



gation, divided councils, conflicting interests, and generally returns to find a plundered municipality.

There is in this extract "food for thought" among the business men and capitalists of San Antonio. It is true that Chicago has achieved commanding importance as a center of trade, and of commerce by the vigilant activity, unselfishness, and far-sighted sagacity of her business men. Out of a dismal swamp, in spite of innumerable obstacles, against virtuous and violent opposition, in antagonism to fire and storm, and every conceivable disaster of elements, Chicago, through the exertions of her own citizens wields an influence second to none of the inland cities of the continent.

It strikes us, that when poor, toothless, bigoted Spain, with her vast herds of idle priests and big game, is able to conceive a merit in, and to adopt the jury system, it is high time for the restless Anglo-Saxon to find something better. There was a time no doubt, (see Coke upon Littleton, and Blackstones,) when the jury system was a wonderful and salutary advance upon the arbitrary system of jurisprudence previously in vogue. But it has since grown into an institution of such doubtful virtue, that he cannot be blamed who goes in search of new discoveries in the science of virtue. If the modern jury were chosen by reason of the superior knowledge and intelligence, as well as honesty of its constituents, it might be thought to conceive any improvement upon the existing system.

The Lawrence, Kansas, "Home Journal" says: There is a family in this city which is believed to be the worst mixed up organization now in existence. And this is how it happened: The father separated from his wife several years ago in an Eastern State and came to Kansas. The wife followed her ex-husband here and settled down near him. The son of this couple parted from his wife, and the latter left with the child born of this marriage. She subsequently married again and the second husband died, leaving her a widow. Not long since the old man married this lady (his son's former wife) and brought her home, with her child herebefore mentioned. As the matter now stands, the old gentleman is now step-father to his grandson; the son's former wife is his step-mother, and the old man's wife is his daughter-in-law, and—what the thing is getting so tangled that we shall have to do it up till we get time to figure on it.

The Laredo, Tex. Eagle of the 11th January, says: "On last Tuesday a braiding party at the Los Obanos, commanded by Pedro Herrera, discovered a fresh cattle trail leading to the Rio Brava. The Captain followed this trail up, and seven cows, who ought to be 'sent up' for their thieving propensities, were found in possession of some forty head of oxen, and strange to say, all the animals had an American brand on their sides, and that one was branded with two Spanish rings, taken by our Captain and his party, to satisfy the justice due to the Rancho Los Obanos in being deprived of a beef.

Let us have light.—It is easy to prove that light is a vital stimulant, and absolutely essential to healthy life. Give a plant all the conditions of growth, a proper soil, temperature, moisture, and air, but withhold light, and though it lives for a time, it becomes pale, feeble, less fructiferous, and finally dies; under these circumstances its reproductive powers are always lost. Place a man or animal in similar conditions, and we shall have similar results. A gross injustice is done to criminals, and frequently to the insane, by depriving them of light. No one can be reformed by darkness. If the poor of our cities are to be elevated in the scale of humanity, the first step is to open broad ways for the admission of sunlight into our tenement houses, and construct windows so that direct sunlight may reach every portion of the rooms.—Harold of Health.

The Cherokee Indians, (Indian Nation), says that there are but two words in the Cherokee language that require the use of the Spirit pronouns. The same paper says that that language is one of the smoothest and most agreeable tongues on earth. It is a language of peace and love.

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Pigs feet, bananers, trips, and other tropical fruits for sale here, is the way a Nashville merchant puts it on his sign.

The Philadelphia newspapers told the guardians of their "Home" to either "get up nobbler grub or close the caboose." And the caboose is closed.

Those delicate pieces of English artillery called the "Woolwich Infants" and weighing thirty-five tons each, have been recovered after sinking on board the Malborough. The twins are doing as well as could be expected.

They had a "contempt" case at Peoria, Illinois, if we are to believe the Springfield Register, and the justice is credited with rebuking a witness thus: "Young man, if you speak in that way again, this court will forget its dignity and punch you in the snoot."

Tommy has discovered wherein his mother resembles time. It is not that she lays her hand gently on his father's brow, nor that her footsteps fall with noiseless tread, nor that she waits for no man, nor that she writes no wrinkles on his azure brow, nor that she sets like time, nor is it her age, nor any of these things, Tommy avers. He says you might guess all day. It is that her sobriest offspring is her last, and that's myself.

When you make a sidewalk you want to get it very narrow and very high—something like the shape of an egg. Then when any one steps on it, a leg will go off at each side, and he will be split through at each side, and he will die without a struggle, and his wife will get the insurance, and marry a man who will get into business and make an assignment. On any other walk a man will fall and cripple himself, and live on for years after his wife is dead, and then die and leave his insurance money to his mother.

It was a Titonville man who became so affected by the smell of a bottle of whiskey broken on the sidewalk, that he went off and tried to pick the pocket of a billiard table.

Jacksonville, Tenn., young ladies tie up their taper fingers and when the young gentlemen callers in the evening inquire the cause, blushing reply, "I burnt them while boiling the breakfast this morning."

General debility, and the despondency by which it is invariably accompanied, are often regarded as the symptoms of incurable physical decay. Of persons thus afflicted it is often said that their constitutions are undermined; that they have nothing left to fall back upon; that they are hopeless cases. This, in at least eight instances out of ten, is a false conclusion. A constitution may be shaken without being undermined; and even if undermined may be propped and strengthened; and in many so-called hopeless cases there are means of vitality and latent vigor in the system that only require stimulating and developing to render them equal to the work of repair. The best and surest stimulant and invigorant that can be given as a remedy for decay of the vital powers, whether natural or casual, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. If the faltering physique can be roused into healthy activity by any human means, this regenerating vegetable cordial will accomplish that object. Its effect upon the appetite, the digestion, the nervous system, the secretory organs and the bowels is most salutary. It not only acts directly upon the solids and fluids of the body, but indirectly upon the constitution itself. Persons left by fever in such a deplorably helpless condition that it would seem as if they could never recover, may be completely built up—it might almost be said, re-built—by this mighty, this willing, infallible, vegetable restorative. At this season of inclement winds and chilling damps the Bitters should be taken as a protective medicine.

The Captain discovered another cattle trail which indicated a number between 250 and 300 head, but having to all appearances, three days start, the certainty of their being traced into the "land of God and Liberty" was too manifest to make pursuit a profit.

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