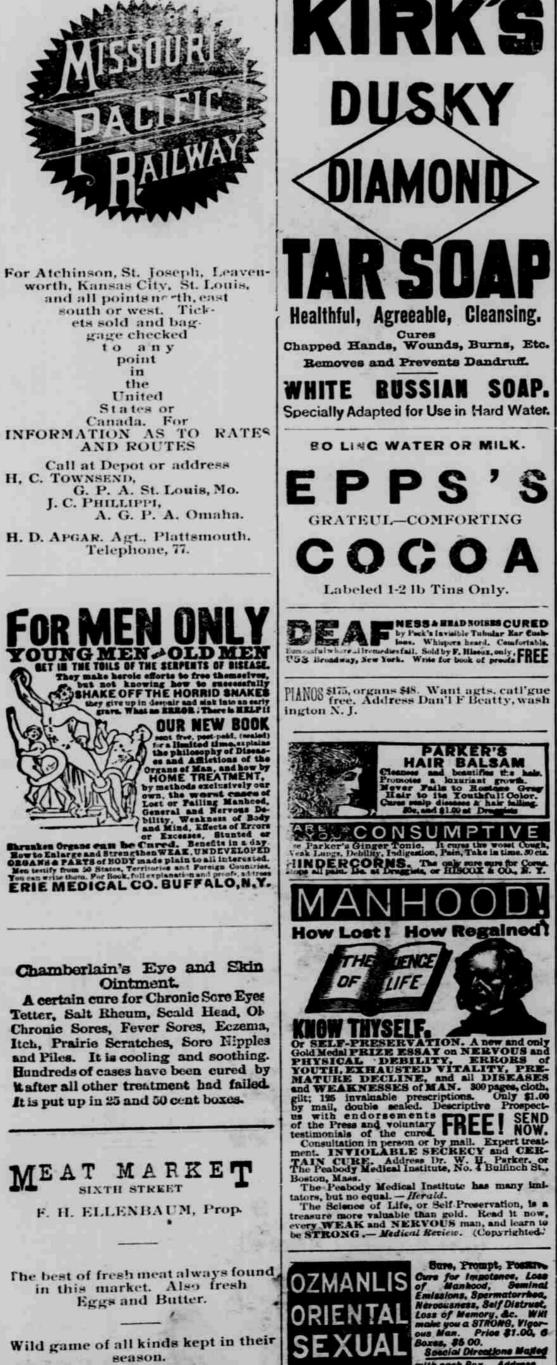


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The birds come back to their last year's nest, And the wild rose nods in the lane; And gold in the cast, and red in the west, The sun bestirs him again.

Phe thief bee ritles the jasmine flower, And the breezes softly sigh for the Columbins in my lady's bower, And then at her feet they die.

and all the pomp of the sune is here-The mirth and passion and song: And young is the summer, and life is dear, And the day is never too long. .

Ah! birds come back to their last year's nest, And the wild rose hughs in the lane; But I turn to the east and I turn to the west-She never will come again. -Louise Chandler Moulton in Wide Awake.

About to Sue.

A man who lets out dress suits at two dollars per night threatens to go into court and sue for \$792 for the use of a suit that couldn't have cost more than twenty dollars in the first instance.

This is how it happened. A member of an arctic expedition, encamped just now, or supposed to be, somewhere within gunshot of the north pole, was tendered a reception by some friends on the night before his departure. He secured a pair of patent leather shoes, a clean shirt and a satin necktie from somewhere or other, but the dress suit he hired from the agent referred to.

Next morning the explorer's mother packed the suit in his Saratoga trunk, not knowing that it wasn't his, and he took it up to the north pole with him. It has been used doubtless at the principal blubber feeds and walrus hunts to impress the natives.

But the dress suit loaner wants two dollars a day for every day he has been deprived of the use of the clothes, and by the time the explorer gets back the the length of his absence. A deep legal question will doubtless arise, but the agent is firm and says that he means to get his rights .- New York Herald.

A Duel Nipped in the Bud.

A duel between two young men has been nipped in the bud at Buena Vista, Va., by Mayor White. Mr. J. G. Seay sent a challenge to fight a duel to Mr. Edmund Randolph. Young Randolph paid no attention to the challenge and a second challenge was sent by Seay.

