Message From the Dead.

Mrs. White, the wife of the veteran Professor H. H. White, of Lexington, Va., was not a little startled a few weeks since by receiving a postal card addressed in the handwriting of a dear friend who had been dead over eleven years. Turning the card over she recognized the well-remembered signature of her departed friend, and the words it contained were in the same writing. It was like receiving a message from the dead. An examination revealed the Boston postmark, dated July 13, 1879. The Lexington postoffice receiving stamp was dated January 2, 1893. The whereabouts of this postal car for thirteen and one-half years is one of those mysteries that will probably never be solved.

Going to College to Play Ball.

Professor Richards of Yale college makes a very pointed and very appropriate answer to the complaint of the students in the professional schools here that they are to be prohibited from playing ball after having come to Yale with the explicit understanding that they should go on the college line. "If it has become a tradition at Yale to encourage men to come to college to play ball," says Professor Richards, "it is a pretty poor tradition. The sooner we get rid of such men the better."

Amelie Rives-Chanler scarcely ever uses that part of her name that follows the hyphen.

Alternating bangles of jade, tortoise shell and gold produce an artistic contrast resting upon a white arm. The jade is supposed to bring good luck.

A heart in pale green enamel, around which is entwined a serpent in gold, set with diamonds, is probably designed as an appropriate gift from a jealous swain to a fickle sweetheart.—Jewelers' Weekly.

THE EVOLUTION

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Miss Hattie M. Kimball, who has been elected president of the Pennsboro & Hainesville railroad, is probably the only woman in the country who is at the head of a steam railway.

"Biddeford," a Maine newspaper reports, "has a blind man—Darius Perkins by name—who can kill a rat or mouse with his cane as quickly as a cat could attend to the job."

Tacoma, Wash., has a well 100 feet deep from which the wind blows continually. As there is fifty feet of water in the well the source of the wind is a mystery.

A complete set of electric cooking appliances is to be placed on the new whaleback steamer Columbus, which will be the first vessel to be thus equipped.

Washington Star: Extreme loquacious ness seldom goes with an air of prosperity. The more a man talks through his hat the shabbier it gets.

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ELECTRICAL NOTES.

The latest inventions in electric heating devices include hand stamps, curling-irons, coffee urns, branding-irons and various new applications to surgical instruments. The field of the electric heater is comparatively narrow owing to the high cost of current, but it seems to be almost infinitely long.

A miniature thunder factory has been constructed for the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, England, with plates seven feet in diameter which, it is believed, would give sparks thirty inches long, but no Leyden jars have been found to stand its charge, all being pierced by the enormous tension.

Military projectors have been recently experimented with at St. Petersburg. The tests referred to the illumination of the ground surface by means of electric projectors placed in a balloon floating at a height of nearly 2,000 feet. More exhaustive tests will shortly be carried out at some forthcoming siege operations at Ivangorod.

Electric heaters are found to be excellent for use in conservatories on account of the absence of the unwholesome gases or vapors which might injure the plants, simplicity of construction in the parts conveying the energy, perfect safety as regards heat, which can be regulated at will, cleanliness and convenience and rapidity in starting and extinction.

Electric search lights are being adopted by custom officers in England in order to avoid the possibility of explosion while rummaging for goods on board tank and other vessels carrying explosives. Ruby colored lights for the examination of imported cases of photographic negatives in a dark chamber are also to be supplied to obviate the risk of premature development.

Two new patents describe respectively an electric cigar-lighter and an electric refrigerator. The cigar-lighter consists of a platinum strip heated to incandescence at will by passing a current through it, and the method of electrical refrigeration is described as consisting in lowering temperature in a portion of a conductor and passing an electric current through the conductor to increase the condition of the heat from the warmer to the cooled portion.

