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REVIVAL OF SNUFF TAKING.

The Story that Comes Across the Atlantic—Practice in Colonial Times.
The report comes from Paris that the practice of snuff taking will be resuscitated during the coming winter by the dandies of the French capital. The young men are hunting up their ancestral snuff boxes and studying old family pictures in order to acquire the graceful style of taking a pinch practiced by the old court gallants. Pawnbrokers and dealers in antiquated articles have realized very large sums for snuff boxes that have lain on their shelves for forty or fifty years. Most extravagant prices have been paid for snuff boxes that belonged to members of the old nobility. Several jewelers are engaged in making snuff boxes of antique and original designs. In addition to rooms ornamental vases filled with various kinds of snuff, stand on the tables or mantels.

In colonial times, during the revolutionary war, and for many years afterward, the use of snuff was very common in this country. Nearly every gentleman carried a silver snuff box, which was often inlaid with gold. At the entrance of the senate chamber, in the national Capitol at Washington, are large receptacles for snuff, at which members of that august body once filled their boxes on passing into their seats in the morning. Many can remember the time when the snuff box was passed around in social circles every few minutes, and when it was common to ask for a pinch of snuff as it now is to ask for a light for a cigar or for a chew of tobacco. Poor people generally used snuff because it was cheap, or, more properly, because "a little went a good ways." The use of snuff became general in all northern countries, especially in Scotland, Holland, Sweden and Norway. In Iceland nearly every person owned large quantities of snuff, which was kept in an ornamental horn. The practice was, and perhaps is, to insert the "little end of the horn" in the nostril and to thump the large end so as to discharge a portion of the contents. The host often walked among his guests and performed this office as a mark of hospitality. Sometimes servants or members of the family were instructed how to handle the snuff horn with grace and dexterity. Before the invention of friction matches considerable difficulty was found in lighting cigars and pipes, but the snuff box was always ready to bring forth. Forty years ago there was scarcely a grocery in the country that did not keep several kinds of snuff, and the name of one Scotch manufacturer was known throughout the civilized world.

The use of snuff has been steadily declining in almost every country in the world during a period of fifty years. Various reasons may be assigned for its gradual disuse. So far as deleterious effects are concerned, snuff taking is open to the least objection, as the amount of nicotine taken into the system is very small. This method of using tobacco is also attended by the smallest expense to the consumer.—Chicago Times.

The Banjo's Successor.

Women are worse than the ancient Athenians in their love for a new thing. What they love and swear by one season they discard the next, and are ready to bid adieu to a sonnet to a carpenter, funds favor in their eyes. There is the banjo. Three years ago every other girl in the country had one strung by a yellow ribbon about her neck and was thrumming the strings and singing dainty melodies with all her might and main. Most of them never learned to play at all. They took a lesson or two, but in the end they were left with a few scraps of scales and fragments of about three tunes, and then languished until they would read in the London letters of how Noticia Ynzaga saved a dull evening and delighted the Prince of Wales by throwing herself into the breach with her banjo, and then the young women took to earnest study again for about three weeks. But it has gone to hopeless limbo at last, beyond revival. Its successor is a mandolin.

No self-respecting girl is without one. With blue or copper colored ribbons, instead of yellow, it is a dainty thing, all shell and pearl. She studies assiduously under the tutelage of the picturesque, dark-eyed Italian, Signor Ricca, and learns from an exquisite grasp and manipulate the little oval bit of tortoise shell, with which the strings are swept. To be thoroughly good form, the young woman musical has to arm herself with a violin, which means an instrument manufactured by the mandolin maker in ordinary to her majesty the queen of Italy, and these toys come high, some for more than a hundred dollars. The mandolin is melon shaped and has eight strings, or rather four couples, and tuned in fifths. The music is made by sweeping these strings with a bit of shell held between the thumb and two first fingers of the right hand. It requires an exquisite lightness and smoothness of touch, and a firm, supple wrist to brush the strings so that the music will be both soft and even, but when it is well played the music is charming, and it is an instrument with far greater capacity than the banjo.

