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SONORA, TEXAS, - November 8, 1890.  
Col. Webster Flanagan, editor of the Standard, was seen at the office of the Devil's River News, at the residence of the editor, on Monday. He said he was well as persons in the country. — Dallas News.

The San Angelo Standard with its new dress, local news, editorial ability, progressive and liberal ideas, and its late special edition, caps the climax. We feel proud of the Standard.

The Ballinger Banner comes to our table this week full of interesting reading and overflowing with satire. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS takes pleasure in placing Ballinger's most ably edited paper on its exchange list.

We received this week the initial number of the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS, published at Sonora, Tex. It is a seven column sheet, well gotten up, nicely printed, and is a credit to its town and county. We predict for it a prosperous future. — Junction City Clipper.

Since our last issue we have received a copy of the Devil's River News, a new paper just established at Sonora, Sutton Co., by Mike Murphy. Mr. Murphy is an enterprising newspaper man and knows his business well. Wishing him every success, we extend our congratulations and gladly place his paper on our exchange list. — Menardville Record.

J. B. Hudspeth, of Sonora, Sutton county, a prosperous sheep raiser, who is at present residing at Rannels, was a visitor at our office last Monday. Mr. Hudspeth is in favor of taking the tariff off of wool and letting it free. This is rather a peculiar stand for a wool raiser to take but he stands just at that point. And we will ask how many more wool raisers in Texas stand on that platform? — Ballinger Leader.

A San Angelo special of Nov. 3rd to the Dallas News, says: News of the killing of Hart Phillips, a stockman, by W. A. Merrill, a near neighbor, last Wednesday, on Howard Draw, 100 miles west of here, has just reached San Angelo. The only details at hand show that the deceased and the killer were both friends up to a short time ago, when they both became enamored with a young lady, the daughter of a prominent sheep man. Phillips appears to have been shot while kneeling. The ball entered in his shoulder and ranged downward, causing instant death. Merrill has not yet been arrested, but a large reward has been offered for his capture.

A Divorce has been granted ex-mayor Pendleton of Fort Worth, his wife getting most of his Texas property. But he still has his "Addie" left to console him in his moments of sorrow.

In the state elections the Democratic ticket is well treated.

The commission and road tax bills carry by a big majority.

The commission did not receive as large a vote as Hogg.

Both parties claim McKibbey's district in Ohio.

New York City elects the entire Tammany ticket by a majority of 22,000.

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#### Stock News.

Geo. McDowell bought 1000 head of sheep with wool from F. C. Whipple at \$8.

In Fort Worth wool buyers are paying 19 to 22 cents for light medium, 13 to 16 for light fine and 12 to 15 for heavy fine.

J. B. Hudspeth, of the firm of Swift & Hudspeth, bought 4000 head of sheep, which rapidly increased to 10,000 head. There was a dead loss for a moment.

Jno. F. Steagall, bought of T. D. Newell, 1000 fine ewes, at \$2 50, which increases his breeding flock, to 2650.

George B. Jackson bought 800 ewes in Utah, after shearing at \$2 per head.

Charles Chamberlain sold his sheep last week, 1,600 head, to Ostrander & Loomis at \$2 25 per head.

George Bird, of the firm of Bird & Mertz, states that over 2000 head of rams were handled in the San Angelo market this season.

S. E. Couch, of Knickerbocker, sold his 18,000 pound wool clip Monday at 19 cents. Charles Rueff made the sale. He also bought a fine Studebaker ranch buggy from the Titus M. & T. Co.

E. E. Crosson, one of the sheep barons of Devil's River, ranch on Buck Horn Draw, is building an earth tank, 60x130 feet. The tank will be eight feet deep and before he fills it with water, will salt his sheep in the middle of the tank, which will make it proof against leakage.

In addition to the clips sold by Chas. Hobbs, published elsewhere in this issue, he has disposed of the following: Jack Wilkinson 19-3-4, All Bradford 19-3-4, J. A. Robinson 19-3-4 and B. W. Hall, 18-1-2. — San Angelo Standard.

#### \$10 Reward.

Lost one dark iron-gray horse, about 15 hands high, branded F. L. 16 hands high, branded on left thigh. Above reward will be paid for his delivery at my ranch or at Sonora.

