

QUEER STORIES

As many as 4,001 muscles have been counted in the body of a moth.

Entomologists declare that the sugar cane has 227 varieties of insect enemies.

It is estimated that 3,000 marriages are daily performed throughout the world.

The new Theater Francaise in Paris covers three acres of ground, and is the largest in the world.

In Belgium severe penalties are imposed on persons who have the right to vote, but do not avail themselves of it.

Soil was brought up from a depth of 326 feet from a coal mine in Belgium, and from it sprouted weeds of a species unknown to botanists.

There is a hospital for trees on the banks of the Seine in Paris. Trees which do not thrive on the boulevards are taken there to recover.

The British soldier has not always worn a red uniform. White was the prevailing color under Henry VIII, and dark green or russet in the time of Elizabeth.

Between Madagascar and the coast of India there are about 16,000 islands, only 650 of which are inhabited, but most of which are capable of supporting a population.

Near the coast of Cuba a fresh-water spring arises from the bottom of the ocean, and for some distance round the water is perfectly fresh. A similar submarine spring is known to exist in the gulf of Spezzia.

The largest and most cumbersome form of money is found in Central Africa, where the natives use a cross-shaped ingot of copper ore over ten inches long. It is heavy enough to be a formidable weapon.

Two hundred old people whose ages altogether amounted to 16,314 years have received half a sovereign apiece from the magistrates' poor box at Brighton, England. Charles Green, one of the recipients, is 107 years old and still retains all his faculties.

Dr. David Paulson, a Chicago nerve specialist, declares that much drunkenness, especially in young men, is caused by highly spiced food and the use by cooks of pepper, mustard and similar relishes. To this also the doctor attributes the cigarette habit.

Women are more and more patronizing life insurance, and many of the companies maintain a woman's department, presided over by a female superintendent. The statistics indicate that business women and women of great wealth are the principal patrons.

Concessions have just been granted to construct and run twenty-seven new branch lines of the Swedish railways. The new lines will cover in all a distance of 250 miles, and it means that Sweden will again have occasion to purchase a large quantity of rolling stock.

All employment of natives in the Philippines is on the padrone system. No American can walk out and hire a dozen Filipinos to go to work for him. He must instead arrange with a "boss" and on a commission for so much labor. This is the Philippine substitute for trade unionism.

An old convict ship from Australia is on exhibition at the Waterloo pier, London. It is the Success, owned by a Melbourne firm and kept solely for exhibition purposes, and it remains practically with the same fittings it had when it was used for transporting convicts from England to Botany Bay.

Honest Mistake.

The story is told of a little New England girl the workings of whose Puritan conscience involved her in difficulties on one occasion.

She was studying mental arithmetic at school, and took no pleasure in it. One day she told her mother with much depression of spirit that she had "failed again in mental arithmetic," and on being asked what problem had proved her undoing she sorrowfully mentioned the request for the addition of "nine and four."

"And didn't you know the answer, dear?" asked her mother.

"Yes'm," said the little maid, "but you know we are to write the answers on our slates, and before I thought I made four marks and counted up, 'ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen,' and then of course I knew that wasn't mental, so I wrote twelve for the answer, to be fair."

Open to Conjecture.

It is not quite clear whether the following excerpt from a recent speech of Aahbel P. Fitch, ex-controller of New York, should be considered as a sociological fact or an ingenious attempt to push the bald-headed man still farther to the fore. Said Mr. Fitch:

"When I was controller of New York I thoroughly investigated the subject of baldness, and reached the conclusion that it is an index of intellect. In the last year of my incumbency as controller my curiosity impelled me to inquire as to the hair of the paupers that had been sent to the county poor-house."

"Of the eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-three paupers who had come under the charge of the county that year, there was only one bald-headed man and he had been scalped by the Indians."

Not Her Forte.

"She says she would like to get away somewhere where she would have time to think."

"Well, I always feared she wasn't cut out for a society girl."—Life.

THE PRETTY SPANIARD.

Sense of Self-Possession the Rife Among the Women.

