

APPEAL TO STOMACH.

A QUEER FOOD EXPERIMENT THAT IS BE TRIED.

Problem of Reforming a Criminal Its Students Number Many Stray Men Who Will Watch the Scheme with Interest.



All civilized nations hold out some inducement to the criminal in confinement to secure his release from least restraint.

good behavior, but a new and interesting experiment is soon to be made at the New York state reformatory at Elmira in the way of reforming criminals.

prisoner, if he wishes to tickle his palate with mince pie, a juicy roast of cake like his mother used to make.

The reformatory at Elmira is designed for the reformatory treatment of males between the ages of 16 and 30 years who have been committed to it under an indeterminate sentence of felony.

X-Rays and Lacing

Queen Amelie of Portugal, who, as every one knows, is a qualified doctor, has perceived that X-rays might be utilized to demonstrate the evils of tight lacing.

Best Way Out of It.

An old lady who was seriously ill, found herself to be in a trying position, which she defined to a friend in these words: "You see, my daughter Harriet is married to one of those honey-comb doctors, and my daughter Kate to an allypath.

Pretty Loud.

He—Miss Uptodate's bicycle rigging is pretty loud, isn't it? Her Rival—Loud! I should say it was. Every time she passes a vacant barn by the roadside her bloomers create an echo.

Can't Buy Ours.

Says a fertilizer concern in Nashville, Tenn.: "We buy your bones and pay you the highest market price."

WORTH KNOWING.

It is lawful in China to kill a grave-rober the instant he is caught in his underhanded work.

The only quicksilver mines of importance in this country are located in southern California.

The old house in West Brownsville, Pa., in which James G. Blaine spent his boyhood has been torn down.

Over 2,700 children are cared for by twenty-eight orphanages and institutions for children in Philadelphia.

In most of the London churches on a recent Sunday night special thanksgivings were offered up for the rain that had fallen.

Bicycles have reached the Arizona Indians, and the people of Phoenix recently noted a Pima riding his wheel along the Tempe road.

Silk worms in the west have taken an extra turn this year, and a colony of 80,000 at Coquille, Ore., is reported as having spun the cocoons quicker and better than ever before.

While the militia were in camp at Lake Sebastocook, in Maine, it is said that the perch stopped biting, especially on days when there was much firing.

At Hood River, Ore., strawberries yielded one grower this past season a profit of \$208,709 on a patch of ninety-six square rods, or at the rate of nearly \$400 an acre.

The latest order for women is the Royal Victorian Order, which has only this year been inaugurated by her majesty, and to which no lady has yet been gazetted.

An editor, who is also paymaster at Great Bend, Mo., offers a year's subscription to his paper at \$1, agreeing that the paper shall be sent free if Bryan is beaten.

SEASIDE SOCIAL CUSTOMS.

The Code Is Not So Severe as in Home Life, but It Has Limitations.

It requires almost as much diplomacy and mental work to steer a woman through the social intricacies of a summer at a resort as to carry her safely through an official Washington winter.

The appearance of informality deludes newcomers into hoping for pleasant relations, and then they make what is known in the vernacular as a "break." At the end of the season they go away declaring that "Sea Rock" or "White Wave" is a "horrid, stiff place," peopled mainly by snobs, and vow never to return. The rules which govern acquaintance-making at summer resorts are a trifle more lax than those which regulate town acquaintanceship.

WON A NOTABLE PRIZE.

London Royal Drawing Society Medal Goes to a Girl of 16.

The award of the bronze medal of the Royal Drawing Society of London this year is a matter of enthusiastic interest to young art students all over the world, inasmuch as it was won by a young woman only 16 years of age, Miss Nellie Kuck.

Since the earliest inauguration of offering prizes for the best work among any given artistic line artists of undoubted genius from Canova and Thorwaldsen have entered into eager competition for the advantages which such badges of distinction carry in their train; for where they do not include years of study under most favoring conditions, as they so often do, they bring to an artist instant and widespread recognition; and it ought to serve as a stimulus to the youngest art student in Philadelphia, Boston, New York or Denver that youth is no bar sinister to such honors.

A Bicycle Disease.

Mothers whose daughters do a great deal of cycling should know about a new cycling disease. People have been declaring that they have been suddenly seized with a wild impulse to jump from their machines—an uncontrollable impulse, which apparently seizes them at the most awkward times, such as midway down a hill.

Editorial.

"A great, big, overgrown fellow like you ought to be at work instead of begging," said the censorious citizen. "I'm willin' to work," replied Dismal Dawson, "but I'm too blamed jummy. I've tried the shells and I've tried three-card monte, but the Rules got onto me the very first time."

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

A DESCENDANT OF LORD BALTIMORE NOW LIVING THERE.