G. HUBER.

The local wool market opened with a rush last week. The spring wools went first at 18 to 22c, and then the fall wools started at 18 to 20c. There are a number of buyers here from St. Louis, as well as representatives of Massachusetts mills and New York dealers. Thus far about 1,000,000 pounds of fall wool has been sold, and the buyers appear as active and urgent in their demands as they were a week ago. — San Antonio correspondence to Texas Live Stock Journal.

#### NOTICE.

All parties indebted to Matthis & Dodson, will please come up and settle for we need the money, and that bad.

MATTHIS & DODSON.

Nearly all the old officers of Menard county have been re-elected.

N H Corder has been elected sheriff of Kimble county, and Will A Spenter county judge.

Texas sheep are quoted at \$3 75 to \$4 25 in Chicago.

Dr. J. B. Taylor, the large ranchman of Crockett and Sutton counties, has just received at San Angelo, from Kansas, a herd of blooded Polled-Angus stock cattle, country. After exhibiting on the fair he will arrive to his ranch. This is the first Polled-Angus herd that has ever been brought into the Concho Country and it won't be many years before the black and muley cattle will dot many a hillside and valley in West Texas. This breed has a great reputation of being the best rustlers and standing more hardships than any other fine blooded cattle. Don't forget to see them at the fair. — San Angelo Standard.

DIED.—At Fort McKavett, on Friday, October 31, John Lee, the infant son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hagerlund. "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

F. M. Sanders, of Camp San Saba was in town Monday. He is well pleased with Sonora and the Stockman's Paradise and will build in the spring. He also has 2000 fine sheep and will locate a ranch a few miles down the draw.

Bailey Pool was in town a few days this week.

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## G. R. MATTHIS, M. D. Physician and Surgeon,

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*Office at Cusenbary's Drug Store.*

Misses Susie Martin and Bessie Wyatt, accompanied by Bob Martin called at our office Monday.

As we go to press, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Mathews, and the Misses Sophie and Cotter Dunagan and Minnie Thomas, made a short call.

Wool buyers did not recognize Tuesday as a holiday and continued their purchases as on previous days since the market opened. The stock in first hands is very much reduced and the demand is so active that the supply will soon be exhausted. It is noticed that buyers are shipping out the wool as fast as it can be weighed up and delivered. The tone of the market is strong at 18 to 20 cents for medium to fine wools. — San Antonio Express.

There is no doubt of the defeat of McKinley, by a vote of about 500 and the Democrats have won in many other places giving them a majority in the house.

### DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS

"Doctor—"You must be very cautious about your diet," Daskahway—"That's all right, doctor. My landlady attends to that."—N. Y. Sun.

—Sheepskins in pickle are all right, but we always feel sorry when the owner of the vat is in the same condition.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

—She—"What a strong face he has." He—"Yes; that comes from exercise. He has been traveling on it for many years."—Terror Hantu Express.

"The papers are discussing the question, 'How to tell a good egg' but it seems to us the easiest way is to break it open and smell it.—Ram's Horn.

—A serious note these days is a gas meter that is intelligent enough to know when the family is at the seaside and honest enough to say so.—Binghamton Leader.

—The rapid young man who spends all his salary for marriage hire may love the wealthy young lady very dearly and have his eye on the rebate also.—Galveston News.

"I love the house on fire!" "Well, get in as quick as you can."

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an advertisement is headed "on Trial." On the charge of "stirring the peace," it is presumed, it is hoped they will be convicted and coked up for a term of years.—Norristown Herald.

—Wife—"You danced a great deal better than you did before we were married. Then you always wore my dress dancing, but you don't now." Husband—"That's the way it is now. I don't have to pay for it."—Texas Siftings.

—Bacon—"I never saw such a fellow as young Bender. He can't keep a dollar five minutes." Egbert—"He can't?" "No."—"Well, I think he can. I loaned him five dollars a month ago, and he's got it yet."—Yonkers Statesman.

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### HE SMELLED THE SNAKE.

A STRANGE CASE OF WONDERFUL HEREDITARY FACULTY.