Young Randolph referred the correspondence to his friend, Mr. R. B. Wiliamson, and before any details could be arranged the police arrested Seay, who was carried before the mayor and bailed to appear at the next term of the corporation court. Young Seay is about twenty years of age and was educated at the Virginia Military institute. Mr Randolph, who is about twenty-one, is teller in the First National bank.

Both young men are highly connected and respected. The difficulty was caused by a misunderstanding between the young men as to an engagement, Seay claiming that Randolph purposely avoided him and thus treated him disrespectfully. No further trouble is apprehended.-Richmond Dispatch.

Arizona's Great Irrigation Canal.

Against a Massachusetts Baling.

The officers of the Illinois Humane so ciety detailed to prosecute the participators in the tame fox hunt at Fairland are much disturbed over the methods of legal procedure in Douglas county. The action against the fox hunters was called before Justice Lamb at Tuscola. Witnesses testified before a jury that a tame for had been chased by the defendants and their hounds and had been caught and torn to pieces by the latter. Attorney A. W. Thomas, of Chicago, cited a Massachusetts decision sustaining the position of the Humane society, which, while not denying the right of men to hunt and kill wild foxes, held that a tame fox, cared for in captivity by man from the time it was only a few days old, is a domestic animal.

C. W. Wolverton, of Tuscola, attorney for the defendants, then addressed the jury. He troubled himself but little about replying to arguments of the Chicago lawyer, but the fact that a Massa chusetts decision had been cited severely wounded his local pride.

"Gentleman of the jury," he said, 'we are residents of the state of Illinois in the glorious west-wild and wooly, if you will-where each man is an independent American citizen. What is Massachusetts? An alien commonwealth. It is Massachusetts. Why, gentlemen of the jury, on Boston common today witches are burned at the stake, and if a man is found outside of a church Sunday he is placed in a lockup. What has Massachusetts to do with us? We are American citizens and we want to chase foxes and we chase foxes."

After hearing which the twelve good men and true of Tuscola rendered a verdict for the defendants. The Humane society had hoped to make this a test case under the state laws, which provide that any person guilty of "tortur-ing any animal" shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$200. The Massachusetts decision was directly in point. and although the justice before whom the action was brought was manifestly impartial, the jury, which was composed largely of friends of the defendants. rendered a favorable decision on the question of law impossible .- Chicago Tribune.

Billiards Without Balls.

According to an eye witness a peculiar incident happened one evening recently in the billiard room of a hotel at Tacoma, Wash. The room was crowded and all of the billiard and pool tables were occupied but one. Two gentlemen entered the room attired in full evening dress. Engaging a billiard table the boy brought the balls, but the players, to his utter astonishment, told him they did not need them. Removing their topcoats, coats and hats, they took cues and commenced a mimic game.

They made the customary moves around the table, studied apparent plays, made the usual grimaces at misplays, and regularly counted their strings. A wondering crowd gathered

Honsewifely English Sparrows.

A loving student of the English sparrow as the bird is to be seen in Brooklyn finds that the little creature has in his domestic relations many human traits. When the sparrows are mating and building, the male sinks into insignificance beside the female. "When a nexting place is to be selected the male looks jauntily about and is ready to accept anything that comes to hand, but the hen examines each proposed site with critical care, apparently studies the relations of the place to sun, wind and rain, and finally decides the question with small consideration for the opinions of her spouse.

When the nest is to be built the house wifely character of the hen again asserts itself. She is busy all day long gather-

ing sticks and straws to serve as building material. Nothing is taken haphazard, but every stick or straw fits to a nicety and is admirably adapted to the end for which it is selected. As to the male, he gives moral support and little else. While the hen is devoting all her energies to the task in hand he sits on a neighboring bough and encourages her with music. Nor does she expect or

wish more at his hands. Now and then, apparently pricked by conscience, he leaves his perch, picks up a clumsy stick or straw and carries it to the scene of the building operations. But his contribution is seldom received with favor. The hen usually examines it with the ill concealed scorn that wives sometimes accord to domestic performances of husbands, and in nine cases out of ten she tosses away the proffered material as soon as the back of her spouse is turned.-New York Sun.

