Society Woman Raises Truck.

Near the pretty little town of Derby, Conn., is a farm which is managed by a gifted society woman who in her day has figured conspicuously in most European courts. The woman is Miss Frederica Sanford, daughter of Henry S. Sanford, at one time United States minister to Belgium. Miss Sanford personally supervises and works the place, raising "garden truck" and chickens. These she takes to Derby regularly, finding ready sale in the markets and hotels for all she can offer. Her widowed mother and her younger sister, Wilhelmina, live in the old Sanford homestead in town. Here Miss Sanford generally passes her nights, but from early spring till late in the fall she is up and away to her truck farm at daylight, often remaining there till sundown. In this way she makes a comfortable if simple living for the family, besides being able to indulge in some of the elegancies.

Fighting Temperature is 85.

Professor Dexter, of the University of Illinois, has been investigating the effects of weather on morals and finds that the desire to fight rises with the thermometer, but stops at 85 degrees; wilts after that as the mercury rises. Assault cases are therefore commoner in summer than in winter. Drunkenness, however, lessens with summer and increases with the coming of cold. Suicides are at a minimum on bright days with a high barometer and increases as the wind rises.

Swiss Anti-Swearers.

In Switzerland and Italy good people go about with little cards containing pledges against swearing. These are presented whenever the bearers hear some one indulging in profanity. The penalty for violating the pledge is a small self-imposed fine, to be paid to charity.

The way for a man to keep a secret from a woman is not to let her guess there is a secret to keep.

A Big Tree for St. Louis.

An effort is to be made to remove a large red oak tree from the wildest section of Arkansas to Forest park, St. Louis, for the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The tree is 160 feet high and 12 feet in diameter at the base. A double tramway will be built from the tree to the river, where it will be floated and towed to St. Louis. The tree will be dug up by the roots instead of being cut down, and none of the branches will be trimmed.

Says He is 126.

Dr. Charles Smith, a physician of Philadelphia, contends that he was born in Cairo, Ill, in 1775—126 years ago. He says that he can produce indisputable proof that he was more than 30 yeaers old when he was graduated at the medical college at Jena in 1808.

Schmidt, Champion Rifle Shot.

Private Schmidt, of Company D, Fourteenth United State infantry, now camped at the rifle range near Mount Clemens, Mich., made a score at shooting at 600 yards that the broke the record of the whole army. The target was a dummy man. Nineteen out of twenty of his shots took effect, any of which would have caused instant death in a living man, while the twentieth shot would have inflicted a serious or fatal wound. Schmidt's achievement is said to be not only unparalleled in United State arm rifle shooting records, but also without precedent

A Bishop's Plain Talk.

Bishop W. A. Candler has been talking to the St. Louis Southern Methodist ministers on the higher criticism and the tendency of ritualism in the church. He deprecates special musical programs and paid choirs and soloists. The higher criticism, he declares, insists on "a sort of polka dot revelation."

KING DAVID'S SOLDIERS.

The Great Ruler Established an Admirable Military System.

The kingdom of Israel in the time of David embraced a territory about equal to the state of Massachusetts and had a population nearly the same as that of New York—6,000,000 or more. That it was able to dominate the territory between the Mediterranean and the Euphrates and from Damascus to the Gulf of Arabia, with powerful neighbors pressing upon it from all sides, was due to the military genius of David and the admirable military system established by him. In it is found not only the germ but the full development of the modern system of universal military service as applied in Germany and France. Its fundamental principle was that recognized by our great modern states, that every able-bodied man owes military service to the state, which he must actually pay for a certain period in peace and war. David transformed the irregular fighting forces of Israel into an organized and effective army. This included what we should now call a landwehr of 288,000 men, divided into twelve corps of 24,000 men, each corps being in time of peace called into active service for one month in the year, so that there were always 24,000 men in camp. In war requisitions were made on this force as needed and the troops were placed under the command of a general of tried courage and ability, belonging to a specially trained military body peculiar to the kingdom of Israel.

When David was driven to such extremeties by the unexpected rebellion of his son Absalom and had fled across Jordan, a wanderer in the wilderness of Judea, he secured his final triumph by means of his bodyguard, all thorough soldiers, trained for duty as officers. Through their instrumentality the new levies were rapidly organized into companies, regiments and brigades. It is interesting to note that the march of Absalom when he led his great army across Jordan against his royal father, was through the "wood of Ephraim," a wild tract near the mountains of Gilead, resembling in its physical features the Virginia "Wilderness," where Grant and Lee tried conclusions. The position held by David was like that of Lee on the Rapidan and Absalom in marching through the "wood of Ephraim" anticipated by nearly 3,000 years Grant's movements of May 5 and 6, 1864. The strategy of Joab, who commanded the hosts of David, was precisely that of Lee, he hurling three strong columns on Absalom's line of march.—Chicago News.

CHINESE MOURNING.

Eighty Blows for Those Who Suppress Funeral Notices.