Far from being the gayly dressed beauty, who raises her skirts and ostentatiously flirts behind her fan the typical daughter of Spain is grave, quiet, unfurlingly dignified, simple and home-loving, singularly affectionate in her domestic relationships. Passionate she can doubtless be, but passion to a Spanish woman is a matter of life and death, far too serious a matter to be played with, and flirting is unknown to her. That is the secret of that simple, direct bearing and speech of the Spanish woman, so free from the embarrassing consciousness of sex, which renders a Spanish woman so charming, with a charm in this and in many other respects so unlike that of the French woman; and the poorest of Spanish women, however gracious she may be, has no difficulty in conveying an assurance of the fact that she belongs to herself, says a writer in the Nineteenth Century. The saying of Pope that "most women have no character at all" would at all events not have suggested itself in Spain, where the sense of almost self-sufficing self-possession seems to be the rule among the women of the ordinary population, who often retain both vitality and charm of manner into old age. There is no class of the population of whom this is not true, perhaps least of all that class (on the verge of gipsydom) which still keeps up the dances of old Spain for the joy of an ever smaller circle. Abroad, the dances of Spain are transferred by the original skill of an Otero or a Carmencita (Guerrero being the splendid exception); at home they are attenuated in polite society, rendered commonplace in cafes, and suppressed in their favorite haunts by the unregarding Spaniard. In Seville nearly every home of real native dancing is now closed; in Malaga you may think you know everything, and yet never see or hear of the Chinitas, with its melodious approach, with the strange old world picture it presents within, such as one sees in seventeenth century Dutch paintings. Here one may sometimes witness the best performances in Spain.

POPE LEO'S OLD NURSE.

Woman Now Over One Hundred Years Calls at the Vatican.

The Pope recently gave an audience to Anna Moroni, a woman over 100 years old, who, as a young girl, acted as his nurse. She was conducted over the "royal staircase," otherwise reserved for sovereigns, and sat opposite the Pope in a big armchair, also an extraordinary favor, much against Vatican etiquette. The holy father smiled benignly on "Signora Anna," cautioning her to rest well before she spoke. After a while the old woman commenced to talk of old times and old friends.

"Do you remember when good old Auntie Proterpi saved you from the bad boys on the market place in Belletti? They would have whipped you sure if auntie hadn't interfered, for you were not a strong boy."

The two old friends talked for over an hour. Dr. Laponi occasionally interpreting, for both Anna and Leo are hard of hearing. As she hobbled away the old woman excused herself for having given the doctor so much trouble.

"That's all right, Annina," said the holy father; "both of us heard so much in our long life no wonder our ears refuse to serve."

Anna left the Vatican in a papal carriage, holding in her lap the golden rosary Leo had given her and a document granting her an ample life pension, payable by the Vatican treasury.

VOTING BY TELEGRAPH.

Electric Device Once Planned for German Legislatures.

There is only one reference to mechanical voting in the thirteen reports on foreign parliaments which have recently been issued. This occurs in a memorandum on the subject of divisions in the reichstag and Prussian landtag.

As long ago as 1869 a motion was introduced in the Prussian lower house in favor of establishing a system called the voting telegraph, an electric invention designed by the firm of Siemens & Halske. Each member was to have at his place a handle to turn to right or left as he wished to vote "yes" or "no," and this handle could be turned only by the member to whom the seat belonged, each member being provided with a special key. The time for taking the votes of the lower house would, according to this scheme, have occupied less than two minutes.

There were no practical objections made to the machine, says the London Chronicle, but it was rejected, partly because no pressing need existed for shortening the divisions and partly on account of the advantages of an oral process of voting.

New York Has Most Populous Street. The most populous street in the world is said to be that in New York extending from Amsterdam to West End avenue and from Sixty-first street to Sixty-second. Eight thousand seven hundred human beings, of twenty-six nationalities, of every race, color and creed, are huddled together in five and six-story tenements.

With Joy.

Sorrow ever cometh To sadden and destroy, But in a daisied meadow We're hand-in-hand with joy!

—Atlanta Constitution.

Life is short and art is long. Most men resemble life rather than art.

It's all up with the drummer when he loses his grip.

DEALS OUT DEATH

TERRIBLE MONT PELEE CLAIMS NEW VICTIMS.

DESTROY SECOND VILLAGE

200 HUNDRED LOSE THEIR LIVES AT MORNE ROUGE.

200 PEOPLE ARE DEAD

Terrific Eruption Saturday Night—Le Carbet, a Deserted Village on Coast, Swept by a Tidal Wave.

Castries, Island of St. Lucia, British W. I., Sept. 2.—The British steamer, Korona, arrived here Sunday evening from Fort De France, island of Martinique.

It is reported that a terrible eruption of Mount Pelee occurred at 9 o'clock Saturday night and that people who arrived at Fort De France from the northern end of the island reported that the village of Morne Rouge, near the district previously devastated, had been entirely destroyed and that Le Carbet, a village on the coast, which was destroyed at the time of the great eruption, had been swept by a tidal wave. About 200 persons lost their lives. A sloop from the island of St. Vincent which reached here this morning reports that the Mount Pelee's crater is quiet, but that the denotations during Saturday night were the loudest heard up to that time and that the inhabitants were terribly alarmed.

