

There is still a place for the horse in this auto-flying age.

Progressive farmers are now plowing by gasoline, thus having more hay to sell.

Will the international school of peace organize a football team and go out after the championship?

A Winsted (Conn.) farmer has trained a rooster to ride a bicycle. This is something to crow about.

A Swiss doctor says that drunks live longer than total abstainers. Still, even this is no excuse for being one.

It is planned to unionize the hoboes. Excellent. And then stop them from working other people after union hours.

Montenegro is a kingdom now instead of a mere principality. Over in Montenegro there are people probably who think we care.

The man who introduced moving pictures into this country is dead, but whether he died remorseful or unrepentant the dispatches do not say.

That New York professor who declares college women have not "made good" cannot successfully maintain that they have not made good fudge.

A hobble skirt in which a disguised burglar tried to escape assisted greatly in his capture. Thus we see that even the hobble skirt hath its uses.

Meat prices have come down, according to market reports, but some of the local dealers evidently don't read the papers. Somebody ought to tell 'em.

While it is true that one makes acquaintances with queer people on one's vacation, it is not always necessary to go on a vacation to achieve that end.

The latest thing at Newport is a rag-time bear dinner. A bull and bear dance would look pretty lively, only it would be unpleasantly suggestive of "shop."

A motorcycle ran against the rear end of an Indiana mule the other day, and it is reported that two or three pieces of the machine were afterward found almost intact.

One of the Harvard professors patriotically declares that Yankee blood is dying out. We suspect that the trouble with him is that he hasn't been away from a big town lately.

A man in New York bet six months in jail on the election and lost. Now, despite his efforts, he can't break into jail to pay the debt. A worse hard luck tale could scarcely be told.

A banknote that had been washed and ironed by a fastidious woman was pronounced a counterfeit. The public, evidently, is familiar only with filthy lire.

That Long Island judge who ruled that \$8,000 a year is enough for the education of a sixteen-year-old girl doubtless had in his crude masculine mind only the useful things. Other kinds cost more.

A Chicago woman, in suing for divorce, declares that her husband's stenographer looked at him "longingly, lovingly, sweetly and invitingly." That stenographer certainly must have been a good looking.

A Mississippi man who put a stick of dynamite in his pocket and then fell down with it will recover from his injuries. A man so favored by pure "dumb luck" as this ought to be in steady demand as a mascot.

The story from New York that loans to the aggregate of \$50,000,000 have been negotiated abroad indicates that American credit is excellent, and also that the money is likely to be put where it will do the most good in promoting American enterprises. Incidentally it is proof that the money market is by no means as "hard" as had been supposed.

California is one of the western states which shows rapid growth. The census figures just announced give California a population of 2,377,549, a gain of 69.1 per cent over 1900. This is the largest increase made by any state from which the final census returns have yet been received, and shows that "the glorious climate of California" and other allurements are attracting settlers quite as numerously as did the gold fever of '49 and later.

If shoveling in coal and carrying out the ashes were all there is to running a furnace it would be excellent exercise. But many a man becomes dangerously fatigued when it comes to writing out checks for the coal merchant.

An Indiana man died recently after having lived for ninety years without ever having had his face shaved or his hair cut, so he claimed, but the story seems incredible. Surely his mother must have cut his hair when he was too young to put up a fight.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Uncle Sam in the Theater Business



WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam has gone into the theatrical business. The federal government has expended \$250,000 in the construction of a model playhouse, and will spend thousands of dollars more in producing plays annually.

The playhouse was built to afford amusement to 4,000 inmates of the Government Hospital for the Insane, commonly called St. Elizabeth's. The institution is the largest asylum of its sort in the world.

Specialists state that one of the greatest aids in curing insanity or of alleviating its sorrows is amusement. All of the large insane asylums of the world have regular diversions for the benefit of their patients.

St. Elizabeth's is the only insane asylum that has a theater. Heretofore the only amusements afforded the patients were athletic sports, in which only the more slightly demented were capable of taking part—walks through the grounds or occa-

sional drives about the adjoining country. All day long the large proportion of the patients stroll about the grounds in care of keepers and in this uneventful way find their only recreation. Few enjoy the drives, as the asylum buses are limited in capacity and number.

The new theater stands in the center of the large grounds and is a model in its style of architecture.

