

### SERVED HIM RIGHT.

Retribution Which Overtook a Heartless Editor.

Skimper had a novel newspaper experience in Frontierville. He landed in there with his outfit in a prairie schooner drawn by four mules. His staff consisted of a shock-headed boy that did everything from sweeping the sanctum, when the accumulation of paper and other things amounted to a blockade, to reporting the local events by word of mouth while Skimper put them into English, says the Detroit Free Press.

The town grew like a mushroom, for it became the center of a big mining boom, and money was plenty. Fortunes were quickly made and it was not long before there sprung up a local aristocracy, based solely on a foundation of riches. Skimper, with the true instincts of democracy, ridiculed this in a new town that had no communication with the outer world except by wagon trains and a pony express. The indignant women raised a crusade against him and it was not long until his advertising patronage dwindled to less than a starvation revenue. Skimper was game and swore that he would sink with his colors flying. He found his chance for sweet revenge just as he realized that he must give up the fight and seek for pastures new. There was a branch of a national female organization in Frontierville, especially popular because of its liberal contributions to the cause. It was invited to the general round-up of the society at St. Louis and concluded to go in a body. Just as this was settled Skimper's paper came out with a page of summer styles, stolen from a paper ten years old. There was a great stir in the town and dressmakers were at a premium. When the Frontierville delegation marched into the big convention hall, wearing antiquated bonnets, teetering crinolines and full-size bustles, propriety and fraternal feeling combined could not restrain the laughter. As soon as money could accomplish the transformation of the styles of the visitors were brought up to date, but Skimper was never forgiven and he took retreat in a little town as far east as the Atlantic ocean would permit.

### WHY SHE REFORMED.

The Alarm Clock Went Off in Her Bustle.

"I've quit smuggling," admitted the good old lady who is prone to consult her conscience and look upon the laws of men as the outgrowth of fallible judgment and of political prejudices says the Detroit Free Press. "If I can get my laces and jewelry and my dress goods for less money in the Dominion of Canada than I can here, I regard it as my right to do so. But one experience with the revenue officers made them watchful of me and now I do my shopping on this side rather than be subjected to the annoyance of their surveillance. I had gradually grown in to the habit of getting my silks, woollens, seal goods and diamonds in Windsor. In fact, I bought nearly everything over there that I could get at a reduction and conceal about my person. One afternoon when I was there I found the daintiest and prettiest and cheapest little alarm clock that I had ever seen. We needed such an article in the house, and, after being assured that it was a good timekeeper and to be depended upon to wake us at any desired time, I bought it. At that time bustles were a good deal larger than we wear them now and I had no trouble in concealing my purchase. I also had about my person several articles of silverware secured at a bargain, and a beautiful little diamond ring for a favorite niece. The Canadian officials at the landing knew me and bowed pleasantly. On this side I felt perfectly secure because I had been engaged in individual smuggling for years and no one had ever asked me a question. As I stepped to the dock one of the deputies lifted his hat and began to examine the basket of some poor woman who was landing. Out of curiosity I awaited the result, but right in the midst of the investigation there was a bur-r-r and a whir-r-r that made me faint. My alarm clock had proclaimed itself. I was caught redhanded, and they said they were letting me off easy when they confiscated the goods. That's the only reason that I ceased to smuggle."

### WALK ON HOT STONES.

A Curious and Revolting Custom Among the Fijians.

Fijian feet can endure more terrible contact than the blow of a hard-hit cricket ball. There is a Fijian tribe, says the London Daily News, which might make a fortune of any entrepreneur enterprising enough to bring them to civilized lands. They are called the firewalkers. About once a year they give on the island of M'uya, about twenty-two miles from Sava, the Fijian capital, what must be one of the most extraordinary exhibitions in the world. In a forest glade about a quarter of a mile from the shore a hole is dug in the ground about twenty-five feet wide and six feet deep. Flat stones are spread over its bottom and wood piled on them and set alight. When the stones are red-hot the burning logs are dragged away, the stones carefully made to lie as evenly as possible and all flames extinguished. A party of tribesmen, garlanded with green leaves, then descend into the pit and deliberately walk over the glowing stones in procession. Their bare feet are not burned or even made hot. The display takes place under the eyes of spectators, native and European. This year a steamer was actually advertised in Australia to take visitors to witness the spectacle.

### Nothing in His Name.

Urs Goodman is the name of a New York citizen but, all the same, he was arrested for burglary last week.