TURKEY HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Constantinople, Sept. 2.—The report circulated in the United States by a news agency that the Turkish government had addressed an abrupt note to United States Minister Fleischman, in which it absolutely refused to further discuss the responsibility for the capture by brigands of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary and her companion in September, 1901 as the outrage was not committed on Turkish territory is not true. As a matter of fact, the question of the pope's responsibility is indispensable since the capture, payment of the ransom and liberation of the captives all occurred in Turkish territory.

The correspondence on the subject of the measures taken or the discovery and arrest of the brigands continues, and the insufficiency of the reports displayed by Turkish authorities has been the subject of complaint by the United States legation.

BIG BALLOON OUT OF SIGHT.

Denver, Sep. 2.—The last report of the progress of the balloon which was sent up from this city yesterday afternoon in an effort to establish a new long distance and time record was received from Castle Rock last night.

It was to the effect that near that point just at dusk, a quantity of ballast was tossed out and immediately the balloon began to ascend, until a height of 4,000 feet was attained. The balloon then started in a southwestern direction, and when it passed from view was apparently going at a high rate of speed.

The story that a descent to the ground was made anywhere since the start is vigorously denied by those who should know. It is expected that the occupants of the balloon will soon release one of the parachute message carriers, the contents of which will be telegraphed here.

SHOOTS PEACEMAKER DEAD.

Winfield, Colo., Sept. 2.—In a revolver and rifle duel on Main street here Gus Sjostron, aged thirty-five, a swede miner, was killed; Sam Amsdon, aged thirty-five also a miner, was shot through the left breast and mortally wounded, and Chauncey Bennett, a bartender, was shot in the groin and perhaps fatally wounded.

The shooting was the direct result of Amsdon's jealousy of the attentions paid by Andy Malloy, a young miner to Amy Bitts, a fifteen-year-old girl with whom Amsdon was in love. Amsdon, armed with a rifle, went on a hunt for Malloy. He saw his rival on the streets and fired two shots at him. Neither reached its mark and Malloy escaped. Sjostron later attempted to make peace between the two men Amsdon resented the interference, and the shooting followed. Bennett was an innocent bystander.

BET HEAVILY ON SAVABLE.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—John W. Gates, in discussing the victory of Savable in the futurity race on Saturday, made the statement today that Chicago was richer by \$500,000 than before the race. Mr. Gates would give no names.

"The \$500,000," said Mr. Gates, "does not include whatever may have been won by Chicago men who were at the race track. It covers simply what was won by men here Saturday."

FINALLY LAND HIM.

Desperate New York Negro Hunted for six Months.

New York, Sept. 3.—Jerry Hunter, the negro who shot a number of policemen and set fire to his house in Queen's borough last night, in an effort to escape arrest, was captured early today and locked up in the Astoria jail.

In the fight between Hunter and those who tried to arrest him eleven policemen, three citizens and Hunter's wife were wounded. Mrs. Hunter, who assisted her husband in his efforts to escape, was taken to a hospital, where it was said today she was badly injured. Hunter was badly beaten in the struggle when he was caught.

John McKenna, a patrolman, was shot in the head and face. Both his eyes were destroyed and the wounds in his head were so serious that his recovery was thought to be doubtful. The citizens wounded were men that had been called upon by the police to aid in subduing Hunter.

A list of the wounded follows: John O'Neil, New York, shot in back and shoulder. William Ordman, Corona, L. I., buckshot wound in shoulder. William Thompe, printer, New York, buckshot wound in face. John McKenna, policeman, both eyes shot out, lips shot off, head filled with buckshot; wounds likely fatal. Arthur Brill, policeman, one eye shot out, head, face and arms full of buckshot.

Thomas Cassidy, policeman, cut on head and shoulder by sword wielded by Hunter's wife. Police Captain Thomas Dacy, slight gunshot wound in ear. Police Sergeant Downey, face filled with buckshot.

Thomas Borgan, policeman, shot in leg and head. Policeman Healy, shot in leg. Patrick Kernan, shot in leg. Frank Putz, policeman, shot in leg. Thomas Rigney policeman, shot in right leg and thigh.

W. J. Ward, policeman, shot in the left leg. Jeremiah Hunter, aged seventy, negro, beat in head and face by police.

Mrs. Jeremiah Hunter, shot in head scalp wounds and body bruised while resisting arrest.