How a Hospital Assistant Was Affected by the Presence of a Rattlesnake—The Doctor's Investigation and Conclusions Therefrom.

"A few years ago," said a hospital steward, "I was employed in one of the two hospitals supported by a well known mining company in Arizona for the care of its sick and injured employees. It had over a thousand employees, and the casualties, great and small, sometimes averaged one every day, so that the surgeon's office was no straggler. The company was not, however, entitled to credit for benevolence, for it levied a tax of \$1 a month on each of its employees, stopping it out of their pay, to support the hospital, surgeons and nurses. The head of the service, Dr. Eckerson, contracted to bear all its expenses, so that it was a good thing for the men, the company and the physicians, although the men paid it all.

Dr. Eckerson was a young man for such a responsible position. He was a Swede who had been thoroughly educated in his own country and in Germany.

He was an enthusiast in his profession and in the cognate sciences—botany, chemistry, physiology and especially comparative anatomy.

FELL IN A DEAD FAINT.

"The assistant in the other of the two hospitals was a young French Canadian named Perot. He was a reticent young fellow, very pallid, but vigorous. He possessed remarkable eyes. The iris had a singular way of changing color under the influence of his physical, mental or nervous conditions, and these changes perceptibly altered the entire expression of the man's face. We got so after a little that we could fairly read his moods by the color and expression of his eyes, in spite of his reticence.

"One day the doctor had an uncommonly difficult operation to perform, and both Perot and myself were summoned to assist. When Perot entered the operating room I noticed that his eyes changed color repeatedly and rapidly as if he were under some great excitement. In a few seconds he complained of being dizzy, and before we realized the urgency of action in his behalf he had dropped to the floor in a dead faint. The ordinary means of restoration were immediately applied, but without avail, and Dr. Eckerson ordered him removed to one of the hospital wards and laid upon a bed. Here to our surprise, Perot at once came to himself without further aid and declared himself ready for duty.

"Upon our return to the operating room, however, Perot's disturbed symptoms at once returned. His eyeballs became fixed and glaring, his breathing stertorous, and he would again have swooned had we not caught him and removed him from the room. The experiment was tried the third time, with the same phenomenal result. Perot himself was at a loss to account for his condition. He said he felt perfectly well and had no remembrance for the scenes of the operation.

THE LAST STRAW.

One Shortcoming Which the Fair Andromeda Could Not Forgive.

They were standing by the window looking out at the golden sunset. His arm was around her slender waist and her head rested confidently on his shoulder. Like a school boy, he was looking at her every minute.

"I never met you before," she said, "but I seem to know you." "I never met you before," he said, "but I seem to know you."

She had had a hard time to become acquainted with each other's views of life and its problems, not to speak of each other's peculiarities and prejudices. Yet it seems as if we must have known one another all ways.

"And that reminds me, Perseus," rejoined the lovely New England girl, thoughtfully adjusting her spectacles, "that I have never heard you express your opinion of theosophy."

"My opinion of theosophy, love?" the young man said, breaking up to her as gently as he could, "is that the system as thus far developed hardly meets the requirements of an exact science."

It was a severe shock, but the maiden did not flinch. She only leaned a little harder on the young man's shoulder.

"You find much to admire in Emerson and Thoreau, do you not?" she asked hopefully.

"I can not say I do. The one seems too transcendental, the other almost atheistic."

"Surely, Perseus, you like Ibsen?" "Ibsen, my darling, makes me ti—the wearies me."

"Does not the Delsartean idea appeal to you favorably?"

"I had this Delsartean business, dearest, I regard as a harmless kind of thing, suitable for twelve-year-old school girls who have no roller-skating facilities."

"Well, Perseus," she said, with a happy sigh, "what difference does it make after all if we love each other? These little differences of opinion shall not separate us."

"No, Andromeda, they shall not. We will not speak of them. They are trifles. Look at the roses in this beautiful vase."

A cry of horror broke from the lips of Andromeda. She sprang from her embrace.

"What is the matter, dearest?" exclaimed the young man, with the utmost concern.

"Don't touch me!" she panted, sinking on a sofa. "Don't come near me!" "What have I—?"

