a competent teacher.

The Baptist Conference in Boston at its recent session discussed quite at length the subject of "mind cure." The decision arrived at was that the theory and practice of this cure, as now professed and carried on, may perhaps constitute a science, but it can not claim the designation "Christian."

The new historic name of Batoche is derived from a settler of the name of Francis Xavier Batoche, who is the principal citizen of the town and still living.

Dr. Backus, of Rochester, N. Y., stepped out one spring morning to survey his lawn, which he had neatly re-tarred and sodded the day before.

President Webb, of Mississippi College, was interviewed by a young man who wanted to go to school. "Well," said the President, "what do you know?"

A turnip closely resembling an elephant is on exhibition at Key West. A man closely resembling a bear can be seen almost anywhere.

A Vermont husband got wind of the proposed elopement of his wife, and frustrated it by keeping guard over her silk dress. She wouldn't run away in a calico gown, and he knew it.

Perhaps a servant girl uses kerosene oil for kindling purposes because there is no dynamite in the house. The head of the family should think of this, and supply his domestics with all the modern appliances her work demands.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Pennsylvania court has decided that, as elections are not under the common law, bets thereon are not forfeit.—Philadelphia Press.

Enough land in the United States is owned by foreign syndicates to furnish 250,000 families with eighty acres of land apiece.—Troy Times.

The Odd Fellows of Maine have a membership of 14,656, and since their organization in the State, in 1843, have paid for individual relief \$477,323.

How can I find out all about the young lady to whom I am engaged? asks a prospective benedict. Has she a younger brother? If so, consult him.—Boston Post.

Large quantities of timber are now crosscut at the West, in a special manner, for railroad purposes, the effect being to increase the tenacity of the wood for holding spikes, etc., as well as its density, and its ability to resist mechanical wear.—Chicago Journal.

A gentleman who imagined that he recognized a lady friend, advanced cordially, and addressed her: "I beg pardon," he said, "but isn't this Miss Greenleaf?" "No, sir," replied the lady, "my name is Redgate."—A. H. excuse me, I must be color blind!—N. Y. Sun.

The prose of war differs from the poetry to the extent that martial music, huzzas of victory and the gleaming of banners and the tramp of armed men, differ from the groans of the wounded and dying, the ghastly corpses, the blood-soaked fields, and the weeping and mourning of those whose loved ones have been laid in gory graves.—N. Y. Observer.

From some experiments made at the University of Kansas it appears that the average person can taste the bitter of quinine when one part is dissolved in 452,000 of water. Salt was detected with one part in 640 of water, sugar in 288 of water, baking-soda in forty-eight of water.

During a very tedious ride on a railroad out of Memphis the passengers, tired, dirty and thirsty, all cursed the company with the exception of one single passenger. His fellow-passengers commented on this and asked him why he didn't curse the road, too.

Dr. Backus, of Rochester, N. Y., stepped out one spring morning to survey his lawn, which he had neatly re-tarred and sodded the day before. A pair of swine had broken out of their pen during the night and rooted the fair surface until it looked like a battlefield where several nine-inch shells had just exploded.

A farmer living near Howe's Cave, N. Y., had a surprise recently. He was plowing a field about half a mile from the cave's mouth. He stopped for a few minutes to rest himself and his horse under the spreading branches of a tree.

There are two mistaken ideas about grindstones in the public mind. "There are those articles, whose place was visited by a reporter yesterday. "One is that they are going out of use, and the other that they explode. Instead of their going out of use, just the contrary is the fact, for more are used now than ever before.

"No, sir," he said to the captain, "I'm not seasick, but I am disgusted with the motion of the vessel."—Boston Gazette.

It is not surprising that ladies should become violinists. They have always manifested a desire to look after the beaux.

There are some people so averse to entering guests at the seashore that they would not even board a ship.—N. Y. Sun.

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

A wise observer says there is too much pig-pen and not enough pig-pasture. A truthful alliteration.—Chicago Times.

Mixed husbandry is generally best in the long run, although there is a wide range of choice among crops in that. The time to take up a specialty is when everybody else is quitting it; the time to drop it, if ever, is when many stand ready to catch at it.—N. Y. Herald.

Orange Ice: Squeeze the juice from six large oranges and two lemons; pour about five gills of boiling water over the broken peel and pulp and let it stand until cool; then strain and add the water to the orange and lemon juice.

The report of the Bureau of Agriculture for the year 1884 states the annual value of the forest product at \$700,000,000. The products of the country, on the score of value, stand in the following order:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Value. Includes items like Lumber, Cotton, Wheat, etc.

The American Cattle Grower says that it is not the heaviest nor the fattest animal that should bring the highest price for the butcher's block.

There is nothing that can be said upon the treatment of the cow in summer which has not been said over and over again. But it is a fact, and everybody will acknowledge it as such, that notwithstanding the oft repeated statement of the truths which we shall state in this article thousands of cows are neglected.

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There is said to have been "just discovered" a kind of tobacco which, if smoked or chewed, will make a man forget that he owes a dollar in the world.

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A LEGISLATOR'S JOKE.

How One Congressman Turned the Laugh on His Associate. Dr. Burney, of Dakota, was certainly the greatest wag in the House of Representatives in his time.

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