Regarding the new electric launch Vashti, built on the lines of the Alva, and which recently ran on the Hudson from Nyack to Sing Sing and back, the Scientific American says: "It is impossible to imagine anything more attractive. No engine, no fire, no smoke, no smell, and all the weight below the water-line. There probably never was a boat which combined more perfectly the desirable qualities of comfort, speed, and stability. The batteries hold a charge for a nine to ten hours' run, and the speed developed is eight to ten miles per hour.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for a trolley road to be known as the Elizabeth and Plainfield Street Railway Company, which proposes to start at Morris avenue, Elizabeth, and run through to Orchard street, to Westfield avenue, to Grove street, to West Grand street, to Jersey avenue, thence through Third avenue, in Linden Township, to Walnut street, in Roselle, and be continued through Cranford Township to the Central Railroad depot at Westfield. The capital stock is $100,000, and applications are to be made at once to the authorities of the various municipalities which the proposed road is to traverse.

An Odd Monopoly.

One man makes all the ink with which the United States Government prints its paper money. His father invented the ink, but he never told anybody how he did it until just before he died, when he let his son into the secret. Had an untimely accident gathered the inventor to his fathers before he told his son about the ink the Government Printer would have been in a bad way, for this is the only kind of ink that will print on the peculiar surface of the fiber of which Government note paper is made. The maker employs only six men in the manufacture of his ink, and none of them is in the secret, nor has any one yet seen the interesting act of mixing the ingredients of which the ink is composed. The owner of the secret locks himself up in his own room two weeks in each year, and it is there and then that he mixes stuff enough to supply the Government with ink for the ensuing twelve months. The process of locking himself up surrounds him with an air of romance something like that of the man whom Balzac made to search for the alkahest, the only difference being that the alkahest fellow shut himself up for a lifetime and got nothing, besides alienating the affections of his wife, while the other locks himself up for two weeks and gets $50,000 a year.—New York Home Journal.

Taming of Oysters.

Many of the waters of Maryland and Virginia richest in oysters are now frozen over, so that oyster catching is suspended, and should the severity of the winter continue thousands of oystermen must be idle. Many of the outlying islands in the Chesapeake Bay are firmly knit to the mainland by the ice. There will be a rush for the oyster bed when the water opens and oysters are likely to be very cheap throughout Maryland and Virginia before the oyster-catching season closes at the end of April. Speculators are making ready to buy up the early spring oysters at low rates and hold them until the price advances. This is a simple matter, as the taming of oysters, so to speak, is an old-time practice.

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Wrote to Himself.

A lawyer borrowed a book from a friend in the same office, took it home and forgot to return it. Several times he was reminded of this by the owner of the book, and as many times forgot to put it in his pocket when he left his house. At last, stung to desperation by his friend's gibes, he sat down and addressing a postal card to himself at his residence, wrote on the back of it thus: "If you do not attend to that matter within twenty-four hours you may expect the worst." "There," he said grimly, "if that doesn't fetch me nothing will." It did fetch him. It fetched him out of a late sleep the next morning immediately after the postman's first visit to explain to his white-faced, terrified wife that she was not likely to be made a widow. He offered explanations, and took the book back; but he is not sure that he has not committed some crime or in some way got into the clutches of a blackmailer.

From "New Orleans, Our Southern Capital."

By Julian Ralph in Harper's Magazine for February.

The Louisiana lottery being legalized, tickets are openly displayed in the shop windows, and are sold on the sidewalks by men, women and children. One store for the sale of these tickets bears such a legend as this on its sign: This is lucky Number Eleven. More winning tickets sold here than anywhere else in town.

