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Not all false attachment suits are breach of promise cases.

Truth is stranger than satire. There was a genuine Mark Twain duel in Paris recently.

One can always tell what time of year it is by looking at the open faced pumpkin pie.

Says the Memphis Scimitar, "Ho, ho, ho, and likewise yip!" Yes, certainly. Boy or girl?

It is Cupid's turn to laugh at Gen. Corbin. Most of us indulged in that diversion some time before.

Mexico has a dynamite trust, but the courts down that way seem inclined to let well enough alone.

John L. Sullivan is once more on the water wagon. Nothing like keeping in accord with the campaign.

No one should jump at the conclusion that allowing the milk of human kindness to sour is going to do any good.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell says she expects to come to America "ever so often." Another farewell tour artist, apparently.

A Chicago man who makes ghosts to order doubts very much whether spirits ever materialize, but he knows that dollars do.

"Undoubtedly the Lord hates a liar," says the Boston Herald. Isn't this open to argument? He may hate the sin, but love the sinner.

One of the doctors has found a serum for the prevention of hay fever. This being the case, let the poets come on with their golden rod poems.

When a woman can get a divorce in twenty minutes, why should we bother our heads with Mr. Meredith's theories about a ten-year marriage?

It is Dr. Gausaulus who remarks that the day of the boy orator has gone. But there is nothing in this statement to arouse any deep regret.

Philistines who have noted the athletic style of great pianists cannot be persuaded that there are usually only three or four movements to each sonata.

Jean De Reszke gets \$30 an hour for music lessons. Perhaps if Patti could do that she might forego the sweet sorrow of saying good-by to American audiences.

A Kansas judge holds that the courts offer no recourse when a dog bites a street-corner spellbinder. The services of poor dumb beasts never are properly appreciated.

These are the instructions for fitting the latest style of corsets: "Stand on the balls of your feet, stiffen your knees, and wiggle your shoulders." Wouldn't that give you a fit?

A Chicago judge has decided that hat-trimming is not art, but skilled labor. He probably arrived at this conclusion because of his inability to understand how art could come so high.

The dressmakers' edict that at least thirty yards will have to go into a dress hereafter convinces many husbands and fathers that their last year's suits will hold together one more winter.

The Columbus man who accuses his wife of throwing a big iron spoon at him and hitting him will have some difficulty in convincing twelve intelligent jurors of the truth of the latter charge.

Genius has yet before it the task of producing a pre-combusted coal that will produce neither ashes nor smoke and thus glad the heart of the hired man-leigh householder, and eke his neighbors.

Dressmakers have decreed that the winter woman shall be broadshouldered. Probably the better to enable her to stand the quips of the funny man who writes jokers about the cost of women's apparel.

J. Pierpont Morgan has within a month been almost run down in his launch, almost run over in an automobile, and almost hurt in a railroad collision. No wonder he is beginning to think of retiring.

A New York poet publishes some verses of the kind that the repeated refrain is: "Blow, wind, blow!" Those who doubt the influence of modern poets have only to watch and see how obediently the wind is doing it.

J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., will take his place at the head of his father's firm when "Jupiter" retires at the beginning of the coming year. And yet every little while you hear somebody say that there is no chance now for young men.

We are quite willing to believe that that telephone device invented by a man at Portland, Ore., to enable a person speaking to see the face of the person at the other end of the line already works successfully as far as the human eye can reach.

A New Haven man has been sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary for embezzling \$75,000. The wonderful thing about his case is that the pessimists are not calling attention to the fact that he was a Sunday school superintendent.

If you contemplate going to Panama to engage in business your best plan will be to learn all about the country and the inducements it holds out for men who are not succeeding where they are. Then you will not contemplate it any more.

MANY LADDERS IN ONE.

Simple Arrangement of Much Value Around the Home.

A stepladder is always a useful piece of property in and about the house. Some people manage to get along without one by resorting to various expedients in reaching points out of the ordinary reach, but where a stepladder is an adjunct of the home it serves a purpose 364 or 365 days in the year.

