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## CIVIC SOCIETIES.

Yacht Lodge No. 184, A. O. U. W. Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend.

PLATTSMOUTH ENCAMPMENT No. 3, I. O. O. F. Meets every alternate Friday in each month in the Masonic Hall. Visiting brothers are invited to attend.

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CLASS CAMP NO. 32, MODERN WOODMEN of America. Meets second and fourth Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All transient brothers are requested to meet with us.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 4, A. O. U. W. Meets every alternate Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 6, A. F. & A. M. Meets on the first and third Monday of each month at their hall. All transient brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER NO. 3, R. E. M. Meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Mason's hall. Visiting brothers are invited to meet with us.

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## NOTE, COMMENT, PARAGRAPH.

One of the newest things in fashions is with a small bottle in the stick, and in the smelling bottle a little very strong ammonia.

A tract of land containing 1,000,000 acres in Aroostook county, Me., has been sold for \$1,000,000. The deed recorded contains 25,000 words.

A Blackfoot Indian recently covered a distance of ninety miles per day for four days on foot, and his sole diet was dried beef. The trouble with the white man is that he lives too well.

A well known American publisher says that the works of Charles Dickens can hardly be brought out fast enough to keep up with the demand, while reprints of Thackeray hardly pay for the paper used.

The atmosphere on the English channel was recently rarefied to such a degree that objects between thirty and forty miles from Dover and Folkestone could clearly be distinguished with the naked eye.

The popular dread of green on account of suspicion of arsenic in its composition seems to have disappeared if one can believe the report that green is to be the fashionable color for the winter, and will appear in wall paper, draperies and ribbons.

The telephone was allowed to be used on Sunday for the first time in London a few weeks ago. The managers of the company, it is said, had grave doubts about the result of such an innovation, but the large use that was made of the privilege satisfied them.

Fishermen seeking sea bass off the coast of Monterey, Cal., came upon a gigantic sunfish, and succeeded in capturing it after enveloping it in about 100 fathoms of net. It weighed 4,000 pounds, and efforts were made to preserve it and send it to San Francisco, but they failed.

The third of the three heaviest rifled guns ever made in this country is nearly completed at the ordnance foundry of the South Boston Iron Works. The first gun was made of cast iron, the second of cast iron hooped and tubed with steel, and the gun now in the foundry is like the second.

Cats as a general thing do not like water, even though they are good swimmers. A man in Clayton, N. J., has a large Maltese that is an exception. This animal takes to water even more kindly than a spaniel. He will go into the water on his own account and seems to enjoy it hugely. Like a dog he will bring back a stick thrown in the water.

The Steel Car company is said to be constructing a fire proof steel car at Boston, which will contain nothing that can burn except the upholstery, and even that is constructed of unflammable material. Not only immunity from fire, but an increase in strength, a decrease in the liability to telescope and a diminution of dead weight are expected to be some of the good features of the new car.

Twenty-five lively crocodiles recently escaped into the river Elbe from an African sailing vessel. The crocodiles are thought to be enjoying their new home very much, but the German small boys who live along the banks of the river are unhappy because they can't go in swimming.

The statistical crank has let himself loose again, and now turns up with the information that the seaside resorts during the summer have had an average attendance of twenty-eight women to every man. There has, indeed, been a deplorable scarcity of men at all the resorts. At many of the balls the ludicrous spectacle of a set composed of one man and seven girls is common, and the entire set is not infrequently danced by girls.

While there has been no falling off in the increase of feminine medical practitioners, the growth for the last three months would probably have been larger had not a goodly number of the medical neophytes been diverted to the study of the sister art, dentistry, which has recently gained many recruits from the sex. In New York particularly the number of women matriculating at dental colleges is rapidly growing.

Eating Between Meals. Woman (to tramp)—You are not a very robust looking man. Tramp—No, ma'am; I attribute the feebleness of my condition to irregularity of diet. I eat between meals—other people's meals.—Time.

New Kind of Glass. A new glass recently invented in Sweden is said to be capable, when made into a lens for a microscope, of "enabling us to distinguish the 204,700,000th part of an inch."

## The Sufferers of Criminal Exile.

It is manifest, I think, that when a flood of 10,000 vagrants, thieves, counterfeits, burglars, highway robbers and murderers is poured into a colony, the class most injurious to the welfare of that colony is the liberated class. If a burglar or a thief is sent to Siberia and shut up in prison, he is no more dangerous to society there than he would be if he were imprisoned in European Russia. The place of his confinement is immaterial, because he has no opportunity to do evil. If, however, he is sent to Siberia and there turned loose, he resumes his criminal activity, and becomes at once a menace to social order and security.

For more than half a century the people of Siberia have been groaning under the heavy burden of criminal exile. More than two-thirds of all the crimes committed in the colony are committed by common felons who have been transported thither and then set at liberty, and the peasants everywhere are becoming demoralized by enforced association with thieves, burglars, counterfeiters and assassins. The honest and prosperous inhabitants of the country protest, of course, against a system which liberates every year, at their very doors, an army of 7,000 worthless characters and felons. They do not object to the hard labor convicts, because the latter are shut up in jails. They do not object to the political and religious exiles, because such offenders frequently make the best of citizens. Their protests are aimed particularly at the compulsory colonists.—George Kennan in The Century.

