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It is an awful and solemn ceremony in many homes, and it is made more so, as a rule, by some one of the elder of the poor relations, who endeavors to enliven the general gloom by trying to be "the life of the dinner." He does this by rowing reminiscent over the younger members, and telling how pretty they were as children, and how they used to make him tell and retell the old story of the roast pig he stole the night before Gettysburg, with which introduction he promptly tells the old story again.

It may not be so everywhere, but around New York city this has all changed. It is not that the families around the great metropolis love each other less, or that they have less cause or less desire to be thankful, but a great and powerful and fascinating rival has come to take the place of the Thanksgiving day dinner, and it is known not only in New York, but from Texas, or wherever else a Yale man is carrying a transit, to Canada, or wherever else the Princeton man is building a bridge, as the Thanksgiving day game.

And now everybody goes out to see Princeton and Yale decide the football championship, and instead of boring each other around a dinner table, grow hoarse and exhausted in shouting for their favorite son or the college of their son.—Harper's Weekly.

### A Georgia Mule Mine.

Squire Spudler has just discovered an extensive bay mule mine on his farm near here. The squire was fishing down by the creek near where an old Indian mine was worked for mules, and he was attracted by a sound resembling the bray of a mule coming from a little cave in the bank of the stream. The squire commenced a search and soon discovered the ears of a mule protruding above the soft earth near the water. Work was at once commenced and several fine specimens were unearthed. The squire's son-in-law started with one fine specimen to a mineralogist's to have it assayed, but it bucked and jumped with him, and, after sending him off on a voyage of discovery toward the planet Saturn, went on a grazing spree in the adjacent cow lot. It is believed that the mine will prove very profitable, and fodder and corn have advanced to fifty dollars per front foot.—Calhoun (Ga.) Times.

### A Woman's Terrible Experience.

A farmer named Morrand found a woman lying underneath a tree near his farm in St. Jerome parish. She was alive, but almost a skeleton, unable to speak and insane. She was Matilda Grapin, a domestic. Over a month ago she left a house to go to church, but had never been heard of again and was believed to be dead. She had laid down under a tree where she and her dead husband had often sat together. She fell asleep and slept for two days, and when she awoke she had lost her reason. She wandered about the woods for thirty-five days, and never tasted any food. She obtained water from a brook. Since she has been found she has been rational at times and has told the above remarkable story. She is in a very weak state.—Montreal Cor. Minneapolis Tribune.

### Too Late with His Objections.

A marriage ceremony at Roseburg was interrupted in a sensational manner a few evenings ago. Charles Minkler, a freight conductor at Woodburn, was the groom, and Lottie Critzen, of Roseburg, the bride. During the ceremony the officiating minister asked if any one had any reason why the ceremony should not proceed.

A young dry goods clerk of Roseburg, named Mannis, stepped forward, saying he had serious objections. He said he wanted to see and speak with the girl privately. He was put out of the house and a pistol was found in his pocket. He said he had always wanted to marry the girl, but had never gathered courage to tell her of his feelings.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Blown Out of His Office.

Mr. Nathaniel Paige, the lawyer, had a remarkable experience during the recent storm. He was sitting at the desk in his office on the second floor of the Corcoran building, and at the southwest corner, when the storm broke. The door opening into the main hall was open, but the door connecting with a small anteroom was closed. The upper part was of glass. The strength of the wind broke in the corner windows, and, picking Mr. Paige up bodily, carried him through the door, and with the frame hanging around him deposited him out in the main hall, fifteen feet distant. He was not cut by the broken glass nor hurt in any way.—Washington Star.

### The Corn Husk Weather Profit.

Jonathan Niles, of Norwich, Conn., the famous corn husk weather profit, is on deck again with a prediction. He says that the winter will be uneven, as the corn husks are uneven in thickness. He has had great success in predictions, and his prophecy this time, it is believed will come true, for it is a safe one.—Cor. New York Sun.

### Fisherman's Luck.

No sooner had the disappointed herring fleet sailed away from Biddeford pool, with empty barrels, than a wonderfully big school of the fish struck in. Nobody's there to catch 'em, and they're having a great frolic.—Lewiston Journal.