If a son, on receiving information of the death of his father or mother, or a wife, suppresses such intelligence, and omits to go into lawful mourning for the deceased, such neglect shall be punished with sixty blows and one year's banishment. If a son or wife enters into mourning in a lawful manner, but previous to the expiration of the term discards the mourning habit, and, forgetful of the loss sustained, play upon musical instruments or participates in festivities, the punishment shall amount for such offense to eighty blows. Whoever, on receiving information of the death of any other relative in the first degree than the above mentioned suppresses the notice of it, and omits to mourn, shall be punished with eighty blows; if, previous to the expiration of the legal period of mourning for such relative, any person casts away the mourning habit and resumes his wonted amusements, he shall be punished with sixty blows. When any officer or other person in the employ of the government has received intelligence of the death of his father or mother, in consequence of which intelligence he is bound to retire from the office during the period of mourning, if, in order to avoid such retirement, he falsely represents the deceased to have been his grandfather, grandmother, uncle, aunt or cousin, he shall suffer punishment of 100 blows, be deposed from office and rendered incapable of again entering into the public service.—American Law Review.

Sand Martins.

The sand martin, or bank swallow is smaller than his relative and inhabits sand banks, into which he burrows. Naturally, he is not to be found in all places. His back is of dull color and his lower parts are whitish, with a narrow dark band across the breast. You may know him—the adult male, that is—by this mark as well as by his peculiar rough—finely rough—voice. If you examine a bank full of his holes, you will perhaps find a much larger one among them. That will most likely be the door of a kingfisher's nest. Much like the sand martin in color, but a little larger, and lacking the dark breast band, is the rough-winged swallow. He is less generally known than the others, partly because he is less widely and generally distributed. Very few New England people see him. He nests not only in sand banks and limestone cliffs, as before said (in the walls of the Natural Bridge in Virginia for example), but in the stone abutments of bridges. His name comes from a peculiarity of the feathers of his wings, which cannot be made out except with the bird in the hand.—Bradford Torrey, in Youth's Companion.

In a river which changes its channel, every point gains ground and every bend tends to become still more crooked.

There is a path in which every child of God is to walk, and in which alone God can accompany him.—Denham Smith.

True glory takes root, and even spreads. All false pretenses, like flowers, fall to the ground; nor can any counterfeit last long.—Cicero.

Horse Meat Isn't the Thing.

Scientific investigators in Europe, after thorough tests of a horseflesh diet, say that this sort of meat, when the use of it is continued for a long time, tends to lessen the weight of the consumer, whether man or beast. These physiological sages have come to the conclusion that the choicest steaks and roasts from the fattest colts and fillies are inferior to beef or veal, mutton, lamb or ham in sustaining vital force and preventing a decline in strength.

A Life Saver at 80.

M. Wallon, senator, the father of the French republican constitution, and the venerable perpetual secretary of the academy, assisted by his son, recently saved the lives of three persons who were drowning in the sea near Petits Dalles. For his courageous conduct the intrepid rescuer, who is 80 years old, has been awarded a first-class medal.

Leland Stanford's Latest Trouble.

The latest excitement at Leland Stanford university is over the felling of the great live oak shading the walk between Robie and Encina halls, which in 1895 was dedicated to the memory of "the first and most famous class that Stanford has graduated," as the San Francisco News Letter calls it.

The King Doesn't Kiss.

Many stories are related of the young king of Spain. At a recent function, in which only young people joined, a pretty girl of 16, who had danced several times with Alfonso, presented her cheek to him for a salute. Instantly he straightened up and extended his hand to her. "I don't kiss girls," he said; "they kiss my hand instead; I am your king."

A crank is powerless so long as it insists on working alone.

If one does not take care, one's whole life slips away in theorizing, and we want a second career for practice.—Fenelon.

The Invitation Misunderstood.

The widow of a prominent member of a sporting club who recently died is much incensed, it is said, over the officiating priest's choice of words at the funeral obsequies. The club members are heavy drinkers, and it is well known that on their excursions in a body their favorite drink is beer. By invitation of the widow they were in attendance at the funeral, and at the close of the ceremony the reverend father brought down upon himself the wrath of the widow and marred the solemnity of the occasion by requesting that the members of the club would now pass around the bier."

Women learn things quicker, because they have more intelligence.

The thread of our life would be dark heaven knows! if it were not for our friendship and love intertwined.—Thomas Moore.

Our saddest infirmities may bring us our best affinities.

Prayer will not flow where malice is allowed to grow.

"Not in the Trust."

This is a favorite expression with persons who have goods on hand that they wish to sell to the public. But their goods are not always good. Neither have they a right at all times to claim that they are "not in the trust." As a matter of fact they generally are in the trust. Trusts know the advantage of advertising their goods as "not in the trust." It helps them to sell an inferior article that they may pay dividends on watered stock. The Defiance Starch company has no false stock on which to pay dividends. They simply manufacture the best starch that is made anywhere in the world, and sell 16 ounces for ten cents. Ask your grocer for it. Made by Magnetic Starch Co., Omaha, Neb.

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much! Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.—Cowper.

The receiver of a black eye feels as bad as any thief.

What I want is, not to possess religion, but to have a religion that shall possess me.—Kingsley.

Lady Pauncefote said recently that she would rather live in Washington than anywhere else except London.

A man's good breeding is the best security against another man's bad manners.—Lord Chesterfield.