

KINDLING FOR FIRES.

A CHICAGO MAN USES A CELLULOID TOILET SET.

Fine Wood, Properly Prepared, is the Best Material for Starting a Fire in the Stove—Utilizing an Old Flour Barrel—A Task.

A west side man was called upon not long ago to make a fire. After searching about diligently for kindling and finding none, he took his wife's toilet set, and, it being of celluloid, the flames soon glowed vigorously.

It is rather strange that this great city, with its manufacturers of well nigh every material, has not a single kindling factory, or, if there be one, directory men fail to discover it.

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Starting Incident of the War.

During the early part of 1893 the general's division was quietly settled in quarters in its camp south of Murfreesboro.

Col. Conrad, of the Fifteenth Missouri, informed me that he got through without much difficulty; in fact, that everything had gone all right and been eminently satisfactory, except that in returning he had been mortified by the conduct of the two females belonging to the detachment.

These women, he said, had given much annoyance by getting drunk, and to some extent demoralizing his men. To say that I was astonished at his statement would be a mild way of putting it, and had I not known him to be a most upright man and of sound sense, I should have doubted not only his veracity but his sanity.

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At the Customer's. Customer—I wish a fancy dress. I wish it possible to appear as a bank cashier.

POLICE IN JAPAN

POLITENESS OF OFFICIALS WHEN ARRESTING AN OFFENDER.

Scene in a Japanese Police Station—Visit to the Bureau of Newspaper Censorship. Suspending an Offending Journal—Secret Service.

A Japanese policeman was never known to smile, but when he finds it necessary to proceed to the extreme step of arresting a lawbreaker his face becomes cloudy over with a pall of sorrow and solemnity that would do credit to an Irish undertaker taking the coffin measurement of an archbishop.

The formalities of an arrest, however, is the only amusing side of Japanese justice. If you take the white-clothed policeman and his prisoner you will soon reach a police station in which sit a dozen clerks and functionaries hard at work at books and accounts and reports, with nothing except their physiognomy and the little tempt and tobacco brazier beside each one to differentiate them from similar European officials.

The procedure of this branch of the Japanese police is simple in the extreme. A lynx eyed censor discovers an article which seems to his conservative notions to threaten the stability of the government, to bring a minister into contempt or to foster improper agitation among the people.

The whole system of secret police is highly developed in Japan. There is a regular staff of detectives who disguise themselves as laborers, merchants or travelers or even in disguise as beggars, to hunt down some great criminal, hire a house in the suspected neighborhood and live there.

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A while ago a student preached in a New England city "with a view." After his Sunday evening sermon one of the "pillars" said to him: "We have been much pleased with your sermon and I am very glad we are never going to see you again."

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republicans of the United States, assembled by their delegates in national convention, pause on the threshold of their proceedings to honor the memory of their first great leader and immortal champion of liberty and the rights of the people, Abraham Lincoln, and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and gratitude the heroic names of our later leaders who have more recently called away from our councils.

Without the aid of the doctrine of the Monroe doctrine it has been with difficulty in Central America and of foreign trade everywhere among our neighbors, it has refused to charter sanction or encourage any American organization for constructing the Nicaragua canal, a work of vital importance to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

We reaffirm our devotion to the national constitution and to the independence of the United States, and we stand in opposition to the personal rights and liberties of citizens in the United States, and we stand in opposition to the personal rights and liberties of citizens in the United States.

The republican party will effect all needed reduction of the tax burden by repealing the excise duties, the tariff and the tax upon spirits. We will insist that the tariff should be reduced to a rate that will not check imports of such articles as are produced by our people.

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country, promote trade, open new and direct markets for our products and cheapen the cost of transportation. We affirm this to be better for our country than the democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pet banks."

The conduct of foreign affairs by the present administration has been distinguished by inefficiency and cowardice. Having withdrawn from the senate all pending treaties entered by a public administrator for the removal of public burdens and restrictions upon our commerce and for its extension into a better market it has neither affected nor proposed a remedy in their stead.

We reaffirm the present economic administration for our country than the democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pet banks."

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