A Cowboy's Sense of Humor. A globe trotting Englishman told me this story: "To show you that the cowboys are not as bad as they have been painted-in fact, that they are opposed to anything like lawbreaking and violence-let me relate an incident. There was a poor clerk standing up over his books at a desk in a shop on the main street, and there was a cowboy riding up and down the street. Well, the cowboy saw the clerk and his sense of humor was aroused by the idea of shooting at him, d'you know. Those cowboys have a very remarkable sense of humor. So the cowboy ups with his pistol, d'you

know, and he shoots the poor clerk right through the head, killing him instantly. "Well, now, that sort of thing is very

distinctly frowned upon by cowboys, as a rule, and in this case the cowboys held a meeting and resolved that the fellow with the lively but dangerous sense of humor should be hanged at once. They put a rope around his neck, and there being no tree anywhere in sight they hung him to the side of a Pullman as the train came rolling in. I've seen a number of occurrences of that sort. which makes me quite positive in stating that though they are a very rum sort of beggars they are really not a bad lot."-Julian Ralph in Harper's Weekly. John Fitzgerald.



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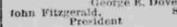
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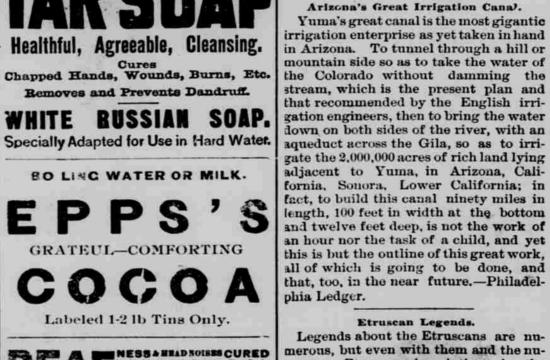
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Etruscan Legends. Legends about the Etruscans are numerous, but even with them and the numerous Etruscan inscriptions in the hands of scholars, the race to which they belonged, their language and history, are still an unsolved problem. Mr. Charles Godfrey Leland is about to make an important contribution to the literature of the subject in a voluminous work on Etruscan legends. For years he has

passed his summers in Italy in the old Etruscan country, wandering among the peasants and collecting their stories. Their customs and superstitions date back to the old heathen times, and devil worship and the most primitive beliefs prevail among them even down to the present time.

Digging Old Bones in London.

The digging up of mammoth remains in the heart of London seems incongruons, yet this has just been done by the workmen on a sewer, who at the depth of twenty-two feet from the surface came upon remains of a mammoth and other prehistoric animals. Two large tusks were met with lying near together, along with other bones belonging to the same animal. A portion of one of these cusks was brought to the surface and it was found to measure at its thickest part nearly two feet in circumference.-London Letter.

The Principle at Stake.

A Reading dispatch says: "Plaintiff, lefendant, two lawyers and six witlesses, two of whom came from 100 miles away, appeared before Alderman Kirchman recently in a civil suit over property valued at less than one dollar. The alderman gave judgment in favor of defendant and Mrs. Dietrich will have to pay costs, amounting to about hirty dollars, exclusive of lawyers'

A company has been organized at Phoenix, A. T., for the construction of what is claimed will be the largest artiicial reservoir in the world. It will be ixteen miles long and contain 103,058,-H0.800 cubic feet of water.

A large block of asphaltum, which veighed 214 tons, was recently cut from he mine of the Santa Barbara Asphalt :ompany, of La Petera, Cal.

about them. They thought the men were crazy. A funny part of it was that they never smiled. took the "guying" of the crowd serenely and, when the points were marked up, paid for the game and unconcernedly walked out. The solution of the mystery was that the imitation game was played on a wager.-Chicago Times.

Bloomed in an Hour.

A Belfast gentleman woke about 4:45 a. m. Sunday and glanced out the window at the clock on the Unitarian church, as was his custom of a morning, to see what time it was. Having found out he turned over for another nap. The next time he awoke he again glanced toward the steeple and was surprised to find that the budding leaves in the trees between his house and the clock had burst forth to such an extent that they shut out the clock so that he was unable to barely see the large face, let alone the hands. He was telling this circumstance to a neighbor later in the day, when the latter said he, too, noted the fact, as he also took time from the same clock .--Belfast Age.