"Trigon," she said, recovering herself by a powerful effort, and standing erect. "I can overlook your lack of appreciation of the great names in our literature. I can forgive your want of sympathy with the great movements in the world of thought that possess my soul and move all my powers to action. But—and the proud Boston girl pointed sternly to the door—"I can never look with any thing but utter abhorrence on a man who does not know how to pronounce the word *vah!*"—Chicago Tribune.

### THE GRANDEST INSTRUMENT ON EARTH.

Professor George Davidson, of the United States geographical survey, accompanied by several friends, visited the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, Saturday evening, by invitation of Professor Holden.

Night was a splendid one for observation, but owing to the fact that 117 persons were also on the mountain, it being visitors' night, no length of time could be spent at the great telescope, as that is always the great attraction for visitors. It was the first peep through the 36-inch refractor that Professor Davidson enjoyed since the completion of the observatory, for to say that he was pleased with the experience is only half putting it.

"Yes, sir," he said the other day, when spoken of about the matter, "it is the greatest and grandest instrument on earth. I am not at liberty to divulge just now what I am doing, but what has just now been accomplished by the astronomers of Mount Hamilton. That glory is for the astronomers themselves, and when they do make public their discoveries, which I hope will be soon, will astonish the astronomical world as never as any other have made are, in fact, so novel and wonderful that Professor Holden and his assistants are really timid about announcing them to the world until they are entirely satisfied that they really do exist."—New York Tribune.

They were the regulars, John and Nicole, who had been subjects of doubt and speculation for generations have been recently put at rest and accounted for.

The telescope exceeds my most extravagant hopes and imaginations, and the only way to beat it is to build a bigger one, put on a higher mountain, in a more pure atmosphere, all of which would be a difficult combination to get together."—San Francisco Bulletin.

Death and Burial in China.

When the Chinese wish to declare the extreme consciousness of any people, they say: "It is like the people at a funeral," the obsequies of a parent being reckoned the most maddening affair in human experience.

Infants are buried summarily, without coffins, and the young are interred with few rites; but the funeral of the aged, of both sexes, are elaborate in proportion to the number of the descendants and to their wealth. When a childless married man dies, his widow may perform all the duties of a son toward him, may remain in his house and adopt children to rear as his heirs and worshippers of the family manes, may marry again, marrying again, a young male relative may, with the consent of senior members of the clan, undertake the services expected from a son and inherit the estate of the deceased.

When one is about to die he is removed from his couch to a bench or to a mat on the floor because of a belief that he who dies in a bed will carry the bedstead as a burden into the next world. He is washed in a new pot in warm water in which a bundle of incense sticks is merged. After the washing the pot is filled with incense, and the body is carried to the bedstead in a full suit of new clothing that he may appear in shades at his best. He breathes his last in the main room, before the largest door of the house, that the departing soul may easily find its way out into the air.

A sheet of spirit money, brown paper having a patch of gilding on one surface, is laid over the upturned face, because it is believed that the departed will use this as a passport.

The corpse may contain a row of files in the roof, and that in such cases the family could never build a new "securus domicile."—Adele M. Field in Popular Science Monthly.

Norway's Land and People.

The forest land in Norway is to an extent as compared with the arable land as thirty to one. Of course the exportation of timber is one of the chief resources of the country, but the woods are well preserved, a forest resides in every district, and no waste or destruction of such valuable possessions is allowed, as has unfortunately been the case in America.

The land that is cultivated, except in a few favored spots, seems poor, and the people themselves have, evidently, few of the luxuries of life. There are not many villages, Norway differing from Sweden in that respect; the farmhouses are scattered, and the dwellings of the peasants are usually small wooden huts, and often are ruinous.

But, though poverty is great, there is no beggary. We have never been imported for alms, nor have been expected for trifling services, as in Italy or some of the districts of England. The people have a somewhat sad, or rather a subdued look, such as solitude often gives.

The women, with handkerchiefs pinned over their heads, look with air of grave eyes. The little white haired children never absent after the passing carriage, or play about the gates in a cent.

A gentlemanly and quiet race, civil and pleasant spoken, but not jolly and talkative like the Germans. Their voices are of a peculiar melody—a musical rise and fall in the pronunciation of their words, which has been analyzed by the students of such peculiarities, and which is impossible for a stranger to imitate.—Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

A Popular Summer Fashion.