With a seating capacity of 1,200, it is an ideal show house in every detail. The stage is as large as that of any local playhouse; with a specially-designed set of scenery, commodious dressing rooms and complete electrical appointments, it is capable of staging practically any play, with the exception of the mammoth productions. The orchestra floor is level instead of graded. It was constructed in this manner so that dances can be given.

A stringed orchestra has been formed, likewise a glee club, so entertainments may be diversified. The regular theatricals will be given in the afternoons and evenings. During the morning hours a moving picture apparatus will afford amusement. From breakfast time until bedtime the doors of the unique house of amusement will be open.

Congress Loses Many Wealthy Members



FIVE millionaire United States senators will lay aside their togas at the close of the present session of congress. There are others, of course, but these men are conspicuous because of their great wealth. Senators declare that it will be the greatest change in the membership of this illustrious body that has taken place at one time since a senate first graced the country. In the early 70s there happened what was regarded as an upheaval, but solons with memories reaching far back through the country's history assert that the senate of the Sixty-second congress will break the record.

In the departure of the five men of great wealth the senate will lose a very substantial block of members whose manifold ducaats have caused them to be known disrespectfully in

some circles as the "Millionaires' Club." It is true that a galaxy of seven-figure and a few eight-figure statesmen remain, but the gaps made in their ranks by the disappearing quintet will not be filled by as many men of as great prosperity among the newcomers.

With the passing of Aldrich (Rhode Island), Hale (Maine), Kean (New Jersey), Depew (New York), and Scott (West Virginia), will disappear the personal leadership, the ultra-conservative spirit, the old-fashioned and close-corporation custom of the Senate.

Aldrich and Hale have been senators for 30 years and both declined to be candidates for re-election. For at least 10 years they have been important factors in all the great affairs of the nation dealt with by congress. Kean came in 12 years ago, which is not a long time in the service of senators. Depew is nearing the end of his second term and owing to the New York tidal wave he will have no chance for another. Scott, another two-termer, was the bosom friend of the late Senator Hanna.

Souvenir Hunters Steal the Silver



THE waiter who isn't lynx-eyed is not needed about the senate restaurants these days, for the new silverware and china is here and the souvenir hunter needs watching. For the first time since the senate and house restaurants were established the former has put into use cutlery and china-ware that is decorated. The words "United States Senate" stand out in bold relief about an attractive crest painted or embossed upon every piece. Every knife, fork, spoon or plate bears the words "United States Senate," the telltale inscription indicating that statesmen have fondled the little instrument at meal time.

The average souvenir hunter has little conscience when it comes to carrying away a small article of this kind which belongs to the government. In

the souvenir collection of many American homes there soon may be hidden a piece of silverware or china, worth but little intrinsically, but highly prized because it came from the capitol of the United States. Therefore the waiters will have to be on the alert. Not that those who may dine in the senate restaurant are really bad folk, but simply because it's human to gather mementos and especially mementos that belong to Uncle Sam. Every taxpayer feels that he's paid for the little old thing a thousand times over, anyway.

In addition to the supply of new silver the senate restaurant also boasts of the installation of a telautograph, an instrument that writes at long distance. No longer will it be necessary for the waiter to yell "Draw one" down an imitation silver tube. The order will be written in the restaurant room above and at the same time it will be reproduced by the telautograph down where the chef holds sway.

The telautograph, however, is fastened down. It's not in the danger that besets the new silverware today.

American Navy to Sport Dental Corps



IN time of peace prepare for war. Uncle Sam's bluejackets and fighting ships may have to show their teeth to an enemy some day. So the house committee on naval affairs favors the establishment of a dental corps in the navy. To that end the committee reported favorably a bill introduced by Representative Dawson of Iowa a year ago.

The bill creates a corps of 30 dentists who, it is provided, shall enter the service as past assistant surgeons. The age limit for entrance is from twenty-four to thirty-two years. At the end of 11 years, by the naval system of promotion, the 30 will have resolved themselves automatically into one lieutenant commander, four past assistant surgeons and 25 assistant surgeons.