## Danger of Malaria in Cities.

It is a common idea that greater risk is run from this cause of disease in the country than in towns and cities, but there are strong reasons for doubting that such is the case, so far as any unhealthy influence of the country itself is concerned. If a farm house be placed in a low, swampy situation and a town in a similar locality the dwellers in the one will be no more liable to malarious diseases than the inhabitants of the other. In large cities, where the ground is being constantly turned up for the purpose of laying water and gas mains, constructing sewers or for any one of the hundred other purposes for which a continual upheaval of the pavements goes on, diseases of malarial origin will almost constantly abound. Some parts of New York city, or of Philadelphia, for instance, are nearly as full of malaria as are the worst parts of Florida. There is nothing, therefore, to be gained in this respect by a hasty return from the seashore or the mountains to the pent up atmosphere of a large town in which excavations of some kind or other are at certain seasons of the year carried on with more than usual vigor.—Dr. Wm. A. Hammond in New York World.

## Mental Effects of the Weather.

It is curious to think how indifferent are some people to those atmospheric changes which so signally affect the health and temper of others. You will see one man of a rainy day, or a cold day, so transformed from good nature to acidity and bitterness that his best friends would fain get out of his way—at least till the "wind changes." Those of less sensitive organization have little patience and less pity for what they cannot understand, yet are unfortunately class are not for that reason to be shut out in the cold till they "come to." A little sympathy—some cheerful topic of conversation—adroitly introduced—some pleasing little personal attention at the right moment—and lo! the mental clouds disperse, and all again is sunshine.—New York Ledger.

## The Two Sides Not Alike.

The two sides of the face are not alike. As a rule, says a German professor, the want of symmetry is confined to the upper part of the face. The left half of the brain overweighs the right half; the nose leans a little to the right or to the left. The region of the right eye is usually slightly higher than that of the left eye, while the left eye is nearer the middle line of the countenance. The right ear is also higher, as a rule, than the left ear.—Boston Herald.

## Character in Handwriting.

A certain number of men are calm, even lived, sensible and practical. Men of that class are almost certain to write plain, round hands in which every letter is distinctly legible; neither very much slanted forward, nor tilted backward; no letter very much bigger than its neighbor nor with heads much above or tails much below the letters nor so distinguished; the letters all having the same general uprightness and the lines true to the edges of the paper, neither tending upward nor downward. Exact, business like people will have an exact handwriting. Fantastic guides revel in quirks and streamers, particularly for the capital letters, and this quality is not infrequently a certain business hands, as if the writers found a relief from the prosaic nature of their work in gliding flourishes to certain letters. Firm, decided, downright men are apt to bear on the pen while writing, and to make their strokes hard and thick. On the contrary, people who are not sure of themselves, and are lacking self control, press unevenly, and with anxious looking, scratchy hands. Ambitious people are apt to be overworked; they are always in haste and either forget to cross their t's, or dot their i's. They are also apt to run the last few letters of every word into an illegible scrawl. Flurried, troubled and conscience twinged persons have a crabbed and uneven handwriting.—St. Nicholas.

## THE BANANA BUSINESS.

Preparing the Soil—Putting Out the "Suckers"—Deadly Foe.

Mr. Kennedy took me in charge early, and on the wharf (on the shady side of the shed) gave me the account of the banana business that I shall try to reproduce. I cannot do better than imagine that the reader is about to settle in Jamaica to engage in raising bananas, and that I am telling him what I have learned about the industry. The land used is likely to be either an unused sugar estate, or what is known in Jamaica as "ruinate," that is, land that has stood idle so long that it has become overgrown with tall bushes and small trees. The first cost of land of the latter sort is of course much less, but the expense of clearing it is so much greater that it is doubtful whether good cultivable land is not cheaper in the end.

The ground having been cleared and plowed, banana "suckers" are set out, the distance between them depending very much upon the quality of the land. In from ten to fourteen months after planting the tree has reached its full size, ten to twelve feet in height, the stalk then being about eight inches in diameter at the base, and the bunch of fruit is ready to cut for shipment. The fruit is always cut while yet green, and each stalk produces only one bunch. When the fruit is cut that is the end of that stalk, and the stalk is cut down. Fresh "suckers" are produced from the roots, however, and several of these are allowed to grow for the next crop. For the first few months a good deal of cultivation is necessary in the banana field to keep it clear of weeds, but when the stalks grow and the leaves begin to spread they effectively choke down the weeds, and little more attention is needed. From \$30 to \$50 an acre is a fair estimate of the cost of plowing, planting and cultivating for one year, but where the land has to be cleared of trees this increases the cost considerably. Once started, the plantation is good for five or six years without much further labor beyond keeping it clear of weeds at certain seasons.

But the banana planter has a deadly foe in the hurricanes and high winds that frequently sweep over the West Indies. The banana tree has very small roots and is easily knocked over. Sometimes even with nothing worse than a lively "norther" an entire plantation is destroyed in an hour, and there is nothing for it but to start over again. As to the risks and profits, Mr. Kennedy says: "From my experience I do not think the banana yields the planter a very large profit, though there are exceptions to the rule. A tropical hurricane will sweep a banana cultivation level with the ground in an hour. Besides these hurricanes, we usually have very strong winds (northerly) during the winter months, that often blow down acres of bananas. The tree is easily blown down, especially when it has a large bunch of bananas hanging from its top. Were it not for these great drawbacks, planting bananas would be a profitable investment. It is important that a planter understands the business, and knows how to work the Jamaica labor."—William Drysdale in New York Times.

The Court—How is this, Mr. Johnson? The last time you were here you consented to be sworn, and now you simply make affirmation.

Mr. Johnson—Well, yo' honah, de reason am dat I expects I ain't quite so suah about de facts ob dis case as de oderer.—Life.

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