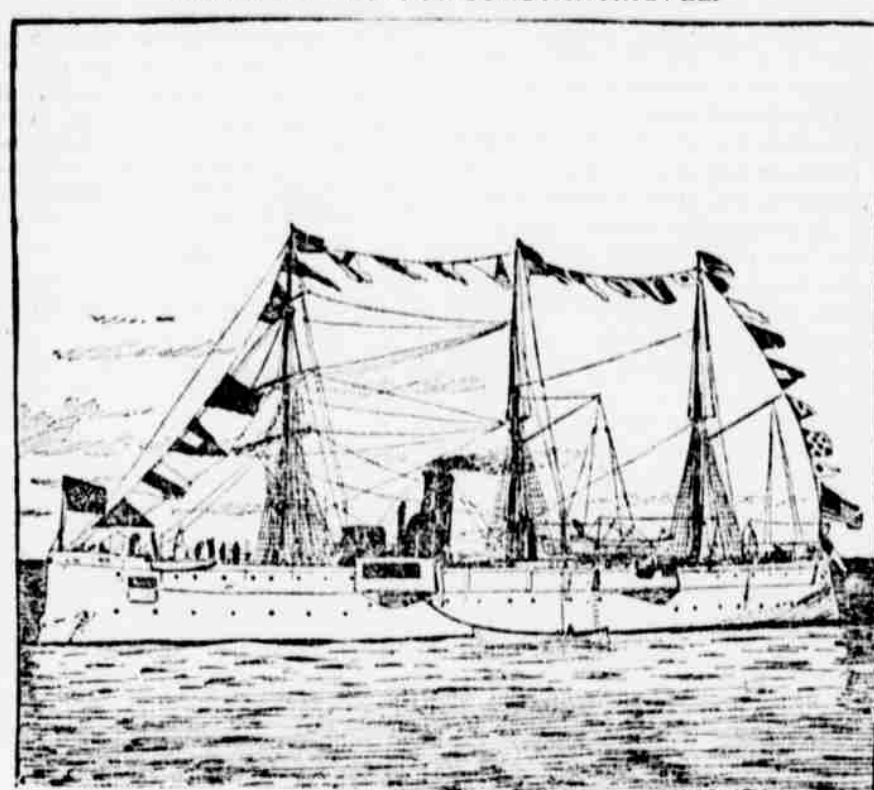
Senator Faulkner the Richest Man at the Capitol—The Coming Marriage of Miss Boydie Faulkner—General gossip.



Washington Letter.

Even those who have passed their lives within the gates of the capital know that there is now living here a gentleman who can rightfully claim that he is the direct descendant of the last Lord Baltimore and the rightful heir to the title.

BANCROFT OFF FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.



The United States cruiser Bancroft, which has sailed for Constantinople, is a trim little boat, but is by no means a terror. It is not the intention of the government to terrorize the sultan by sending a warship into his harbor, but merely to signify by its presence there that Uncle Sam is not neglecting his interests in that country.

America and the estates could not be returned to the family at this date. It is scarcely possible that, even if he wished, he could secure from the Crown any of the old property of the family left in England.

The most prominent man in town at present is Senator Faulkner, who is absorbed in his campaign work. Should the silver men win it would certainly seem that his services ought to be substantially recognized by a Cabinet position, one for which he is eminently fitted.

The wedding of Miss Boydie Faulkner, which will be celebrated soon at Martinsburg, W. Va., is expected to be a well society event, as the parties are both of such prominence.

PERSIAN SOCIALISTS. Imprisonment, Torture and Death Threats Do Not Appall the Baab.

As to the real tenets of the baabi opinions differ, says the Fortnightly Review. They are socialists and undoubtedly adopt the system of co-operation of property, while the orthodox Persians persistently assert that they practice polyandry, and the strange ceremonies of the Cheragh Karimush observed among the Yezedis, or devil worshippers of Karrind, a district near Kermanshah; he thus it may be, is quite certain that each Baabi looks upon himself as an incarnation of God and reverences the baab, i. e., Sayid Mahommed Ali, as the prophet of God and the veritable incarnation of the Deity Himself.

The writer saw a baabi led to prison in 1880; the man was a priest (mollah) who had been denounced by his wife. He was an old man and, though he was imprisoned and severely bastinadoed and offered life if he would curse the baab, yet he refused. When led to execution and entreated to curse the baab he replied:

"Curses on you, your prince (the 21-25-sultan, then governor of Ispahan), your king and all oppressors. I shall come death and long for it, for I shall instantly reappear on this earth and enjoy the delights of paradise."

When he ceased speaking the executioner advanced and slew him.

A PRETTY STORY.

What a Little Girl said at Luncheon with the Queen.

An amusing story of ingenious childhood is told by a former maid-of-honor in the service of Queen Victoria. A little niece of hers visited her one day at court. The queen caught sight of the child, and, pleased with her innocent prattle, asked the lady-in-waiting to have the little visitor come to luncheon some day at the palace.

A Very Chic Woman.

A very chic woman looks her best in a white foulard silk covered with queer little black scrolls. In this case the vest is composed of black mouseline de sole over white satin. On the mouseline are applied lace roses. The sleeves have a very small puff and are ruffled. This gown is so skillfully arranged that it can also be worn with a fichu of black mouseline de sole, round which is seen a knife pleating of mouseline, which, in turn, is edged with a little Valenciennes lace.

Bicycles Take the Place of Dogs.

Eastern dealers in dogs say that the demand for their stock has increased rapidly. They declare that the woman who formerly fondled poodles and terriers for amusement now devotes herself to her bicycle so enthusiastically that she has no leisure for dogs. The demand for large dogs has almost ceased, because the men who used to take them on their walks now ride a wheel and don't want to be bothered with dogs.

A Skillful Climber.

A tourist in Switzerland who was about to make the ascent of a mountain thought best to ask some questions as to the capabilities of his guide. "Is he a thoroughly skillful climber?" he asked of the hotelkeeper. "I should say so!" exclaimed the innkeeper. "He has lost two parties of tourists down the mountain side and escaped without a scratch both times."—London Punch.

His Funny Little Way.

Clara—He has such a funny little way of kissing me on the back of my neck. Maude—Well, you know, he can't see your face from there.



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The present Mr. Calvert is in a direct line from the eldest son of the last of the English Lords of the Baltimore house. As he has always lived here in

one of the young ladies will be felt by their wide circle of friends.

Washington has been visited recently by a rising young Southern woman,



MISS BOYDIE FAULKNER, who is making an enviable reputation for herself in Boston. This is Mrs. Caroline Green Noble, whose fame as a writer of negro dialect stories, of which she is the interpreter, has made her well known in Boston.

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