That suitable garment for a tropical climate—the light woad shirt—is fast making its way popular in our tropics.

But the number of shirts in our wardrobe still is not the woad shirt, "a gentlemanly" in town or on the cars—the two places where it is most needed. A gentlemanly dress will never offend the sensibilities of others. A neat flannel shirt is certainly less offensive than the great soaked handkerchiefs with which the wearers of laundered linen try to hide the wilted rag that was once a glossy and neat inclosing collar.

A car full of gentlemen with pocket handkerchiefs used as bits is a ridiculous commentary on slavery to a foolish fashion.—New York Evening World.

Boston.

"Yes," said the learned youth, "I reached forward and struck him a blow on the optic, and a minute later his alter ego was in mourning."

"His what?" inquired the fond parent.

"His alter ego," replied the other eye, you know."—Boston Transcript.

A French company is pushing a scheme for piercing the Faucilles by a tunnel which would shorten the distance between Paris and Geneva by six hours. The Swiss government is against it because both outlets of the tunnel would be in French territory.

The population of Iceland diminished 2,400 between 1885 and 1888, being the close of the latter year 69,224. The decline is due to emigration to America. The native fishermen complain that their business is being ruined by the English fishing steamers.

### WHERE THE IS PRODUCED.

INDIA WILL RIVAL CHINA IN THE SUPPLY OF TEA FOR THE FUTURE.

Tea Came First to Java and Not from China—Enormous Prices Charged for the Drug at First—China's Exports Are Falling Off—Cheap Labor.

Contrary to the popular impression, we did not receive our first supplies of tea until it was known as "chaw," and drunk out of "silver porringers," from China, but from Java, which, until the Dutch obtained possession of the island, was an English settlement. The commerce in the herb could not, however, have been great for at first the price ranged from \$9 to \$10 per pound. Tea during the reign of O. T. was produced in the island of Java, but from fifteen shillings to fifty shillings, according to quality, the duty payable on every gallon of the beverage sold in the coffee houses being eightpence.

The tea trade was, however, in that era a comparative small branch of commerce, being a monopoly in the hands of the Dutch. It was, however, not until the arrival of the British in Java that the tea business began to flourish. The Dutch were not high priced buyers, and the tea was not high priced.

profit to grow tea buyers, brokers and sellers. This is no longer the case. The people who expect to live by the traffic have multiplied out of all proportions to their customers, with the inevitable result that prices have been whittled down to a figure which admits of little margin. In China—so it is affirmed by those in a position to know—a suicidal attempt has been made by the native growers to recoup themselves for falling prices by more slovenly manufacture and even by flagrant adulteration. This, at least, is the verdict of a body so well qualified to pronounce on the evidence before them as the Shanghai chamber of commerce.

DECREASE IN CHINA'S EXPORT.

A fact even more conclusive is that while the exports of China tea have fallen off enormously, those of the new tea producing districts have increased an inverse ratio. It is known that during 1861 and 1868 the export decreased by 24,000,000 pounds, while that of India and Ceylon teas increased by nearly 35,000,000, and since then the disparity has been even greater. Thus it is obviously false for China any longer to regard herself as able to control the tea trade of the world, or to conduct herself as if she were the prime producer. She may be fortunate, indeed, if India, Ceylon and Java leave her the second place in the struggle for supremacy.

The planters of Assam were the first to work their gardens on the principles of scientific husbandry, and now they are reaping their reward. But of all the competitors who have disputed the China monopoly Ceylon is likely to prove the most formidable. Though she entered the field so recently, her tea was only regarded as a likely crop when the destruction of their coffee plantations compelled the owners of estates to try other products. Now, thanks to the experience of India with the advantages of climate and soil, the export of Ceylon tea is increasing very rapidly.

The Ceylon tea is increasing very rapidly, and is likely to prove the most formidable competitor of the China tea.

These countries, indeed, only two, or if the two most important of China's rivals. The Japan tea leaf largely in green tea, and are now beginning to grow a great deal more, now that the western markets are open to her traders.

CHEAP LABOR AND CHEAP TEA.