Mrs. Willis Astor is a good performer on the mandolin, having learned it while her husband was minister in Rome. The queen of Italy, too, is an expert and has a superb violin bearing her monogram and a crown in diamonds. With the reign of the mandolin has come a fancy for folk songs and music, and the airs the Neapolitan fishers and Venetian gondoliers are fond of are heard in New York drawing rooms, or the wild, half-barbaric themes of the Spanish gypsies.—New York World.

Chemical Confusion.

"What is the matter, Dr. Otis?"
"I am mad; mad at chemistry and the drug business. Look here, oil of vitrol is no oil, neither are oils of turpentine and kerosene. Copper is an iron compound and contains no copper. Salts of lemon is the extremely poisonous oxalic acid. Carbolic acid is not an acid, but an alcohol. Cobalt contains none of that metal, but arsenic. Soda water has no trace of soda, nor has sulphuric acid of sulphur. Sugar of lead has no sugar, cream of tartar has nothing of cream nor milk of lime any milk. Oxygen means the acid maker, but hydrogen is the essential element of all acids, and may contain no oxygen. German silver has no silver and black lead no lead. Mosaic gold is only a sulphide of tin. These are only some of the mistakes of nomenclature in our business."—Cincinnati Telegram.

Fighters Don't Quarrel.

"Why don't you ever see fighters with bunged up faces?" asked a reporter of Billy Edwards in the Hoffman house the other evening as he glanced at a gentleman whose face was scratched and swollen from some recent altercation. "They have to win their living fighting," was the answer. "I never saw a man who chopped wood all day chop any at night for amusement. You wouldn't go to a theatre and report the show just for fun, I'll bet. Then, too, a fighting man appreciates the risk to his hands he runs in hitting some fellow who may have a hard head, and he knows it is no credit to him to thrash anybody except a clever opponent in a ring. A fighter is the safest man to insult. I know of many a time I have to pocket talk men wouldn't dare use to anybody else."—New York Evening World.



Information to Capital Seeking Investment.
POINTERS ABOUT PLATTSMOUTH.

It is the gateway to the great South Platte country. It is situated on the Missouri River at the mouth of the Platte, at a point about half way between Chicago and Denver, only two hours by rail from Lincoln the capital, and forty minutes from Omaha, the metropolis of the State.
Population about 4,000 and rapidly increasing.
Has one of the finest systems of Water Works in the State.
Streets are well lighted by gas.
A street railway in operation.
Grades of the street established, and bonds voted for the purpose of constructing sewerage and paving of Main Street, work to commence thereon in the spring of 1888.
Has a fine four story high school building and six ward school houses. Aside from business houses over 100 residences have been constructed during the year 1887.
An Opera House costing \$50,000.
Nebraska Preserve and Canning factory, capital \$13,000, capacity 300,000 cans per year and employs 40 hands.
Brick and Terra Works, capital -50,000, capacity 10,000 bricks per day, employs thirty hands.
Plattsmouth Canning Factory, capital \$30,000, capacity 1,500,000 cans per year and employs 125 hands, turns over in one year's business about \$100,000.
Two daily papers; one Republican and one Democratic.
Schwabacher buggy and wagon factory.
Pepperberg's cigar manufactory, employs fifteen hands, and largely supplies the trade of southwestern Nebraska.
Dunbar & Co's. new Packing House.
The great C. B. & Q. Railroad machine shops, round houses, storehouses, &c., are maintained at this point for the use of its system west of the Missouri River, employing many hundreds of hands, and disbursing to employes monthly about \$30,000.
One of the finest railroad bridges in the United States spans the Missouri River at the Southern limit of the city.
Over 2,000 miles of railroad conveys its freight traffic into and through our city.
Ten passenger trains leave Plattsmouth daily for north, south, east and west over the C. B. & Q.; K. C., St. Joe & C. B. and the B. M. R. R. in Nebraska.
The cheapness of the land around Plattsmouth and its nearness to Omaha markets together with good railroad facilities, make it not only a pleasant place to reside, but a desirable place for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises, the citizens of Plattsmouth would doubtless make reasonable inducements to secure their location, and correspondence is solicited.