An Electric Experience.

In Devonshire, England, one day recently, a party of young people were overtaken by a heavy shower of hailstones which lasted about ten minutes, and during that time they felt as though highly charged with electricity. The ladies of the party felt as though ants were running among their hair, which was fastened up with steel hairpins. One of the gentlemen held his hand to the head of one of the others and at once the hair stood on end. This was done several times with the same result, and for two or three days afterward their heads felt the effects of the electrical whipping.-London Letter.

Probably All in His Eye.

A freak of nature has come to light in the county jail at Fort Worth, Tex. His name is Jesse Lee, aged eighteen years. Turn the boy's face so that a strong light may shine into his eyes and a phenomenon is seen. Around the pupils of the eyes, in the iris, are the twenty-six letters of the alphabet arranged symmetrically. There are thirteen letters in each eye, those up to "M" being in the left eye and the remaining ones in the right. Lee says his father and four brothers are similarly affected.

A Ripley County Peach Tree.

W. S. Holladay, whose home is at Tucker, in Ripley county, Mo., has a curiosity in the peach tree line which he is thinking of sending to the World's fair. The tree is three years old, about an inch and a half in diameter at the butt, is thirty-seven feet high and has no limb or branch on it .- Doniphan (Mo.) Prospect News.

Blown from a Railway Train.

James Malloy was a passenger on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train, and while running at the rate of forty miles an hour attempted to pass from the smoker into a rear coach. In doing so he was blown from the platform into a ditch .- Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Tulkinson-a barrister and bachelot combined, by the way-is a very sys tematic man. The other day he had his house fitted with electrical appliances. and giving instructions to his servant Joseph, he said:

"Now I want you to understand Joseph, that when 1 ring once that means for you, and when I ring twice that means for Maggie, the housemaid. Joseph, who is the laziest wretch that ever accepted wages he did not earn. bowed respectfully and withdrew. A little later the bell rang. Joseph never moved. Presently it rang again, and

according to instructions Maggie came hurrying to her master, who was very angry.

"Why didn't that rascal, Joseph, come when I rang for him?" said the barrister bachelor disgustedly.

"Why, sir," answered Maggie, "Jo seph is busy in the office reading your newspaper. When he heard the first ring he said to me, 'Now, Maggie, wait until he rings the second time, and then it will be you he wants." -- London Tit-Bits.

Strange Cave Dwellers in Spain. At a meeting of the Royal Geograph ical society, of Madrid, Dr. Bide gave an account of his exploration of a wild district in the province of Caceres. which he represented as still inhabited by a strange people who speak a curious patois and live in caves and inaccessible retreats. They have a hairy skin and have hitherto displayed a strong repugnance to mixing with their Spanish and Portugese neighbors. Roads have lately been pushed into the district inhabited by the "Jurdes," and they are beginning to learn the Castilian language and attend the fairs and markets .-W. H. Larrabee in Popular Science Monthly.

The Growth of Railroad Mileage. In 1830 there were twenty-three miles of railway in operation in the United States. By 1832 the mileage had in creased to 229 miles, and in 1835 the country had 1,098 miles of railroad. The first through railroad from the east westward was completed in 1842 between Boston and Albany, connecting at the latter place with the Erie canal. In the same year the last link of the line from Albany to Buffalo was opened. At the end of 1848 the total mileage of all the railroads in the country was 5,996 miles or about 500 miles more than there are now in the state of Nebraska.-Edward Rosewater's Omaha Address.

The Flute Is Very Old.

The flute is very old in its origin, but the flute of today is different from that of the ancients. It has been improved upon from time to time, and the old people would probably fail to recognize it now. The flageolet, which is somewhat similar, is credited to Juvigny about 1581 .- Harper's Young People.

Tall Men in Asia and Africa.

The tallest men of South America are found in the western provinces of the Argentine Republic, of Asia in Afghanistan and Kaypootana, of Africa in the highlands of Abyssinia. -- Yankee Elade

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