The trouble too often is that a long or tall ladder is unhandy in many instances, while a short ladder has a restricted use. It is not economical to have two ladders, and so the average householder does the best he can with the one—tall or short—that he possesses.

The above picture shows a newly invented ladder which serves the pur-



The Extension Ladder.

pose of the whole gamut of ladders from the tallest to the shortest. It is of the extension type, and by a simple arrangement can be lengthened or shortened to meet the immediate demands of the user.

TRAITS OF WALTZING MICE.

Little Animals Will Fight Until Seriously Injured.

Waltzing mice are curious and interesting little animals. They are not quite so long as the common gray mouse and much more slender. They are spotted black and white at each end of their bodies and are clear white in the middle. They whirl around on their four feet as if on a pivot, sometimes stopping and reversing the direction. Frequently I see two or three of them going around together in a large circle. Although they waltz sometimes as long as five minutes without rest they appear never to get dizzy. They can, if they choose, run in a straight line, but they seldom do. Instead of running away when disturbed or frightened, they begin to waltz. They come out of their nests about sundown and waltz until nearly midnight. Then they go back to their nests to sleep.

One of the curious things about them is their fighting. They waltz until they run into each other, when they bite, squeal, jump into the air—and then start waltzing again. They keep this up until they are seriously injured, sometimes having their tails and legs bitten off and their skins torn.

There are several theories as to the reason they can whirl around in this way and yet do not get dizzy. One is that it is because of a disease of the brain that they inherit.—Country Life in America.

Rats Gathering Crab Apples.

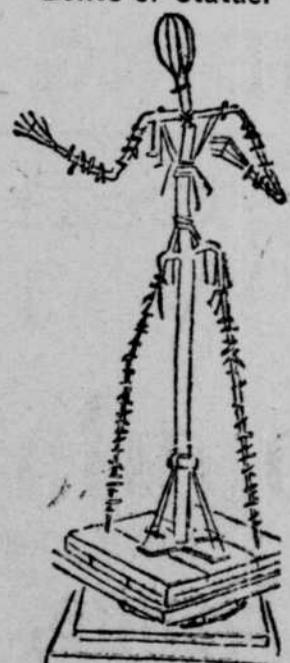
The family of one of the well-to-do citizens of Orford, N. H., while sitting under a crab apple tree a few days ago were attracted by an unusual rustling overhead.

Investigation revealed fifteen full-sized rats gathering the crab and carrying the apples across an extemporized bridge built to the house and from there through a hole gnawed through the side of the house into the attic, where a large quantity of fruit was laid away for winter use.

Yacht Built of Paper.

Out of the sheets of an Austrian daily paper an ingenious Viennese engineer has lately constructed for his own use a small yacht, fifteen feet long, decked all over and provided with a centerboard. In the making of the hull, deck, masts, sails and rudder, several thousand copies of the journal were used—each plank requiring no fewer than 2,500 leaves—and enormous pressure had to be employed before the necessary solidity could be obtained. The inventor has already made several excursions on the Woerth See, and even in squally weather his boat is said to have behaved admirably.

Bones of Statue.



The clay model of a large statue built upon a skeleton, with iron for bones and small wooden blocks for vertebrae.

Novel Milking Process.

In the new Umschau electric milking process a rubber cap is placed over the cow's udder, and the milk is drawn by the suction of an electrically driven pump. The method is claimed to be both cleaner and quicker than hand-milking.

Too Heavy for Cab Floor.

While six burly Yorkshiresmen were driving through the streets of Paris in a cab the floor gave way beneath their weight, and two of them were dragged along and severely cut about the hands and face.

DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

Strange Ending of Horse Which Once Carried Gen. Boulanger.

A column of troops marched past the Alsace column in the Place de la Concorde, Paris, the other day with drums beating and files playing.

A broken-down old black horse drawing a cart heaped up with vegetables heard the music and saw the soldiers.

In the seat of the cart, half asleep in the blazing sun, was Mme. Leccoq, who had been to the Paris market to buy supplies for her grocery store.