While real estate values are growing firmer each day, yet there is nothing speculative or fictitious about them, and good residence lots can be bought at from \$150 to \$350; land near the city can be purchased at from \$200 to \$400 per acre. Within the next twelve months our city expects to welcome the Missouri Pacific and the Omaha and Southern Railways into its corporate limits.
The above facts are given without exaggeration and the prospects for the future prosperity of our city, more than above indicated. Parties seeking investments in Realty are earnestly requested to come and make personal investigation. While here you will be given a free ride to South Park, the most beautiful and desirable residence locality in the city, where lots may be purchased at from \$150 to \$200, each. This picturesque addition is accessible by either Chicago or Lincoln Avenues or by South 9th Street and may be reached in a ten minutes walk from the business center. South Park is more rapidly building up than any other part of the city. Correspondence solicited.

Robt. B. Windham.

CONGRESS meets next Monday.
The Lincoln councilmen and mayor have been admitted to the bar.

MISS ROSE ELIZABETH CLEVELAND is teaching in a female seminary in New York City, she has about two-hundred young ladies under her charge and her special mission seems to be to show them the marvelous growth of this, the greatest of Republics.

All the European nations are watching France, to see who she will make president, or abolish the presidency altogether. She may do neither and in that case revolution may take place and the republic be subverted, and in that case the other nations may try to swallow her up.

EDISON ON HIS PHONOGRAPH.

Electrical World: "I was so overcome with the success of my first instrument finished about six weeks ago, that I doubted whether I could make another equally good, and I went to work at once to do so, my second instrument works as well as the first, and I have forty workmen employed in making the tools for the first 500 phonographs. They will cost \$60 apiece.

The amount of talking which can be recorded upon the phonographic sheet is so much larger than what can be printed upon it that the phonographic book or newspaper of the future need not be half the present size. About the only thing that the perfected phonograph will not be able to do will be to give pictures. The cost of running the phonograph, according to Edison, will be no more than the cost of maintaining two cells which run the little electric motor—perhaps 50 cents a month. Three sizes are now being made, one size for the pocket, which will write 300 words on its sheet, another size for letters of 800 words, and a third size for 3,000 words.

LABOR MOVEMENTS.

The strike and lockout of 5,000 shoemakers at Philadelphia, which began October 18, practically ended November 21, when a large number of the hands went back to work as individuals. The manufacturers were entirely successful. The loss in wages has been estimated at \$50,000 a week.

The United States Circuit Court has been appealed to in the matter of the strike of railroad employees at Houston, Texas. The strikers have been enjoined from trespassing upon the company's premises, and the court orders them to appear before the Circuit Court at Galveston, on December 6, and show cause why an injunction shall not issue pending the company's suit for damages against the defendants.

The new scale of wages for the steelworkers, adopted this week and to be presented to the manufacturers to be signed, provides for an advance of about 10 per cent in wages all around.

The low stage of water in the Monongahela valley has affected business in that section. As coal mining is the leading industry of the valley, and this is checked by the low water, the outlook is said to be very bad. Not one coal boat has left Pittsburgh since June 20. There are between 7,000 and 8,000 miners in the Monongahela valley, and a large number of these are, and have been for some time, practically idle.

The Rochester printer's strike was officially declared off November 19. It was a failure.

The printers strike at Chicago practically ended on November 18, a victory for the employers.

The Wooster Bessimer Steel Works shut down on November 18, owing to a refusal of the men to accept a 10 per cent reduction in wages.

The weft weavers at Kensington (Philadelphia) have consented to accept a reduction in wages, to go into effect on December 1.