There was a drawing while I was in the city, and knowing that the lottery company was not to ask for a renewal of its privileges, I availed myself of the opportunity to witness its chief public operation and the historic characters who have been induced by large salaries to figure for it. The drawing took place in a theatre called the "Academy of Music," at eleven o'clock the morning. The yellow gas-jets battled feebly with the daylight in the lobby into which the people were pressing without let or qualification. The theatre was two-thirds full at last. On the stage, set with a parlor scene, was a knot of men between two wheels. The wheel on the right was a band of silver, with sides of glass and with a door in the metal rim. A bushel of little black gutta-percha envelopes the size of dominoes had been poured into this wheels, and a white boy, blindfolded with a handkerchief, stood at the handle of the crank by which the wheel was turned. He had one arm in the door of the wheel, and with the hand of the other arm was offering a tiny envelope to Gen. Beauregard—the last surviving general who served on either side in our late war. A fine, most gentlemanly-looking man he is, with the features of a French courtier, with snowy hair, a white moustache, a little goatee, and the pinkest skin a baby ever knew. He was faultessly dressed. Across the stage, besides a very much larger wheel of parti-colored boards, sat Major-General Jubal A. Early—a perfect type of the conventional figure of Father Time; tall, portly, stoop-shouldered, partly bald, and with a long, heavy, white beard. He was dressed all in the color of the uniform he distinguished by his valor as a soldier. By each general stood a blindfolded boy, taking numbers out of the wheels, and handing them to the generals. From the big wheel to Major-General Early came the numbers of the tickets; from the little wheel to General Beauregard came the numbers of dollars that formed the prize each ticket had won. By each general stood a crier. Early read out, "Twenty-one thousand one hundred and fifty-two;" and Beauregard, having shelled the gutta-percha case of a billet, read out, "Two hundred dollars." Then the criers took the billets and cried the numbers. "Twenty-one thousand one hundred and fifty-two" from one; "Two hundred dollars" from the other, who by-the-way, called out tew hundred dollars at least tew hundred times. But all the prizes were not of that amount. I chanced to hear the capital prize read out.

"Twenty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-nine" said Early. "Three hundred thousand dollars," said Beauregard.

The effect was startling; indeed the startled senses refused to grasp the meaning of the words. The criers repeated the figures. The people in the theatre craned forward, a hundred pencils shot over pads or bits of paper in men's and women's laps. Then a murmur of voices sounded all over the house. The routine on the stage was halted, for the criers took the two bits of paper to some clerks who sat at tables in the farther part of the stage, to allow them to verify the important figures. Then the routine began anew.

Russian Sentinel.

The sternest ideal of military duty is fulfilled by the Russian soldier. An illustration is given by the author of "A Journey to Mount Ararat." On leaving an Armenian village, the writer pased a beautiful green valley watered by a river that flowed between strong embankments.

His Armenian servant told him that in April, 1888, after a great storm, the river rose in such a flood that the persons living near the bank fled for their lives.

There was a powder-magazine near the river. The sentinel who was guarding it prepared to retreat, but the officers who were watching the scene from a mountain forbade him to leave his post. For an hour the poor fellow struggled against the rising waters, clinging desperately to the lock of the magazine door.

The water rose to his chin, and when he was literally within an inch of death the flood ceased. He was decorated by the Government with the ribbon of some honorary order in recognition of his heroic obedience.

Matter of Fact Dog.

"There are prosaic men and women, and there are matter-of-fact dogs," says a writer in the London Spectator. "For purely business purposes they are often the best," he adds, and tells a little story to prove the fact.

We once owned an excellent retriever-spaniel of the simple order of mind, without a grain of humor. This dog accompanied us unasked when we wanted to shoot a bullfinch in the garden to stuff.

Now this dog had been used, when the gun was fired, to go and look for a dead or wounded rabbit. So, instead of looking under the apple tree, he disappeared into the hedge, and in a few minutes he returned with a rabbit in his mouth. So much for a matter-of-fact dog.

At Mobile lately a mother was standing on the gallery of her house with her baby, when the latter fell over the edge. The distance to the ground is twenty feet, but the mother, without an instant's hesitation, sprang after the baby, and both fell to the ground at almost the same instant. The baby, striking the mother's body, escaped with only a few bruises, but the mother had her hip dislocated, otherwise she was not injured.

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