At the sound of the drums and the sight of the red-legged soldiers in the Place de la Concorde the old horse came to life. He pranced and trotted to the head of the marching column, nearly shaking Mme. Leccoq off the seat.

Half way across the square the horse stopped. His knees gave way, and he fell dead with his heart broken. Mme. Leccoq was thrown to the ground. The soldiers marched around the wreck and laughed.

In front of the Alsace column, just seventeen years ago, almost to a day, this same black horse nearly upset the government of France. On that day he pranced through the Place de la Concorde carrying on his back Gen. Boulanger, then the idol of the masses, who came within an ace of being another Napoleon. They called Boulanger "the man on horseback."

The man died an exiled suicide in Brussels. The horse lived on in humble oblivion until it died on the scene of its great triumph.

Servant Girl's Good Fortune.

A romantic story of a servant girl's fortune comes from Cologne. A young girl who was in domestic service had noticed that for some time she had been followed about by a beautifully dressed lady, and one day the latter drew near and spoke to her. She told the girl that she was her mother and intended to provide for her. This she did by depositing 100,000 marks (\$25,000) for her daughter's immediate use and 1,000,000 marks (\$250,000) for her fortune, in safe keeping. The girl, who had been brought up in a foundling home, does not seem at all impressed by her change of fortune, and has made up her mind to stay on in her present station.

In Tibet.



In festival time in Tibet the lamas wear such hideous masks.

Killed 150 Rattlers.

This country rings with the praises of a party of six Pittsburg telephone linemen who yesterday slew a hundred and fifty rattlesnakes in one bunch by modern methods. The slaughter took place near Garrett, where the progress of the telephone employees was impeded by rattlers, which came out in great droves on the mountain side.

On a ledge of rock the linemen saw what they claimed was a bunch of many hundreds, and they laid plans for a killing. Yesterday morning, at daybreak, dynamite was placed on two sides of the ledge of rocks where the snake congress met, and at noon when all the snakes had crawled out to sun themselves the explosions came. When the smoke cleared away 124 snakes were found dead. The linemen report that previous to this, in six days, they had killed fifty rattlers with their guns and clubs.—Somerset (Pa.) correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.

Convenient Postoffice Arrangement.

The English newspapers report a new application in Australia of the principle of the coin-in-the-slot machine, stating that if a stamp can be purchased conveniently it will be possible in the future to drop a letter into one office of a postal box and a penny into a second office, and the words "one penny paid" will be found impressed on the envelope when the box is opened by the postoffice authorities, thereby securing the transmission of the letter.

Newspaper Over Century Old.

Mrs. W. F. Flemming of Manchester, N. H., has a number of copies of the New Hampshire Gazette, which were published in Portsmouth in 1800. The latter place was then the largest city in the state and Manchester is not mentioned at all. Most of the foreign news pertains to the Napoleonic wars then in progress.

Aged Men Cast Votes.

At Middlebury, Vt., sixteen men whose ages ranged from 80 to 95 appeared at the polls within a few minutes of each other at the last election.

HIS DUTY TO TEST ALE.

English Official Fined 32 Cents for Neglecting His Duty.

Among the curious old customs still surviving in England, one of the most interesting is that at Dunstable, where the town council has an official ale taster.