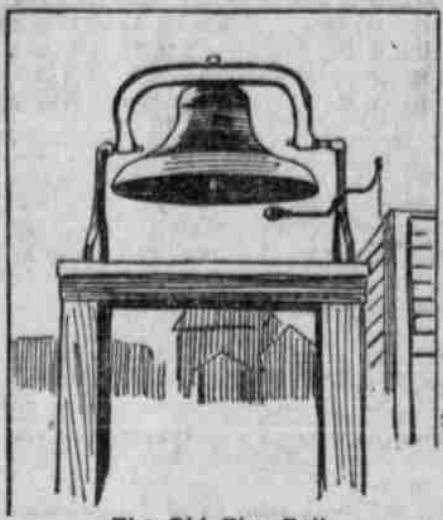
Any man with the toothache must acknowledge that a corps of dentists will add to the happiness, not to say the gayety, of the navy. Paternal Uncle Sam gives his saltferren ice cream for dinner three times a week. The hardest tar cannot enjoy ice cream if an exposed nerve is throbbing in one of his molars. The ship's dentist will keep the crew's teeth well filled and well filed, so that every man's jaw can easily bite a chaw of 'bacca from a plug o' navy. Also, presumably, the marine dental surgeons will sharpen the eye teeth and wisdom teeth of naval apprentices, so that they will learn quicker that a ship's port and starboard lights are not lamps in a drug store window.

If a man-o'-war is sailing in the teeth of the wind the dentist aboard can act as navigator, and if a "mountain wave" destroys her bridge he can supply a new one easily. If a cruiser gets in the doldrums the passed assistant surgeon can give her nitrous oxide gas and make her laugh. There will be a thousand uses for dentists in the navy.

BETHEL'S ANCIENT FIRE BELL

Automatic Fire-Alarm Boxes and Electric Call Systems Not Wanted in This Maine Village.

Bethel, Me.—This town continues to rely upon the old-fashioned fire bell. Automatic fire-alarm boxes and electric call systems have replaced the old bell in nearly every village of any size in New England, but the summer guests at Bethel made such a protest when the town fathers of Bethel announced their intention of discarding the old bell that the proposal was not carried into effect. The bell is hung at the top of a wooden tower in the center of the village and has an incline platform from the ground to the



The Old Fire Bell.

top of the tower. When fire is discovered in Bethel some villages run to the bell and rings with all his might and main. On his excitement depends the success of the alarm. The fire companies rush their apparatus to the alarm station and are directed to the scene of the fire. When fire is discovered and the alarm has been given, some boys usually grasp the bell rope and keeps the bell clanging constantly, so there is plenty of excitement.

MERELY AS A "BUSINESS"

Actors' Love-Making a Farce, and Stage Lovers Often Are Bitter Enemies.

Chicago.—In the course of an interesting article on stage love-making an actor who has been the stage lover of most of America's most famous actresses says: "I must make one more pin prick in the old bubble surrounding the idea that players in doing love scenes actually feel any of the emotions they portray. Strange as it may seem, many persons still believe that stage couples invariably fall deeply in love with each other after playing love scenes together. This is an old, old fallacy and in all my stage career I remember only two instances of this sort."

"Everything that is done on the stage outside of the speaking of lines comes under the head of 'business.' An actor walks across the stage, another lights a cigarette, an actress throws her arms around another player's neck and kisses him fondly—all this is 'business' and amounts to just what that word expresses. The players are paid to do just what a stage manager tells them to do and whether it be stabbing or kissing it is gone through in exactly the same impersonal manner. The actor's feelings when he embraces the leading lady are the same as if he were tying his necktie."

HATTIE LE BLANC NOW FREE

Young French Girl Who Was Accused of Killing Employer Declared Not Guilty.

Cambridge, Mass.—After a trial extending into the third day of the third week Hattie Le Blanc, the Cape Breton girl who was accused of murdering Clarence F. Glover, a well-to-do



Hattie Le Blanc.

Waltham laundryman, a year ago, was acquitted of the charge. It took one hour and 35 minutes for the jury to reach their conclusion that some one else beside Hattie was the slayer of the rich laundryman. The case created more public interest in the state than any other murder trial in a score of years.

What Ice Means in New York. New York.—Snow is always an awful burden to crowded New York and icy streets always means many fatalities among the horses. The other day the humane officers were called on to shoot no less than 25 horses which had fallen and hurt themselves beyond recovery.

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