### GET THEIR TIPS FROM CROOKS

Bank Officials Take Means to Protect Their Treasure from Thieves.

It is said by a police official at city hall headquarters that some of the city banks, whose hoard of surplus cash has been increasing largely of late, have been experimenting with an expedition long in use by the Bank of England officials of paying known crooks for information of any contemplated raid upon their vaults. The Bank of England's first experiment of this kind dates from 1850, when the directors of the bank listened to a startling proposition made by a "ditch digger." The laborer told the directors that he had discovered a new and unsuspected method of getting into the cellar vaults, where the gold and silver bars were kept, and that he would sell his secret to them for money. The directors hesitated, believing that they had taken every precaution against such a thing. But finally they granted the man, who seemed to talk fairly, a chance to try his plan, and a night was named for the undertaking. At the appointed time a committee of the directors descended to the cellar and heard a peculiar scratching sound under their feet. Two hours later the floor opened and the ditch digger bobbed up serenely, like the evil spirits in the spectacular drama. All around them lay bars of precious metal, totaling in value £3,000,000. The man explained satisfactorily how it was done and as a reward the directors assured him an income from life on an investment of \$10,000. The crook was content and it is believed he remained honest ever afterward. But other crackmen were tempted by his luck to try the same game and the directors were inundated with suggestions and tips on new methods of burglary and how to prevent them. Among other things, they paid \$20,000 for a process, invented by a young chemist, for copying the ink, paper, watermarks and designs of the bank notes so perfectly as to defy detection. The directors found they could use his system more satisfactorily and more profitably than their own in the production of their currency. Despite the fact that these expenditures have run up into big figures in the last half century the directors of today say that all the money was well invested.

### FAMOUS OLD CLOCK.

That for 510 Years Has Regulated the City of Rouen.

Rouen, one of the principal cities of France, and the great seat of its cotton manufacture, possesses the oldest public clock in the world. The great Rouen clock has held its place in that city for 510 years and is the pride of its citizens. Placed in 1389, it has been running without interruption from that day to this, requiring nothing except cleaning and a few trifling repairs of its accessory parts. The great clock had so accustomed the citizens of Rouen to look upon its exactitude as a matter of course, that when, in 1572, the breaking of a wire prevented its sounding 5 o'clock one morning, the population was in a state of consternation. The magistrates summoned the custodian—Guillaume Petit—and remonstrated gravely with him. Until 1712 the great clock had no pendulum. For 326 years it had no other regulator than a "foliot," an apparatus unknown to the majority of modern clockmakers. The pendulum in clockwork was introduced in 1659, but so well satisfied were the people of Rouen with the time-keeping qualities of their famous old clock that 53 years were allowed to pass before a pendulum was substituted for the "foliot." Equipped with this new apparatus it has continued to this day to strike the hours and chime the quarters.

### St. Winifred's Well to Be Protected.

Mr. Justice Byrne has thrown the protecting ermine over the High Court of Justice over St. Winifred's Well, in England, and declines to allow the water of the famous fountain—which is supposed to be endowed with miraculous powers quite as wonderful as any in the Grotto of Lourdes—to be bottled and ticketed for home and foreign consumption, like soda water or lemonade. The High Court of Justice did not exhibit the bottling of Winifred's mixture out of any churlish desire to keep her benefactions for the select few, but simply because the riparian owners of the stream fed from the spring object to be deprived of their quantum of water to enrich the local board, who wished to sell it for their own pecuniary profit. These owners had enjoyed the rivulet from time immemorial, and preferred its contents to a collection of useless surgical appliances. His lordship held that, although the board were the custodians of the well, they had no right to carry off its miraculous waters, which must remain in situ. Those who wish cures must get them on the spot. An injunction preventing any interference with Winifred was accordingly granted.

### Some Mythology.

Detroit Journal: When the maiden in the old Teutonic myth saw the dragon approach, she was much terrified. "Are you going to devour me?" she shrieked, clasping her hands agonizedly. "No, Maude," replied the dragon, sarcastically, "I'm simply going to take your chewing gum away from you!" Whence we see that even a dragon eventually becomes tired of being asked foolish questions.

### No Immediate Danger.

Sandy Waysides (reading)—"Here's a brand-new microbe jest made its appearance." Yawning Yergason—"Den dere's no immediate danger. We never get nuttin' till it's second-hand."

### MORE ENGLISH IRON.

Timely Discovery at Kent in the Dover Coalfield.