Hunter was employed as care taker of a large tract of land near North Beach, L. I. Yesterday he saw a man digging sand worms on the property and he shot at the intruder, who ran away and told Policeman McKenna what Hunter had done.

McKenna ran to Hunter's home and was shot by the negro. The police reserves were called out then and a siege was begun which lasted until after 2 o'clock this morning. Every time a man moved from cover a shot would be fired. Fortunately, for the police, Hunter seemed to have only a shot gun. Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning Hunter set fire to the house and tried to escape.

Mrs. Hunter carried an old cavalry saber and with this she fought until overpowered, inflicting severe wounds on Policeman Cassidy. Hunter ran for a bunch of wood near the house, but was caught and subdued after a struggle in which he was badly wounded.

ROBBERS MURDER POLICEMAN.

Kansas City, Sept. 3.—At 3:30 a. m. today an attempt was made by three masked men to rob the Metropolitan Street Railway company car barn at Tenth and Osage streets, Armordale.

Watchman Minsker was ordered to hold up his hands and take inside the robbers, but before the robbers secured any booty Policeman J. W. Morris entered through the back door.

Morris dealt one of the robbers a heavy blow on the head with his club and was shot through the heart and instantly killed by the second robber, Watchman Minsker was also shot and slightly injured. Both robbers made their escape.

Ike Johnson, a negro well known by the police, is being held for investigation.

GAVE IT UP AS A BAD JOB.

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 3.—Reports reached here of a daring attempt by three American bandits to hold up the international express on the Sonora railroad three miles from Hermosillo, Sunday morning. A torpedo signal caused the engineer to stop. Three Americans stepped out of the brush, one covering the engine crew and two went to the express car and demanded admittance.

The messenger replied with a volley of shots through the door, the bandits returning his fire. Several passengers armed themselves and were going to the aid of the plucky messenger when the highwaymen became frightened and gave up their attempt, disappearing into the woods.

TEACHERS NOT SATISFIED;

Washington Sept. 3.—The Manila mails which have just arrived give evidence of friction which may prove serious in the end in the workings of the educational bureau in Manila. It is hard to find anything in the nature of tangible charges but there are general expressions of discontent among the teachers with the system under which they are operating which may cause some important changes in a few months.

ROOSEVELT WRECKED

A VERY NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE PRESIDENT

TWO KILLED OUTRIGHT

COLLISION OCCASIONED BY CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

TWO MEN UNDER ARREST

Cuts the Program Short and The President Returns Directly to Oyster Bay.

Lenox, Mass., Sept. 5.—A terrible accident overtook the president's coach a short distance from Pittsfield about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. After a short visit to the home of ex-Senator Dawes the president started on the long drive to Lenox. He had not gone far when an electric car ran into his vehicle, throwing everyone to the ground and badly damaging the coach.

The president received a cut on the head Governor Crane was bruised and William Craig the secret service man, was instantly killed. The president was able to resume his journey to Lenox, but sent word that ahead that there should be no cheering.

After leaving Senator Dawes' house the four carriages containing the president and his immediate party were driven down South street, two carriages on either side. When near the Country club and at the railroad crossing an electric car was noticed coming at a terrific rate of speed. Mr. Craig signaled to the motorman to stop but he apparently paid no attention to the warning and the car came plunging on in its work of death. A witness of the accident stated that the motorman was speeding his car in order to reach the club.

The president, Governor Crane and Secretary Cortelyou were piled up in a heap. The awe-stricken crowd which witnessed the accident rushed to the president's carriage, with no expectation that he would be found alive. The president was cut on the right side of his chin and his face is much swollen.

Secret Agent William Craig was killed outright and D. J. Pratt, the driver of the coach, sustained a fracture of the skull, which resulted fatally.

The accident happened at a point about a mile and a half from this city, near the Pittsfield Country club house. The president was enjoying a coaching trip from Dalton, Governor Crane's home, where the president spent the night to Lenox, a distance of twenty miles, over the Berkshire hills.

The car was in charge of Conductor James Kelly, with Motorman Luke J. Madden on the front platform. The car struck the coach in the rear and smashed in the back of the vehicle, tipping it over and throwing its occupants to the ground. The car was not badly damaged. Motorman Madden and Conductor Kelly were at once arrested and taken to Pittsfield. Pratt, the driver of the coach, was also taken there and placed in the hospital where he died Wednesday night.

The president, who in falling from the coach sustained slight bruises and a few scratches and Secretary George B. Cortelyou, who suffered similarly, with the exception that he was cut on the head, with the other members of the party went to the Country club near by, where their wounds were dressed. In a short time they proceeded to the Curry, hotel at Lenox, arriving at 11 o'clock.