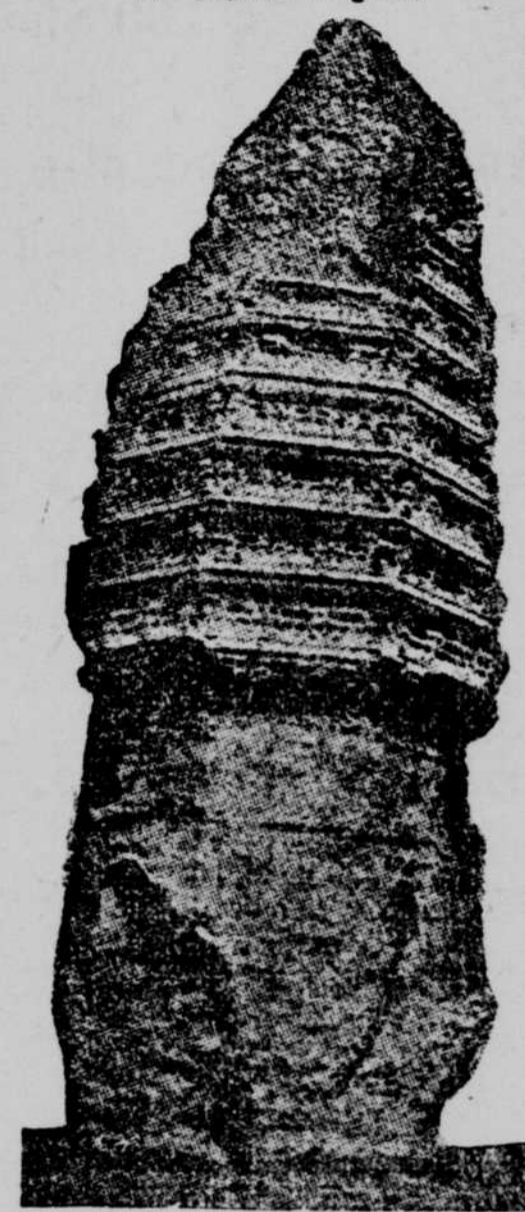
Nor is this office a sinecure, since the alderman who holds it was the other day fined 32 cents for neglect of duty, and before being reappointed to it he gave promise to discharge faithfully his service in future.

Last Saturday night he set out on a round of the public houses. At each of them he called for ale, which was willingly given when the warrant had been read, setting forth his duties as follows: "To know good ale, to taste the assise and goodness of all ale within the precincts of the manor, and to look after the measures used in public houses."

At most of the places which he visited he was able to give a guarantee that the ale was "of good body, free from harmful substances, and of full measure."

This the joyful publicans are now exhibiting in the windows of their hostleries to advertise their wares withal.—Sketch.

Manchurian Pagoda.



This illustration, from the London Sphere, shows the ruins of one of the Chinese pagodas in Manchuria. Pagodas are still erected occasionally, but foreign ideas have crept in to the extent that they are sometimes built of iron instead of brick.

Rats Cause Disastrous Explosion.

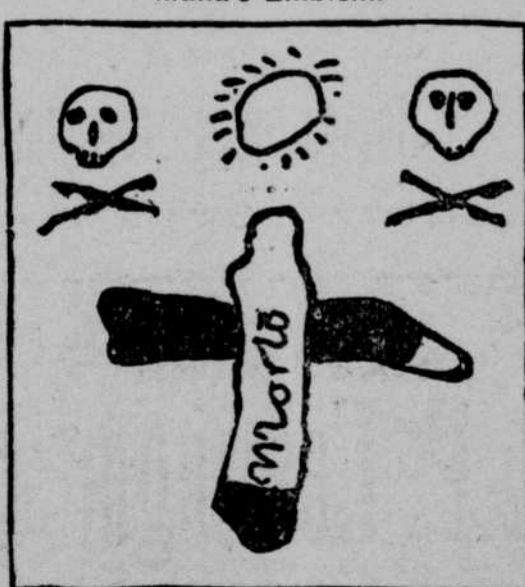
A remarkable gas explosion occurred recently in London. The explosion took place underneath the footway, dislodging some paving stones and throwing up among a quantity of debris two dozen large rats, killed by the explosion, and a number of others, more or less injured, scamped away in all directions. An examination disclosed the fact that the network of gas and water pipes at the spot had formed the nesting place of a colony of rats. Moreover, the remains of several matches indicated the probability that they had been carried there by the rodents, and, becoming ignited by friction, had caused the explosion of gas which had escaped from the main and accumulated there.

Some Elephants Fond of Tobacco.

Tim Buckley, who knows elephants as a mother knows her own children, said last night that the story of the elephant cherishing revenge for the tailor who had given him a piece of tobacco and years after soaking him with muddy water is all a fake.