When the coal boring was put down at Dover about six or eight years ago, by Mr. F. Brady, on the site of the old Channel tunnel works, there were indications in the cores of the presence of iron ore in the strata between 500 and 600 feet from the surface. The indications have now proved correct, says the London Chronicle. In the course of sinking the No. 2 shaft a bed of valuable oolitic iron ore has just been struck at a depth of rather less than 600 feet. The seam proves to be no less than twelve feet thick and probably extends over a great area, the quantity being practically unlimited. The diameter of the shaft is twenty feet and the quantity brought to the surface in passing through the twelve feet amounted to about 350 tons. Samples of the ore have been analyzed to analysis, with highly satisfactory results, a washed sample of the ore yielding 45.8 per cent of iron. On the other hand, the oolitic works today produced a considerable bulk of the ore and the manager informed me that a washed sample tested at the works yielded between 55 and 60 per cent of iron. The analysis shows that the ore is free from sulphur and phosphorus. The ore is stated to be of much richer quality than the Wealden ironstone, worked in Kent and Sussex a century ago. Prof. Bayly Dawkins, in a paper read before the British association in 1891, described a sample obtained from the original boring. From this it appears that this bed of iron ore is identical with that described by Blake and Hudson at Abbotsbury, in Dorset, where it occurs between the Kimmeridge clay above and the Corallian rocks below. It is also practically identical with the valuable iron ore worked for many years in Westbury, Wiltshire. The ironstone presents very singular physical characteristics. It is composed of dark brown, shining grains of hydrated oxide of iron, like millet seed, imbedded in a crystalline base, partly of calcium and partly of iron carbonate.

### MORE GLACIERS THAN GOLD

Scientists Found Many Natural Wonders Up in Alaska.

Two members of E. H. Harriman's scientific party that has been exploring the Alaskan coast for some months past have returned to Vancouver and bring accounts of their cruise on the steamer Elder, which indicate that Mr. Harriman and the scientists will return laden with many laurels. They seem to have developed a mania for glaciers, having visited and explored more than thirty, some of which were unknown except to natives. In one bay, not shown on the maps or charts they discovered an immense glacier, not as large as the giant Muir, but much more grand and picturesque. The bay extends inland more than twenty miles and at a point near the glacier a sounding line of forty fathoms did not touch bottom. This inlet they named Unknown bay. It was here that the Elder maneuvering among the cakes of ice broke from the glacier, broke a propeller blade, making it necessary to return to Orca, where repairs were made. At the head of Disenchant bay they found four glaciers which had never been seen before by white men. In icy bay, twenty miles across, opposite Carroll's glacier, the party discovered a new glacier with a front of three-fourths of a mile. This was named Harriman's glacier. Observations taken in the vicinity of Grand Pacific glacier showed that its ice wall had receded three miles during the 20 years that have elapsed since Muir and Reed visited the place and established their survey. The different scientists are having gratifying success in all lines. The botanists have found several new plant species and a collection of marine species made by the party is said to be superior to any other in existence. Ornithologists have had phenomenal success and are able to show new bird specimens.

### His Heart Is on the Right Side.

Physicians in a hospital at Omaha discovered that the heart of John M. Murphy, one of the inmates, lies on the right instead of the left side of his body. Operations were at once begun to transfer it to its proper place. Murphy is accustomed to handling heavy burdens and two years ago he observed some startling change going on around his heart. The organ seemed to be slowly crowded toward his right side. In the course of a year he found his heart beating nearly in the center of his body, and then it passed distinctly over to the right side. The doctors performed an operation. They found his heart had been crowded out of place as the result of the formation of pus in the natural heart cavity. This was drawn off, a section of the ribs taken out and the delicate organ pressed towards the left. It could not be moved much, but the surgeons think it will gradually return to its accustomed place. It is believed to be the only case of its kind in medical history.

### Remarkable Escape from Death.

D. W. Kinder of Wharton, Ohio, a member of the Third regular artillery who was shot twenty-six times in the Filipino outbreak in February, and who received the most terrible wounds in the Manila campaign, still survives. He was shot at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and because he was thought to have been killed, was not treated by the surgeon until 9 o'clock that night. His escape from death on the field is one of the most remarkable on record.

### Long Day.

In Spitzbergen the longest day is three and one-half months.

