

IN THE ODD CORNER.

QUEER AND CURIOUS STORIES FROM EVERYWHERE.

How an Acquitted Counterfeiter Settled His Lawyer's Bill—Whistling Girls—The Fearful Experience of a Man in a Trance.

LEWIS asked, 'I'd rather he'd hit me than have this kind of a potting round'...

To think that thirty years ago and more has gone a-roilin' by...

Three sons and darters married now, an' two our boys is dead...

The house seems all so quiet still, the sun has left the mark...

The clock keeps going tick, tick, tick, 't w'ish that I was dead...

Oh, Paw, it's you! It's you! I'll never scold you any more...

For real old folks like us to fuss it seems a dreadful sin...

Mr. Sprinkle's Good Dollars. 'I saw by the papers the other day...

'Do you know what the 'Sprinkle' dollars were? No? Well, Josiah Sprinkle, the man in question...

'In every respect they appeared the equal of the national coin. The weight was more than at present...

'At one time he volunteered the information that he had a silver mine in the west...

Whistling Girls. 'I have made a study of the whistling girl, and, aside from her assumption...

'She may hate, too, with corresponding enthusiasm, but not for long, for being tender of heart...

'Contrary to the general opinion, she is rarely, if ever a tomboy...

Weighing Common Air. The weight of air has often been tested by compressing it in receptacles...

'And at last, when she triumphantly enters the car, no one would suppose that those demure lips had uttered that shrill and effusive signal...

'Is she to have her vocal freedom restrained by a cruel conventionalism, which forbids her to entertain the same ideas as it only tolerates but often pretends to admire the vocalist...

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THE CHEVALIER Albert Gaston de Bassini, who has sung in opera in most of Europe's capitals...

Queen Maria Pia, was banished from that kingdom a little over two years ago by order of Dom Pedro, the present king, has lately arrived in this country.

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QUEEN MARIA PIA. The subject of more scandal, for Portugal's capital is the greatest hotbed of gossip in all Europe...

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"AMERICA IS FOR GOD" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

And I Beheld Another Beast Coming Up Out of the Earth; and He Spoke as a Dragon—Rev. III.

AMERICA mentioned in the Bible? Learned and consecrated men who have studied the inspired books of Daniel and Revelation more than I have...

Germany for scholarship, England for manufactures, France for manners, Egypt for antiquities, Italy for pictures, but America for God!

I start with the cheering thought that the most popular book on earth today is the Bible, the most popular institution on earth today is the church, and the most popular name on earth today is Jesus.

Am I too confident in saying "America for God"? If the Lord will help me I will show the strength and extent of the long line of fortresses to be taken, and give you my reasons for saying it can be done and will be done.

There are also the fastnesses of infidelity, and atheism, and fraud, and political corruption, and multimillion-headed, million-armed abominations all over the land.

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De Bassini had an eventful life, and although he is only forty-three years old, he has won fame and fortune in the Italian navy, as an officer in an Italian lancer's regiment, and later as a baritone.

In the latter part of the eighties De Bassini, having finished a tour with Patti and Albani, went to Lisbon, where for three successive seasons he sang in opera. He was graciously received at the Portuguese court and had as a pupil King Luis. The King often sent for him and had him sing and play in the palace...

It happened that at this time the Dowager Queen of Portugal, Maria Pia, a daughter of Victor Emmanuel and a woman famed throughout Europe for her kindness of heart, accomplishments and extravagance in the matter of dress—she has often been called the best dressed woman in the world—was on a visit to Rome. He sought her and obtained an audience with Her Majesty, and asked her if she could give him an appointment of some kind in her household at Lisbon.

One day he was surprised to read a newspaper article attacking him. It was only a paragraph, but it was bitterly worded and demanded to know why the widowed Queen should go outside of Portugal for the salaries members of her household, when there were so many Portuguese gentlemen available.

This was followed the next day by other attacks, some of them covertly connecting De Bassini's name in a scandalous way with that of the Dowager Queen. It was on this day that Maria Pia arrived in Lisbon. De Bassini was at the railway station with the nobles who were there to greet her upon her arrival. She graciously extended her hand to him, and he bent over and kissed it in courtly style.

Rev. William Bailey, a Christian Scientist preacher, was tarred by a gang of men in North Platte, Neb., the other night. A husband at whose house he had been staying had to secure assistance in ejecting him from his house. It was rumored that his relations with the woman were not what they should have been and when people on the streets learned of his being thrown from the house public feeling ran high.

Three lads from Oconomowoc, Wis., ran away the other day together, headed for the wild west described in dime novels. Their names are Otto Behrendt and Frank Scie, each aged 14, and John Hubner, aged 16. Another boy was to have accompanied them, but was detected and detained by his parents, and from him it is learned that they had \$40 and three revolvers and proposed to earn \$10,000 reward, alleged to have been offered for the capture of the Apache Kid, of Arizona. They are supposed to have left on a westward bound freight train.

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For Assessor of Taxes. Mr. R. H. Sprowls, one of our enterprising and progressive farmers of the northwest part of the county, breaks the ice this week by announcing through the Free Press as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Taxes for Haskell county.

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THE CONCERT and CARNIVAL.

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The recitation of the poem "Lasca" by Mrs. W. W. Hentz was a splendid elocutionary effort. In the trades carnival there were thirty-two young ladies, each representing some business man or firm of the town with banners and appropriately decorated costumes.

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Thanks. The Baptist Ladies Aid Society desire through the columns of the Free Press to return their sincere thanks to the merchants and business men of the town for their kindness in having their firms represent in the carnival, and so willingly responding to our call for assistance.

—Six hard looking characters drove into town Wednesday evening in two wagons and struck camp near by. About 9 o'clock at night one of them rode through town and emptied his pistol as he rode out, at least the party who did the shooting was supposed to be one of the crowd.

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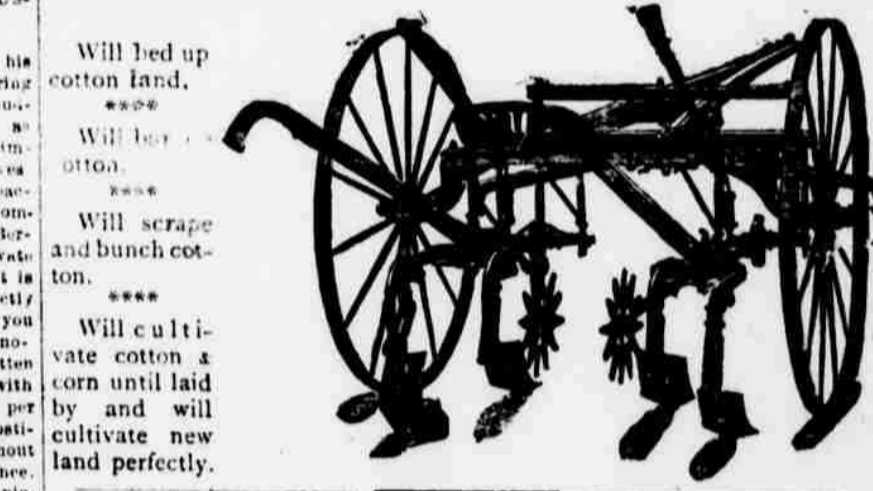
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