"Elephants will not take tobacco or anything else, if they do not want it, even if they have had it in their mouths; and what is more, I have known elephants to be really fond of tobacco and eat it with pleasure. I have had elephants that would steal a plug of tobacco out of a man's pocket and swallow the whole thing. They do not like the tobacco, but they do like the licorice. Men and boys frequently give them tobacco and other things which they do not like under the pretense of feeding them peanuts, but the elephant is wise, and he will simply toss such things to one side and go on the ordinary course of his life, without a thought of filling his trunk with muddy water and wetting the person who gave him the stuff."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mafia's Emblem.



This is the signature most dreaded by the sons of Italy.

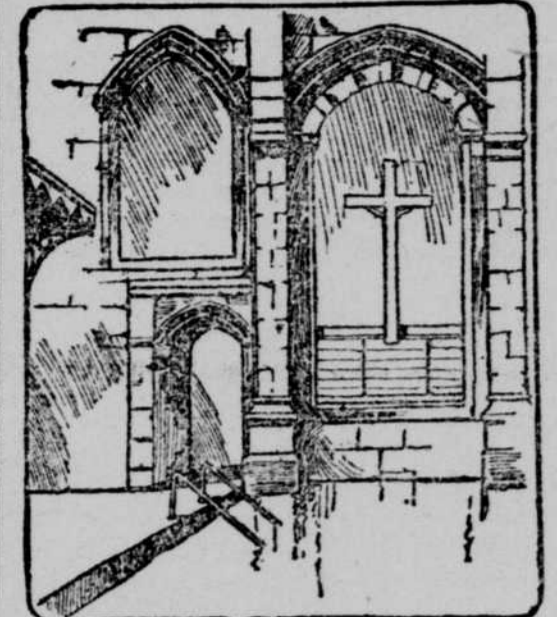
Mummy Wheat Would Not Grow.

In view of the oft-repeated and commonly believed statement that mummy wheat—that is, wheat found in the cases of ancient Egyptian mummies—has been known to germinate when planted after thousands of years, it is of interest to note that experiments with specimens of wheat, of the antiquity of which there is no doubt, have just been carried out at Kew Gardens, England, with the view of ascertaining whether ancient Egyptian wheat, say 3,000 years old, would germinate or not. In every case the experiment made by the officials at Kew was unsuccessful.

DEAF BOY MADE TO HEAR.

Remarkable Cure Said to Have Been Effected by St. Winifred's Well.

Those who believe in the miraculous powers of the waters of St. Winifred's well, near Liverpool, England, claim positive proof of their faith in a cure which is said to have been effected there recently. There had been a great pilgrimage of Liverpool "Ransomers" to the well, and news of the cure was given to the master of the Ransomers' guild, the Rev. Father Fletcher, at the close of a special service. James McNulty, a boy aged 13, lives with his parents at 132 Grafton street, Liverpool. It is stated that he has been deaf from the age of six



St. Winifred's Well, Where Pilgrims Gather to be Healed by its Miraculous Waters.

months. His mother took some water from the "inner well" and when this was applied to the ears of the boy it is declared he immediately regained his hearing and can now hear the softest whisper.

STRANGE FLOWER OF SUMATRA.

Rafflesia a Beautiful Plant with a Repugnant Odor.

The rafflesia is a strange plant. It grows in Sumatra and derives its name from Sir Stamford Raffles, governor of Sumatra at one time, and his friend, Dr. Arnold, a naturalist. They were the first white men to discover the wonderful plant. It is said to be the largest and most magnificent flower in the world. It is composed of five roundish petals, each a foot across and of a brick red color, covered with numerous irregular yellowish white swellings. The petals surround a cup nearly a foot wide, the margin of which bears the stamens.

This cup is filled with a fleshy disk, the upper surface of which is everywhere covered with projections like miniature cow's horns. The cup when full of its contents would hold about twelve pints of water. The flower weighs fifteen pounds. It is very thick, the petals being three-quarters of an inch in thickness. With its beauty one is led to expect sweet smell, but its odor is that of tainted beef, and Dr. Arnold supposed that even the flies were deceived by the smell and were depositing their eggs in the thick disk, taking it for a piece of carrion.