A French [illegible] travelled many [illegible] very little about [illegible] own c[illegible] in Washington [illegible] few days ag[illegible] first time. [illegible] was taken to the [illegible] House by an influential friend through his intercession the [illegible] apartments of the house were opened to her, and she had an exceptional opportunity to inspect the numerous beauties of the dignified but modest mansion. As she was being helped into her carriage on departing, a shade of disappointment was detected in her face.

"Well, what do you think of it?" her friend inquired.

"I must confess to a very keen disappointment," was the reply. "The rooms are all very prettily decorated, and some of them are dignified and impressive, but I am sorry not to have seen the military."

It appeared on further inquiry that this un-Americanized New Yorker had fully expected to find the president's mansion surrounded by a military guard in full uniform, and she was vehement in her assertions that the German way was "ever so much better than ours."—New York Recorder.

### Man's Duty to Man.

The father may think to hide certain parts of his character from his child, not wishing him to imitate them, and may give him precepts that he has never followed, but the child absorbs what he fancies is concealed and forgets the words which contradict it. Commands and exhortations may produce or restrain certain acts, but they are powerless to inspire emotions or create desires. Often they have a reverse effect.

To give every one his due, to refrain from taking unfair advantage, or in any way enriching one's self at the expense of another, are supposed to be duties which are simply to be inculcated and obeyed, yet how is the desire of gain, so intense in many minds, to be made to yield when it conflicts with these duties? Chiefly by crediting within the breast a stronger desire for justice and integrity. The love of rectitude, the faith in honor, the desire to deal fairly and squarely with all men, must be aroused and strengthened before any one can be thoroughly and truly just. And the same is true with regard to every good quality.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### The Dear Innocents.

Some Detroit ladies, not more than a thousand miles from a barrel of salt in front of a Woodward avenue grocery store, recently organized a debating club for the development and benefit of the rights of women. It was their first experience, the dear things, so they appointed a committee to go down town and get the needed stationery, etc. When the polite and affable clerk had about finished selecting the articles they had put down in a memorandum book, he inquired of the spokeswoman of the party:

"You will want a 'Cushing's Manual,' won't you?"

"A what?" she asked sharply.

"A 'Cushing's Manual,' madam," he answered, moving out of range.

"No, sir," she said, with severity, "this society is exclusively for ladies, and if we want anything at all in that line it will be a womanual, sir. How much do we owe you?"—Detroit Free Press.

### Rowed Forty Miles for Amusement.

Willis Holly, Mayor Grant's secretary, used to amuse himself by rowing around Staten Island whenever he got a holiday from his arduous newspaper work a few years ago. He did not row very fast, but he always made a complete circuit of the island. I think the distance is about forty miles; at any rate, I know that Mr. Holly had to rise before daylight in order to get home with the cows in the evening. It is a feat that he used to speak of with a proud, beaming eye, and I never wondered at it. I must say, however, that in the course of seven or eight years' consideration of the subject, I have never been able to understand exactly why a man should care to row around Staten Island.—Blakely Hall in Brooklyn Eagle.

### The Water in Utah's Great Lake.

Salt Lake is by no means a saturated solution of salt, yet it is five or six times as rich in salts as the ocean, and nearly as strong as the Dead sea. In summer it contains between 20 and 22 per cent. of salt, the saturation point not being reached until the salt forms a little over a third of the liquid. There are all through the great basin numerous saline lakes and ponds, but none of the size and importance of this in Utah. Not infrequently they are shallow and entirely disappear during the dryness and heats of summer, leaving to mark their sites only a stretch of some acres—or it may be miles—of clay or mud, entirely covered with salt.—Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.

### Weight of Paper Money.

In the treasury here one day the question came up as to the weight of a dollar bill. Scales of perfect accuracy were brought into requisition, and the surprising discovery was made that twenty-seven one dollar notes weighed exactly as much as a twenty dollar gold piece. The latter just balances 540 grains. However, the bills weighed were perfectly crisp and new. Trial made with soiled notes, such as come in every day for redemption, showed that twenty-seven of them weighed considerably more than the twenty dollar coin. Every paper dollar on its way through the world continually accumulates dirt, so that after a year of use it is perceptibly heavier.—Washington Letter.

### Two Men.

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