The heathen religions are the various religions of the past together. According to the latest statistics, there are in the world 143,000,000 Protestants, 98,000,000 followers of the Greek church, 230,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 176,000,000 Mohammedans. As the population of the world is estimated at 1,500,000,000, and adding to the adherents of the four great religions of the world other 53,000,000 for the thousand and one beliefs with comparatively few followers, there are left 800,000,000 people who worship strange gods or practice curious rites in lieu of religion, and who come within the definition of the "heathen," for whose conversion large sums are collected year after year amongst the churches throughout the civilized world.

### The Sun's Carbon Shell.

It has often been suggested that the brilliance of the sun's disk is due to incandescent particles of carbon, and within a few years past the presence of carbon in the sun has been demonstrated by the spectroscope. Lately Prof. Hale, the director of the Yerkes observatory, has shown that there is a thin layer of carbon in the lower part of the sun's atmosphere. It surrounds the solar globe like a luminous shell, and, under normal conditions, is probably not more than 500 miles above the sun's surface. But when an eruption takes place, from beneath the carbon layer, like all the other constituents of the solar atmosphere, is broken up and locally dispersed by the tremendous agitation.

### Largest American Flag.

George Main of this city in 1855 or '56 made the biggest specimen of the Stars and Stripes ever manufactured, which was flung to the breeze at a reception to President Franklin Pierce. The democrats of Concord were bound to "beat the record," and hired Mr. Main to make for them a flag 120 feet long by 90 feet wide, containing 1,200 yards of bunting. It was hung across Main street, between the state house yard and a building on whose site the New Hampshire savings bank block now stands. Mr. Main made \$5,000 worth of flags for the Pierce and Buchanan campaigns.—Concord Patriot.

### Monkeys Escape.

Two monkeys have escaped from their cage in the garden of the Bull and Bush hotel, Hampstead, England, and have been exploring, not only the heath near Golden's Hill, but have also enjoyed themselves in the well-kept grounds of houses adjoining the heath. One of the animals, "Joey," got into trouble last August, when he and three companions went out on a similar expedition. His companions were killed and "Joey" was wounded and captured. On being taken back to his cage his owner bought another monkey to keep him company, and it is this new companion "Joey" has now led astray.

### Highest Buildings in the World.

The ten highest structures in the world are in order as follows: The Eiffel tower, Paris, 984 feet; Washington monument, Washington, D. C., 555 feet; the city building, Philadelphia, 535 feet high; the cathedral of Cologne, Germany, 511 feet; the cathedral of Strasbourg, Germany, 466 feet; the chimney of St. Rollox chemical works, Glasgow, 455½ feet; St. Martin's church, Landshut, Germany, 454 feet; St. Stephen's church, Vienna, 453 feet; the great pyramid of Egypt, 450 feet, and St. Peter's church, Rome, 448 feet.

### Blue Roses Grew Wild.

An account of the blue rose has been given by the German gardeners in Slavonia, Chwiczka and Blitz, who are cultivating it. Reports came of blue roses that grew wild in Serbia, and a specimen was sent to them two years ago with violet blue flowers. They have been experimenting to see whether the color is retained under cultivation or whether it is due to the soil of the moors where it is found. If the roses retain their blue, the plants will be for sale in 1901.—New York Sun.

### A Sure Coffee Test.

There is no drink more delicious than a cup of coffee when the beverage is made from the best seed. To test coffee put a spoonful gently on the top of a glass of water. If the coffee is pure it will not sink for some minutes and will scarcely color the water; but if chicory is mixed with it it will sink to the bottom immediately, rapidly absorbing the water and also giving it a dark-reddish tinge.

### A Wonderful Natural Bridge.

Down on Pine creek, near Camp Verde, Ariz., is a natural bridge that is probably greater than any other in the world. It is nearly five times the size of the natural bridge of Virginia, and has a span of more than 500 feet across Pine creek, which is dry 300 days in the year. The height of the bridge is about eighty feet, and it is about 600 feet wide.

### Carrier Pigeons Armed.

In China carrier pigeons are protected from birds of prey by apparatus consisting of bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies. As the pigeon flies the action of the air passing through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound, which keeps the birds of prey at a distance.

### Preferred Water.

One sensible man in Winterport, Me., who has wanted city water put in his house, but felt that his income was hardly equal to it, this year concluded to drop the use of tobacco, after thirty years' use of the weed, and put in the water.

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Odd Premonitions of the Coming of the Fatal Hour.