Scarf of William the Conqueror.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wentworth Fitzwilliam of Milton Hall, Peterborough, England, have a little baby. When the baby was christened a few weeks ago the infant, following a custom which has been observed in the Fitzwilliam family for centuries, wore the famous William the Conqueror scarf. This scarf, it is said, is one of the two authentic possessions of the Conqueror, and was presented to a direct ancestor of the family who was a marshal in the Conqueror's host. Now over 800 years old, it is in a somewhat tattered and precarious condition. So cherished a practice has it become in the family that the present Earl Fitzwilliam, who was born in Canada, was brought to England to be baptized, in order that he might be adorned with the historic garment.

Prized Trumpet Recovered.

Sixteen years ago the Water Witch engine company of Lee lost at a muster a \$150 trumpet which they had captured as a prize first in 1856. For three years Thomas Hayden has been searching for it. Engine houses in all towns and cities within seventy-five miles have been searched and inquiries made. Recently the trumpet was presented to him, together with some valuable papers concerning the old company. He refuses to explain further than to say, "It hasn't been far away."

Infant in All but Intellect.

There has just died in Stockerau, Bavaria, at the age of 28 years, a dwarf, Maria Schumann, who passed her whole life in the cradle where she slept her first sleep twenty-eight years ago. Up to the day of her death this strange creature preserved the height and general appearance of an infant of a few months, but her intellect was normally developed, and nothing could have been odder than to hear this tiny baby in the cradle talk like an adult, with much vivacity and intelligence!

Masai Warrior.



English officialdom is debating the question whether the bloodthirsty, raiding Masai tribe shall be permitted to exist.

Lightness of Dandelion Seeds. It is calculated that 1,000,000 dandelion seeds weigh a pound.

MAKE FIRE KINDLING EASY.

New Combination a Welcome Thing On a Cold Morning.

There is an art in starting a fire that is not known to every one, which is frequently attested by the newspaper reports of unfortunate servant girls who are blown through the kitchen roof while attempting to light the stove with the aid of a can of kerosene. For those who are not possessed of the aforesaid art and who are not particularly anxious to meet the fate of the unfortunates referred to, there has been devised a really commendable assistant in the form of a kindler.

Now, everybody knows that one of the very best aids to fire-making is a nice pine knot or light wood stick, but



Using the Kinder.

the great difficulty that confronts the average household in the consideration of this method is that the means are not readily procurable.

The new kindler consists of a combination of inflammable, but not dangerous, substances, which are lighted and thrust into the range or stove or furnace, for it will do its work equally well in one as the other. The patentee describes his invention as consisting of a core or foundation of wood coated with a mixture of rosin and tallow, and finally enveloped with finely cut shavings of wood pulp. One end of the wood is free of the coating, and is thus easily used as a handle.

CAT LOVES SWEET CORN.

Every Day He Brings an Ear for His Owner to Husk.

Jack, a pet of Miss A. M. Flagg of Exeter, Mass., is a black and white cat of remarkable size and beauty, and possessed of intelligence of a high order.

He has this season developed an inordinate fondness for sweet corn, and for some time has daily brought to his mistress an ear, which she would husk, whereupon he has eagerly devoured every kernel of the corn and at times much of the cob.

How Jack secured his tidbit has been a mystery just solved after long watching. He was seen to enter the garden, leap high upon a corn stall and bend it to the ground. It was then an easy matter to tear off the coveted ear.

Donkey Good Police Officer.

As a donkey attached to a rag-and-bone cart was patiently awaiting its master outside a public-house at St. Owen, a suburb of Paris, a man left a neighboring shop with a bag and furiously tried to steal past the animal's head. Then the donkey suddenly seized the man by the wrist with his teeth. Howling with pain, the victim let his sack fall, when jewels and rings, the proceeds of a daring burglary, rolled out on the pavement. Firmly the animal held the thief until the efforts of the police loosened his hold and enabled them to take the thief to the station, where he made a full confession.

A Novel Whale Derrick.