The president kept his usual composure, although he was solicitous of the rest of those in the carriage. The excitement was intense and rumors flew thick and fast that the president had been killed. After remaining at the scene of the accident for an hour the president determined to continue his journey to Stockbridge. After a brief stop at Lenox he was driven to the train.

In the next carriage to the president's when the accident happened was Dr. G. A. Lung of the navy, who accompanied the president for just such emergencies as this and who was promptly on hand to render assistance to the president. But the president was disinclined to receive such attention, saying he was but slightly hurt.

TRAGEDY IN A CEMETERY.

Springfield, O., Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown were found lying dead in the cemetery at Jamestown Wednesday night. The man had a bullet hole, through his temple and his wife had been shot in the mouth. They were lying side by side, with their heads on newspapers, and a revolver was lying between them as a mute witness to the murder and suicide, or double suicide. The two came to Painesville Sunday.

NEBRASKA

The largest crowd of people which has been in Plattsmouth at one time for many years was here to celebrate the opening of the pontoon bridge last week.

The Farmers' Elevator company at Virginia, Gage county, was organized. The company is capitalized for \$10,000, and will erect an elevator to handle the grain of those farmers who are members of the organization.

General Berry has challenged Judge M. P. Kinkaid to a series of debates in the Sixth congressional district. Mr. Berry desires to tour the district with his opponent and jointly discuss the issues of the parties.

While at work in the cannery factory at Edgar, Oscar Byrons slipped while carrying a bucket of boiling water and was badly burned about the face, neck and shoulders. His right arm and hand are also badly burned.

The corner stone of the new Methodist church was laid at Geneva Sunday afternoon, Pastor Evans conducting the ceremony. The church is modeled after the St. Paul's at Lincoln. It will be one of the finest in the state.

A scab machinist working for the Union Pacific attempted to move an engine in the roundhouse at North Platte but could not stop it, and a hole sixteen feet wide was torn in the wall. The roof was wrecked and the engine damaged.

According to a dispatch received George Brady of Peoria, Ill., was killed in an accident. No particulars were given. Mr. Brady formerly lived at Grafton and later was employed in the Burlington shops at McCool.

The old settlers of Otoe county held their annual reunion at Nebraska City. A chorus of fifty voices furnished the music and short speeches were made by the men who settled the county when it was a wilderness.

The safe in the store of Howard Miles of Preston was blown open and \$125 in cash and drafts together with several checks were stolen. The explosion attracted a large number of citizens but the robbers made their escape. A posse has been sent in pursuit.

George Law was arrested Sunday night on the complaint of Miss Grace McCaslin who charges him with attempted criminal assault. At the preliminary hearing yesterday he pleaded not guilty. Law has only recently come here from Falls City.

W. H. White of Norfolk, was stricken with neuralgia of the heart while at work at his office and died a short time later. He was manager of the Singer Sewing machine company and had only recently moved to Norfolk with his family. He leaves a wife and son aged 7.

C. B. Turner of Adams was taken to a local hospital at Lincoln because he has lost his reason. He was manager of the Melville Lumber company at Adams and some days ago while sitting in his office his reason suddenly left him and since he has been as helpless as a child. He is 31 years of age. The doctors believe he will eventually recover.

Record of the Past. The best guarantee of the future is the record of the past and over fifty thousand people have publicly testified that Doan's Kidney Pills have cured them of numerous kidney ills, from common backache to dangerous diabetes, and all the attendant annoyances and sufferings from urinary disorders. They have been cured to stay cured. Here is one case:

Samuel J. Taylor, a retired carpenter, residing at 312 South Third street, Goshen, Ind., says: "On the 25th day of August, 1897, I made an affidavit before Jacob C. Mann, notary public, stating my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills. I had suffered for thirty years and was compelled at times to walk by the aid of crutches, frequently passed gravel and suffered excruciatingly. I took every medicine on the market that I heard about and some gave me temporary relief. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and the result I gave to the public in the statement above referred to. At this time, on the 19th day of July, 1902, I make this further statement that during the five years which have elapsed I have had no occasion to use either Doan's Kidney Pills or any other medicine for my kidneys. The cure effected was a permanent one."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Taylor will be mailed on application to any part of the U. S. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, 50c per box.

Fracture of the Spine.

While working on a haystack Michael Carrig of Platte Center fell and sustained a fracture of the spine that resulted in a complete paralysis from his chest down. He was taken to Columbus on a special train and taken to the St. Mary's hospital, but his recovery is very doubtful. He is a brother of Supervisor C. J. Carrig and is 29 years of age.