Touqui and Coochin-China are never likely to prove serious competitors for our custom, their tea being of an inferior brand. But Java is not falling behind in the race, and all the hill countries of India—Assam, Dabra-Dun, Kumaun, Darjiling, Cachar, Kangra, Hazaribagh, Chitragong, the Barmal and the Nijhar—are extending their operations in black tea. Natal has been demonstrated to be a tea growing region, and there are grounds for believing that the West Indies, the southern United States, Brazil, Fiji, Australia, and even the south of Europe can produce fair marketable tea. But there are other elements besides quality which enter into the tea problem, and the first of them is cheap labor.

It is equally undeniable that the finer kinds of China tea possess distinctive characteristics which are not yet being imitated.

Flower Land for a good market for her produce.—London Standard.

Strange Disappearance of Gems.

Every trade has peculiarities about it that are inexplicable. A notable instance of this is the trade in diamonds and other precious stones. One day a diamond was found to have disappeared from a room which it had been in for some time.

Playgrounds for the Poor.

Says Dr. Weir Mitchell in his book, "Doctor and Patient": "When I see young girls sweating from a good row of the tennis field, I know that it is preventive medicine. I wish I saw how to widen these useful habits so as to give like chances to the poor, and I trust the time will come when the mechanic and the laborer shall insist on public playgrounds as the right of his little ones."

Beecher Not a Heavy Eater.

Contrary to oft expressed criticism, Mr. Beecher was not a heavy eater. This was particularly true of the last years of his life.

High Life in a City Flat.

PERSONAL CONFESSON OF ONE WHO KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT.

Uses of the Folding Bed—Painful Necessity of Dressing and Undressing All Over the House—Terror of Hearing the Door Bell.

I know considerable about high life. I have lived in the second or third stories of desirable flats or modern houses since I was put into short dresses. I have viewed the world from exalted heights, especially when I hung clothes in the garret on wash days, and I am prepared to say that although some people pay extra to live on the first floor front, they miss the very richness of existence.

Cream always rises to the top. I have just moved out of apartments on the second story of a very narrow house. I think the architect who planned the building must have done it with one eye. Its whole width accommodated the width of an apartment of ordinary size, so instead of the rooms branching off from one another in their usual convenient fashion, they had formed a procession in Indian file from the front elevation to the coal house. If you were in the kitchen you had to go through every room in order to get to the front room. You couldn't wonder about that house—you could only go there in a procession.

### THE INGENUITY OF WOMANKIND.

A story was told the other day that admirably exemplified the ingenuity of womankind. It was told by a well known dock man who was taking a trip around Grand Island the other afternoon.

"They had no end of trouble in trying to keep cups for drinking purposes at the water coolers on the Priviling last summer," said he. "The captain was in despair. He had tried every cap, but the women when they broke the caps. Finally the engineer hit upon a bright and novel plan. 'I tell you what to do,' he said. 'Just prick a hole through the bottom of each cup. That will make them leak so that it will be impossible to carry them to the upper deck.' The captain was delighted, and immediately ordered a lot of new cups, which were carefully bored. Then the engineer made himself ready to smile at the passengers' discomfort. The first person that tried carrying water upstairs was a small boy, who tried every cup and finally gave up the attempt.

"The engineer chuckled and hugged himself in diabolical glee at the success of his scheme, but a school girl fooled him just the same. She came down humming an air from 'Ermeline' and filled the first cup she got hold of and started. The engineer's delight was getting beyond bounds when he saw the water streaming along the floor. The girl saw it, too, and stopped short. She sized up the leak and then went back to the table, deliberately rolled the cup over, and the water ran down the side of the table.

"That was the maddest engineer I ever saw, but instead of getting angry he roared when he told me of it, and said: 'Score one for the girl. Bless the dear things, anyhow. No matter how hard or how often a man may try to fool them, it is the girl who comes out ahead. Say what you are a mind to, they get there every time.'—Buffalo News.

"School Treats" for England.