An enormous whale was captured recently off the coast of Australia and towed to port. Instead of cutting up the carcass at once an effort was made to land the great fish intact. To do this a powerful derrick was brought into play and the whale hoisted by its tail. The fish was drawn almost entirely from the water without mishap, when the great weight of the body tore away the tail and the whale plunged into the sea.

Monster Snake Killed.

A big bull snake, which has been terrorizing the Poplar creek section of Knox county, Ky., was recently killed by William Pope. It was sixteen feet long.

The snake had been devouring fowls and pigs for several months. It had been cornered several times, but escaped by "rushing" the attacking party.

Recently a party was organized and the reptile was tracked to a swamp, where, after a terrific battle it was finally killed by a rifle shot.—New York World.

Mouse Nest Under Railroad Frog.

A mouse nest under a frog in the railroad tracks near here has been discovered by V. K. Sharp, the station agent, and the Rev. W. Bennett. The nest is within a few inches of the rails, over which hundreds of cars pass daily.—Berlin (Pa.) correspondent Philadelphia Record.

Are Perfumes Disinfectants?

I asked a doctor in England if perfumes are really disinfectants. "No," he said. "How can they be?" I asked a doctor here in France the same question and he answered: "Mals oui, Madame, sans doute," and explained that the basis of every perfume is a strong essential oil of some kind, and that those essential oils are antiseptic. Now, which is right?—London Truth.

Religion and Labor.

A man's profession or trade is not only not incompatible with religion (provided it be a lawful one), it is his religion. Earnestness in a lawful calling is not worldliness. A profession is the sphere of our activity. There is something sacred in work. To work in the appointed sphere is to be religious.—F. W. Robertson.

Great Catch of Sturgeon.

A Milford Haven (England) trawler recently landed twelve fine sturgeon, caught in one haul. Some of them were six feet long. Such a catch has never been known previously.

Cure to Stay Cured.

Wapello, Iowa, Oct. 10 (Special)—One of the most remarkable cures ever recorded in Louisa County is that of Mrs. Minnie Hart of this place. Mrs. Hart was in bed for eight months and when she was able to sit up she was all drawn up on one side and could not walk across the room. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Speaking of her cure Mrs. Hart says: "Yes, Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me after I was in bed for eight months and I know the cure was complete for that was three years ago and I have not been down since. In four weeks from the time I started taking them I was able to make my garden. Nobody can know how thankful I am to be cured or how much I feel I owe to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

This case again points out how much the general health depends on the kidneys. Cure the kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills and nine-tenths of the suffering the human family is heir to, will disappear.

The Wise Man.

A wise man never stumbles twice over the same stone; when he passes that way again the stone isn't there.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1900. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Name on wrapper. Take Hall's Catarrh Pills for constipation.

Man's Inconstancy.

Man has promised an endless existence of peace and joy in another world—a life through the countless centuries of contentment. Yet he kicks like everything when there's danger of his not continuing to worry along with this world.

The Wabash is the Only Line Landing You at the World's Fair.

Round trip rates from Omaha are as follows: \$8.50 sold daily except Friday and Saturday, good 7 days. \$13.80 sold daily, good 15 days. The Wabash is the only line that land's passengers at the main entrance of the World's Fair grounds. Also the only line that can check your baggage to the World's Fair station. Think what a saving of time, annoyance and extra car fare.

All agents can sell you through ticket and route you over the Wabash. Very low rates to many points South, Southeast. For beautiful World's Fair folder and all information call at 1601 Farnam St. or address Harry E. Moores, Gen. Agt. Pass. Dept. Wab. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

Homes for Workers.

To encourage working people to establish homes of their own, Norway has founded a bank for workmen. It lends money at 3 1/2 and 4 per cent, and gives the borrower forty-two years in which to pay the loan. The total cost of the house must not exceed \$160, and the area of the land must not be more than five acres.

More Flexible and Lasting.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Japanese Superstition.

The Japanese have a plant called the otoma, which is considered by many to be a type of the marriage state. When a young couple of "believers" marry they will take a specimen of the otoma with them, plant it and carefully tend it and be fully persuaded that their conjugal felicity is assured as long as it lives and flourishes.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance