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Tomorrow is Washington's birthday.

IT looks now as if the free trade democrats would defeat the scheme to repeal the tobacco tax. If they do two, at least, of the democrat tobacco growing states will henceforth go republican. The outlook for the Bourbons is getting decidedly gloomy.

THE direct tax bill has gone to the president and he must either sign or veto it, and this is a situation which Mr. Cleveland would gladly avoid. But he might as well cease his worry, for it will never make any difference to him person ally whether he signs or vetoes.-Lincoln Journal.

ALASKA cost the government \$7,200,-000, but in the twenty-one years which have elapsed since the purchase the company chartered by the government to secure seals in that region has paid over \$8,000,000 into the treasury. This is only one source of revenue which that region has brought. In fact the individ uals who declared that Secretary Seward. when he bought Alaska from Russia. drove a bad bargain, were as poor proph ets as the men who predicted Cleveland's re-election. -Globe Democrat.

IT IS NOT SETTLED YET.

Senator Lindsay and Representative Dempsey have taken steps to fight the submission question over as the best law ers say that the dual bill is unconstitu tional, and it is their belief that the supreme court will so decide. It is hoped that this time the bill will pass without any provisions attended. The speaker should not have any lobbies around. This question should be settled upon its merits and without interference from any one. A whisky lobby at Lincoln is not a sight of which the state has any reason to be proud of.

A GEORGIA bailiff must be credited with having originated a new idea. He had an attachment against the head of a railroad company, and, finding nothing else to attach, he proceeded to attach a train-literaly. When the train stopped he ran a trace chain through one of the wheels of the engine and firmly attached it to the track by locking it fast. Unfortunately, this novel method of enforcing a claim was not allowed to reach its legitimate conclusion, since after half an mour the bailiff was convinced that he had no right to interfere with the progress of the United States mails. The incident is full of interest, however, from many points of view. At all events, it furnishes aditional proof that the South is fairly earning the title of "New South."

Our sister state of Iowa is having hard time to keep her prisons full. It is said the penitentiaries have so few con victs that it is almost impossible for them to fill the various contracts that are let. for lack of workmen. And Governor Larrabee has just been indicted criminally by the grand jury of Polk county (Des Moines is county seat) for libel, for having printed the remonstrances addressed to him against the pardon of one Chester Turney, one of the few convicts, who is now under a long sentence for a series of thefts. It is none of our business to meddle in Iowa affairs; but we can ex press our admiration for his excellency. Governor Larrabee, in refusing to pardon a convict unless he thinks fit, even though the application for pardon is backed by a strong aray of influence. The indictment against the governor is purely malicious and can amount to nothing. For ourselves we think Larrabee the best governor Iowa has had for many years and we believe all the public who know him would approve his renomination and re-election though he is now closing his second term.

An Editor's Friend.

A country editor has an eye opened, always, in the right direction. Thus, he never misses a good chance for he learns easily what is best. Hundreds of them have testified like the following from the Terrell, Texas, Star: "During bad weather last month we suffered a great deal from rheumatism in our shoulders. We got a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil and rubbed with it once, good, and was relieved in a short time. It is a most ex-

STAGE SUPERSTITIONS.

COLUMBINE SUCCEEDED IN "HOO-DOOING" EVERYTHING.

She Whistled in the Dressing Room, Which Meant Discharge for One of the Company-Macbeth Must Not Be Quoted, Nor Open Umbrellas Left in the Hall.

When I first went on the stage I managed to get myself disliked in more ways than an ordinary mortal would deem it possible. The first thing I did was to "hoodoo" everything. Now, I didn't know what it meant to "hoodoo" things, but I was always doing it. I

began in this way: One night I came to the theater in high spirits; it was raining torrents, but what cared I for wind or rain? Wasn't there a swell theatre party made up just on my account, and wouldn't I shine in the eyes of my old school friends as a bright particular star, even though my part was not one of great importance?

In spite of my wet feet and dripping umbrella I skipped hilariously into the dressing room and greeted my sister artists with a more than usually cheerful "good evening." I took off my hat and ulster and hung them up, then I put my rubbers in the corner. We had an approach to the corner. unusually large dressing room, and there were three or four of us dressing to-gether. I looked around for a place to put my umbrella. Not seeing any, I went out in the passage. There was a kind of sink just opposite our door. I thought that would be a good place for it, so I opened my umbrella and set it in the sink to drain. Then I went into the dressing room and began to get ready to "make up." Now, ever since I was a small child I have had a reprehensible habit of whistling. I have tried in vain to break myself of it. Whenever I feel particularly light hearted I find myself whistling away as merrily as if the old proverb about "whistling girls and crowing hens" had never been heard of.

SING, BUT DO NOT WHISTLE. I took out my cosmetics and began to grease paint my face, Just as I was about to make an amiable remark to one of the girls she startled me by crying out in a peremptory tone, "Stop that!"
"Stop what?" I said.

"That whistling."
"Don't you like that air? Well, here's another for you"-

"Stop!" they all cried, in a chorus.
"What is the matter?" I asked. "What am I doing?"

"What are you doing? Why, whistling Carrie out of the company." "What on earth do you mean?" I said, looking from one to the other in bewil-

derment. "Don't you know that it's the worst thing you can do to whistle in a dressing foom? The one next the door will be

whistled out of the company."
"Is that what all this fuss is about?" said. "Well, I'll stop whistling, but I don't see where you got such an idea."
"You don't! Well, you get whistled out of an engagement once or twice and

you'll see well enough."

"May I hum?" I asked, meekly, "or will that bring down some horrible calamity on our defenseless heads?"

"You may sing all you want to, but don't whistle." So I began humming a favorite air,

and went on with my dressing. I was heating some cosmetic, and held it in the flame too long; it melted, and a piece dropped on my lily white hand; it burned my wrist and left a big black "smooth." I scrubbed and scrubbed, but it would not come off. "What shall i do?" I said. I never saw cosmetic stick so! "Take some vaseline," said Lou. "It's no use," I groaned. "All the perfumes in Arabia will not sweeten this little hand!"

I was startled by a shriek of horror, and was amazed to see consternation in every face. I was frightened by their looks, and said in a faint voice, "What

"Do you know what you said?" whispered Carrie in blood curdling accents, "Why, yes," I replied, wonderingly.
"I said, 'All the perfumes'"—

"Stop," they screamed. "You must be cray! Don't you know better than to quote 'Macbeth' in the theatre?" I breathed again. "Is that all?" I

"All-it's enough. I'm not going to stay in the room with her. She'll Jonah every one of us before the curtain goes up. I'm dressed and I shall go upon the stage and wait," said Carrie.
"QUEERING" THE WEEK'S BUSINESS

She walked to the door and opened it, Instead of going out she fell back with a gasp. "Who did that?" she said. "What?" cried Lou and I together. "That," pointing with a rigid forefinger.

I hardly dared to look. I feared to see some ghostly sight. But I screwed up my courage and followed the direc-

tion of her finger. What met my gaze? Nothing in the world but my harmless umbrella set up to dry!

"I don't see anything but my um-brella," I said. "Is it yours?" they ex-claimed. "Why, yes; I set it up there to dry." They looked at each other and walked away in silence. As I stood rooted to the spot a stage hand came along and said: "You must want to hoodoo the theatre, putting an open um-brella in the hall." I took it down and

I went silently about the dressing room. My high spirits were all gone now, and I felt sad and depressed. As soon as I gould I went upstairs. The overture was on, and I stood listening to the music and musing on the mutability of human affairs, when I happened to remember the theatre party. "I wonder if they are here yet," I thought. I went up to the curtain and looked through the peep hole. The house was not full, but it was not had for a rainy night. I espied my friends just coming in; how nice they all looked. As I was thinking how well Jennie C. looked in her new theatre bonnet some one touched me on the shoulder. "Do you want to queer the business for the whole week?" said a voice in awful accents. "You must never look through

accents. "You must never look through the peep hole when the orchestra is playing Monday night."

I was completely discouraged. Was there anything I could no that was not bad luck? This is only a specimen of the "ways that are dark" that a poor novice must learn before she can really be considered "initiated."—Columbine in Chicago Tribune.

Most Popular Poem in the Language, Who wrote the most popular poem in the English language? Ctement C. Moore. It commences: "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," and it has given enjoy-ment to more people than any other liv-ing verse story of its length.—Cincinnati

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Who is it teels us, when the sun is bright, "Twill positively rain before 'tis night?" And when the night has come, yet minus rain Who is it up and boldly cries again,
"My friends, ere morning dawns, 7 know
We shall be buried deep in snow?" Who is it?-would you like to hear? Speak softly-hark! he's often near; That the world over, always just the same, Is weather prophet—Ananias is his name

Or Ananias soon will come a time When I predict he'll suffer for his crime In that unfathomatte pit I dare not name, Where temperature is always just the same. He'll sit and wait—alas: in vain For signs of sunshine, snow or rain, And while he's studying barometers below, How happy we shall be above to know That for a time, at least, we're free From one false prophet and his—potpourri.

Ghosts in the Maintop.

The scene of ghostly experience has been shifted to the sea. An English newpaper says the mate of a ship, name not given, ordered some of the youths to reef the maintopsail. When the first got up he heard a strange voice saying, "It blows hard!" The lad waited for no more; he was down in a trice and told his adventure. A second immediately ascended, laughing at the folly of his companion, but returned even more quickly, declaring that he was quite sure that a voice, not of this world, had cried in his ear, "It blows hard!" Another went, and another, but each came back with the same tale.

At length the mate having sent up the whole watch, ran up the shrouds himself, and when he reached the haunted spot heard the dreadful words distinctly uttered in his ear:

"It blows hard."

"Ay, ay, old one, but blow it ever so hard, we must ease the earrings for all that," replied the mate undauntedly, and looking around he saw a fine parrot perched on one of the clews-the thoughtless author of the false alarmswhich had probably escaped from some other vessel to take refuge on this.

Another of our officers mentioned that on one of his voyages he remembered a boy having been sent up to clear a rope which had got foul above the mizzentop. Presently, however, he came back trembling and almost tumbling to the bottom, declaring that he had seen "Old. Davy aft the crosstrees. The mate, in a rage, at length mounted himself, when resolutely, as in the former case, searching for the bugbear, he soon ascertained the innocent cause of so much terror to be a large horned owl, so ledged as to be out of sight to those who ascended on the other side of the vessel, but which, when any one approached the crosstrees, popped up its portentous visage to see what was coming.-New York Mail and Express.

Attention to a few general rules would revent many strange appearances. For instance, a woman should never be dressed too little, nor girls too much; nor should a woman of small stature attempt large patterns, nor a bad walker flounces; stout throats should not carry feathers, nor high shoulders a shawl. From the highest to the lowest there is not a style of beauty with which the plain straw hat is not on the best of understandings. It refines the homeliest and composes the wildest; it gives a coquettish young lady a little dash of demurement, and the demure one a slight touch of coquetry; it makes the blooming beauty look more fresh and the pale one more interesting; it makes the plain woman look, at all events, a lady, and the lady more lady like still.—Leisure

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