Some ore mines at Joanna, Pa., have shut down owing to the difficulty and expense of mining. The mines have been in operation at different periods for 75 years.

About 3,000 brewery hands are expected to strike next week.

The coal miners strike in Alabama is expected to extend to large dimensions.—Bradstreet's.

Utilizing Pine Straw.

In North Carolina a new industry is being developed, in which pine straw or needles are transformed into fiber or wool and then spun into yarn, which is woven into carpets and matting. The peculiar balsamic fragrance is retained, and offices and rooms covered with the carpet give out a very pleasant and no doubt healthful odor. The material is tough and wears fully as well as the cocoa matting, and is much softer and more pleasant to the foot. This pine wool is also used as a substitute for hair in mattresses and pillows. As it retains its elasticity and does not readily pack, it will no doubt become popular, especially in view of its being proof against vermin and possessing hygienic properties of no small value to those suffering from diseases of the throat and lungs.—American Agriculturist.

How the Publishers of the Bee Distribute a Large Number of Valuable Premiums Among Their Patrons

The publishers of the Bee are this season offering its patrons the largest and most valuable Premiums that has ever been awarded by them.

For the past seven years the Bee has annually distributed among its patrons a large number of valuable and useful articles, increasing the number and value each year as the number of subscribers increased. This system was first inaugurated by the publishers about eight years ago as the means of collecting back pay, securing renewals and increasing the circulation of the Bee. Several thousand dollars back dues were collected which would otherwise have been almost entirely lost or expended in forcing collections through agents or attorneys, and the subscription list was increased from 3,500 to over 35,000 in seven years. Each successive year a larger number of subscribers was secured and the list of premiums was proportionally increased.

During the first year only a small portion of the articles distributed were procured in exchange for advertising. When the marked increase in the circulation became known to the merchants and manufacturers, they willingly offered their goods and machinery in exchange for advertising. In this manner a very valuable selection of premiums was secured, with a comparative small outlay of cash. Almost all the more valuable articles are obtained in this way. Nearly the only outlay in cash made is for the minor premiums, such as books, cutlery, etc. These are purchased at the very lowest wholesale rates in very large quantities. In this way it is made possible to award such a magnificent lot of premiums to subscribers, and send each the paper for one year for the price of two dollars.

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Goat with Red Whiskers.

Within the borders of that region which boasts of having been the oldest of the parts of Europe reclaimed by civilized man, in Greece, a new quadruped was discovered and is now exhibited in the zoological gardens of Berlin, Germany. It is a goat living upon the island of Joura, in the Strophade archipelago, north of the island of Embosca. Dr. Reichenow has examined the animal and given it the name of capra dorsalis. There were a great many of them on the island formerly, and the Greeks call it Polygalos, or Goat island. Shepherds have of late years invaded the island, which was uninhabited except by a hermit, and are waging so relentless a war against the goats that they are rapidly decreasing in number and will soon be extinct.

There is neither another zoological garden nor a museum in the world in possession of a specimen of this goat or of any part of it. That at Berlin is a buck, 2 years old, and still wears its summer fur of reddish yellow tint, with stripes of deep black, the dark necktie being of the greatest breadth. It is altogether striking in appearance. The domestic goat, it is thought, may descend from this species.—Chicago News.

One of the Craft.

Office Boy—Gentleman down stairs with a manuscript, sir.
Magazine Editor—Tell him to leave it with the clerk.
"I did, sir, but he wants to see you."
"Do his clothes fit him?"
"No, sir."
"Pants bag at the knees?"
"Yes, sir."
"Admit him."—Omaha World.

Living on Nitro-Glycerine.

A patient at the Benevolent home in Atlanta was kept alive by nitro-glycerine for several days after a cancer in the stomach had eaten away that organ entirely and reduced him to a skeleton. The explosive was placed on his tongue and absorbed into his system without being swallowed.—New York Sun.

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