A French physician, says an exchange, has recently expired in a truly professional manner, as well as with the serenity that man should show in his last hour. He pointed out the precise moment when his pneumonia developed fatal symptoms, and predicted exactly when death would supervene. If he knew as much about other people's condition as his own, he must have been a loss to his patients. Haller died in a somewhat similar manner. Feeling his own pulse when he found it almost gone he turned to a brother physician with a friendly friend, the artery ceases to be palpated. Keats, less technical and more poetic, but with an equal perception of his approaching end, said: "I feel the daisies growing over me." The failure of sight—"When unto dying eyes the casement slowly grows a glimmering square," is the omen most generally recognized. Some, however, do not notice any presence of their approaching fate, but their conviction is evidenced in other ways. "I do not mean to be killed today," was the remark of the great Turenne a moment before he was struck by the cannon shot that killed him.

### The Front for Safety.

A citizen said to an old negro yesterday: "Well, Ben, it looks like war, and I understand they're going to put the negroes right in front!" "Dat'll be all right, sah," he replied. "Ef dey puts 'em in de rear de white folks 'ud run 'em in kill 'em, so I dunno but what dey'd be safer right in front!"—Atlanta Constitution.

### Love.

"As the world grows older," remarked the observer of men and things, "it contains less of true love and more of clever realism."—Detroit Journal.

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### Notice

Emily Gard, defendant, will take notice that on the 21st day of August, 1899, L. C. Gard, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against said defendant, alleging willful abandonment, the object and prayer of which is to obtain divorce from her and for such other relief as equity may require. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1899. By Alex. Scari, his attorney. 8-4w

#### LEGAL NOTICE.

C. F. Biven (real name unknown) trustee, and Joseph Frein, defendants, will take notice that on the 24th day of August, 1899, Michael F. Harrington, plaintiff herein filed his petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against C. F. Biven, (real name unknown) trustee, and Joseph Frein, defendants, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain trust deed executed and delivered by Johanna Heinz to E. S. Ormsby, trustee, and American investment company, the beneficiary under said trust deed upon the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section fifteen and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-two and the north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-three, in township twenty-five, north of range ten west in Holt county, Nebraska, and for the payment of a principal promissory note for the sum of Five hundred seventy five dollars, dated December 7, 1888, and due and payable December 1, 1891, and executed by Johanna Heinz to said American investment company, and drawing interest at the rate of seven per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of June and the first day of December in each year; that the plaintiff is not the owner of said note and trust deed and there is now due plaintiff on said note and trust deed the sum of \$801.00, and the plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount due from her and interest thereon. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 2nd day of October, 1899. Dated this 24th day of August, 1899. Michael F. Harrington, Plaintiff. 8-4w

#### Notice of Sale.

In the District Court of Holt county, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Reuben Bruce, Jr., a minor.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of M. J. Kinkaid, Judge of the District Court of Holt county, Nebraska, made on the 8th day of July, 1899, for the sale of the interest of Reuben Bruce, Jr., a minor, in and to the following described real estate, situated in Holt county, his said interest being an undivided one-half interest in and to an undivided one-seventh interest in and to the real estate herein described, there will be sold at the court house in the city of O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, on the 11th day of September, 1899, at ten o'clock, a. m., at public vendue to the highest bidder in entirety and together for cash the said minor's interest as before described in and to the following described real estate situated in the county and state before mentioned, to-wit: the north half (1/2) of the south half (1/2) of section seven (7); the west half (1/2) and the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section eighteen (18); the south half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section seventeen (17); the southwest quarter (1/4) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section nineteen (19); the southwest quarter (1/4) of section thirty (30) all in township twenty-seven (27) range thirteen (13) west sixth (6) P. M. The west half (1/2) and the east half (1/2) of the east half (1/2) of section twenty-two (22) and the east half (1/2) and the southwest quarter (1/4) and the north half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) section thirteen (13), the north half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) and southwest quarter (1/4) of the northeast quarter (1/4) and the northeast quarter (1/4) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section twenty-three (23) the southeast quarter (1/4) of the northeast quarter (1/4) and the east half (1/2) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section twenty-five (25) all in township twenty-seven (27), range fourteen (14) west sixth (6) P. M., and containing 2,480 acres more or less. Said minor's interest in and to said real estate above described being as before stated, an undivided one-half interest in and to an undivided one-seventh interest in and to said real estate, said sale will remain open one hour. Dated this 17th day of August, 1899. 8-4w Guardian for Reuben Bruce, Jr., a minor.



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