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Waters Deeper Than the Dead Sea.

A wonderful lake named Alla Paikal has been discovered on the Hawaiian Islands. The waters are more salt than those of the Dead Sea. Samples of the water have been analyzed in the laboratory of Oahu college, with results of peculiar as well as scientific interest. The water, which in dry weather deposits salt abundantly, is of course saturated brine, yet differs essentially from the brine obtained by evaporation to saturation of ordinary sea water. The difference is strikingly shown by merely mixing the two clear fluids, when a copious deposit immediately forms of sulphate of lime, so that the mixture almost solidifies. The sea water contains sulphate of magnesia in abundance, but scarcely any lime. While the salt lake waters contain chloride of calcium, lime salt, with only a trace of sulphate.

In composition the water of Alla approaches closely to that of the Dead Sea. The specific gravity of the water, even at a temperature of 80 degs. Fahrenheit, is 1.2561 at standard temperature it would of course be higher. The water of the Dead Sea is considerably lighter, its specific gravity having been found by different observers to range from 1.14 (Lyons) to 1.2106 (Larocque). The most remarkable peculiarity of the water is the excessive quantity of the lime it carries. This should give it peculiar medicinal virtues. — Cor. Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Typical New York Miser.

A snuff-eyed old man whom I meet every night that I stroll up Fifth avenue somewhere between Washington square and Twenty-third street I must have known a good fifteen years. He lives in a garret within a stone's throw of the square, and is the owner of much valuable property. In the early days of our acquaintanceship I used to encounter him strolling in the park munching a French roll, crumb by crumb. This was his breakfast. If he eats another meal it is probably of the same order. His dress is that of a vagrant, but his conversation is that of an educated man.

He is especially happy in recounting reminiscences of the New York of two generations ago, and has traveled a couple of miles at a time with me to point out vanished landmarks in which I happened to be interested. I won his regard early by giving him car fare after each of these jannings. He punched the money and walked back. This man is a true miser, but not a beggar, though he does not scruple to misappropriate my car-far. — New York Cor. Pittsburg Bulletin.

Where He Belonged.

A clergyman not long since observed a horse jockey trying to take in a simple gentleman by imposing upon him a broken winded horse for a sound one. The parson, taking the gentleman aside, told him to be cautious of the person he was dealing with. The gentleman declined the purchase, and the jockey, quite nettled, observed, "Parson, I had much rather hear you preach than to see you privately interfere in bargains between man and man in this way." "Well," replied the parson, "if you had been where you ought to have been, last Sunday you might have heard me preach." "Where was that?" inquired the jockey. "In the state prison," returned the clergyman. — San Francisco Argonaut.

A Blow to Enthusiasm.

The desire to volunteer evidenced during the Chilean excitement recalled the story in a naval wardroom of a certain staff officer. He was in Europe when the big Cuba trouble of a dozen or fifteen years ago broke out. Thirsty for battle and glory, he cabled his services to the proper authorities. He learned nothing from his action till the next day, when he found that the amount of the cable toll, which in his enthusiasm he had neglected to pay, was deducted from his check. — New York Times

The Accidental Discharge of a Gun.

A capital pun may arise by pure accident, as recorded in Bucke's "Book of Table Talk." A Mr. Alexander Gun was dismissed from a post in the customs at Edinburgh, for circulating some false rumor. The dismissal is said to have been thus noted in the customs books at the time, "A. Gun discharged for making a false report."

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Damages for Trees Killed by Gas.

Suit has been entered in the common pleas court by Susannah Kuch against the city to recover \$1,000 damages under an unusual claim. She says that she is the owner of property on the northwest side of Leverington avenue. Upon this ground, she says, there is erected a handsome house, in which she makes her residence, and the beauty of the premises, together with the value of the house and grounds, was much increased by the presence of four handsome Norway maple trees planted by the plaintiff about twenty years ago.

Last fall the gaspipe along Leverington avenue commenced to leak, and through the neglect of the city official this leak continued until last May, and the soil of the street became permeated with the gas, which caused the maple trees to die and become worthless. The plaintiff says that the value of her property has been greatly decreased by the loss, and hence the suit. — Philadelphia Telegraph.

Had Not Met in Fifty Years.

There was a meeting at Mascotah, Ill., Monday, between two brothers who had not met before for upward of half a century. A well dressed, aged couple alighted from an evening train and inquired for Squire E. E. Bagby, one of the oldest citizens of the place. "He is my brother," exclaimed the old gentleman, "whom I have not seen for over fifty years." The stranger was William Bagby, a retired farmer, of Harris City, White county, Ill. He left Mascotah about fifty years ago, and after traveling for some time he settled down on a farm in White county and married. During the war he lost track of his brother and supposed he was dead. He heard from him a short time ago and decided to visit him and his old home. William Bagby is eighty-four years of age and the squire is ten years his junior. The aged wives of the brothers had never met before Monday. — Exchange.

Already a Giant and Still Growing.

Allegany can boast of perhaps one of the largest boys of his age to be found in the state. His name is William M. Wittig, and he resides with his parents in Frostburg. He is a little over sixteen years and eight months old. For the past two years he has been growing at the rate of one-half an inch per week. His height is 6 feet 4 inches and he weighs 150 pounds. He wears a No. 7½ hat and No. 11 shoe. He hand measures 13½ inches around the knuckles when closed. His chest measure is 44, and his waist 41 inches. He has always enjoyed excellent health, and possesses an appetite which would alarm most people, as it calls for about what would satisfy three ordinary laboring men at each meal. He lifts 350 pounds with ease. The young giant is still growing. — Maryland Cor. Baltimore Sun.

Getting Ready for Spring.

With the arrival of autumn Superintendent of Gardeners Woolson has begun preparations for beautifying the New York parks and squares next spring. The gardeners are now setting out in cold frames 250,000 pansies and daisies. Nearly 90,000 tulips will be imported from Holland, and there will be the usual number of herbaceous plants. Mr. Woolson means to try next spring the use of young silantus trees to obtain subtropical shrubbery effects. The despised silantus is, in its first few years, more beautiful in color and form than many a rare and highly prized shrub. — New York Sun.

Original Portieres.

We are told that bleached cowtails are the approved loops for heavy portieres, and that their festoons are terminated an natural with tasseled ends. This rather startling information comes to us from an English paper, which, like all journals of that stamp, is prolific in bizarre schemes of action attributed solely to American women. If the American woman who has her portieres looped with bleached cowtails would receive her medal she must come to the front. As yet her street and number are unknown. — New York Sun.

An old man was buried the other day at St. Crepin, France, but was dug up soon after, as one of the bearers said he thought he heard a movement in the coffin. The old man was found to have moved his hands, and he was soon restored to consciousness and life.

A very curious coincidence happened at Kawanda Falls, Pa. Five men, all strangers, met, and on being introduced, each was found to be John A. Libson.

Wonderful.

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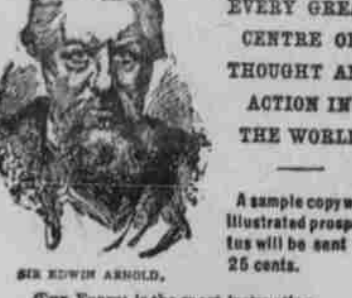
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