The school treats are one of the nice ways rich people in England take to spend their money. All the teachers and scholars in a London parish school are invited to the country seat of the giver of the treat, and every effort is made to render the holiday a pleasant and memorable one for the children. I was engaged to assist at an entertaining nearly a thousand boys and girls at a school treat given by Col. North, the South American. He had a special train, and the children came in the care of their teachers and were accompanied by the curate of the parish. A generous luncheon was provided, and every child was made a hostess and a boy of pretty young women, with big white housekeeping aprons, busily employed in spreading butter, making sandwiches or cutting up big masses of wholesome cake.

The affair lasted from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The "treat" was a great success, and the never to be omitted Punch and Judy show. Air balloons were sent up and every child received a toy of some sort. The country band supplied music, and it was great fun to see the importance of the grandmaster as he fussed about with an air of great importance. The

BRITISH PRISON RULES.

They Are More Severe Than Those of Any Other Country. The British prison system is, though in no respect the most equal, unquestionably the most severe.

CHANGED BY KINDNESS.

Disinterested Charity Overcomes Prejudice and Hatred. The old fable of the sun and the wind illustrating the mastery has been well illustrated by recent events in China.

Through in the course of the last fifty years many of the old restrictions on foreign intercourse have been removed, yet the mass of the people still regard Europeans and Americans as "foreign devils."

Summer Pleasure.

Now sultry grows the summer air, And soles fountain's sprout. Let's to the Rangel Lakes repair And stroll for moister trout.

BREAK-BONE FEVER.

The Popular Name of the Disease Known to Medical Men as Dengue. Not a few eminent physicians believe the late epidemic to have been, not influenza—a grippé—but a modified form of dengue.

STORIES ABOUT MEN.

Wilder Thought That Kicking Was Too Good for Him. Marshall P. Wilder met Nat Goodwin in the Strand, in London, a few days ago, and this was the result.

King George and Shakespeare.

A fashionable authoress of the last century was Miss Fanny Burney, whose "Evelina" delighted Dr. Johnson and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

THE CHEROKEE ROSE.

Come ripple your feetest, O ripples that are meetest. In ripples of the sweetest Wild blossom that blows.

There is no question about which the opinions of prison reformers have been so divided as about the effects of solitary confinement. In England it has been ruled that a prisoner sentenced to penal servitude can not be safely confined in solitude for more than nine months.

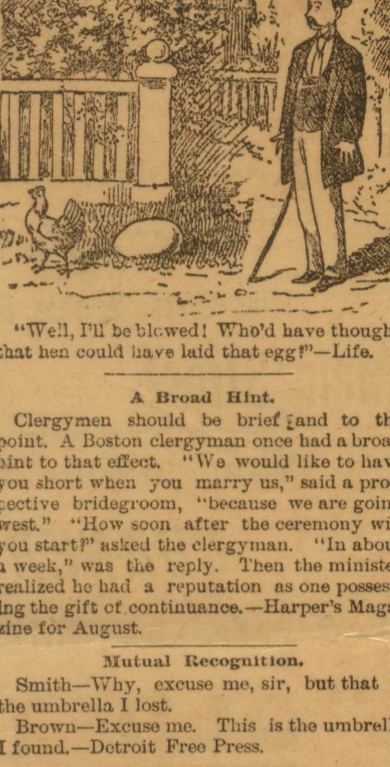
In an Italian garrison there was a private soldier named Ugolino. One of the officers took the soldier aside one day and asked him: "Are you a descendant of the famous Count Ugolino, about whom Dante wrote?"

Usually a scarlet fever and a high fever make their appearance on the third day, both of which go down after one or two days, but return after three or four days more.

Representative Allen, of Mississippi, has a darky among his neighbors at home, who, if the statement of the professional humorist of the house is to be believed, is even more shiftable than the average negro of the south generally is found to be.

It will throw some light on the inhabitants of Fernando de Noronha to know how crime is looked upon by the common people in Brazil, and I cannot better show this than by relating a bit of personal experience.

Chicago has reason to regret that the world is so small. Arthur Harrison is more than half way around it already.—Chicago News.



Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colics, head aches and fevers, and cures habitua constipation permanently.

The Vicar of Kilgarr reports that early in the month of May, Dr. L., with his wife, from St. Petersburg, the doctor was of feeble health, and by the advice of his wife intended to spend the summer in Marionhoffer, in Dubelna.

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