

Kisses in Kansas.

Very romantic news is this that percolates in from the fields of Kansas, where the wheat crop is so great that it has made the ground sink down two feet to sustain it.

Great Night for the Onion.

The onion has served as the basis for many quips and flings at the hands of the humorous paragraphers. And yet it is an extremely wholesome plant and one of high rank with the ancients, particularly the early Egyptians.

Far Too Speedy for Speech.

The tremendous speed made in the international automobile race over the Ardennes circuit in Belgium is almost beyond conception. To maintain an average of nearly 70 miles an hour through a run of 371 miles, which was the record of the winner, must have meant a speed neighboring on 100 miles an hour for much of the distance.

A Task for American Women.

The editor of Harper's Bazar, writing of the choice which women of fashion are compelled to make as to whether they will be wives or mothers, says that the absorption of American men in business interests tends to reduce the dignity of American fatherhood to a level with the paternity of the savage.

WELL PEOPLE TOO

Wise Doctor Gives Postum to Convalescents.

A wise doctor tries to give nature its best chance by saving the little strength of the already exhausted patient, and building up wasted energy with simple but powerful nourishment.

DOG RESCUED FROM A WOLF

Desperate Fight on Prairie in Which Canine Was Beaten.

To have his dog attacked in broad daylight in an open field by a wolf and to witness one of the hardest fights he ever saw was the experience of the 19-year-old son of William Bennett, who lives east of Elsmore.

Miss Kate McDonald

More than likely you speak the same words yourself, and no doubt you feel far from well. The cause may be easily traced to some derangement of the female organs which manifests itself in depression of spirits, reluctance to go anywhere or do anything, backache, bearing-down pains, flatulency, nervousness, sleeplessness, or other female weakness.

Men and Money.

"Some of us," says a Georgia philosopher, "are just rich enough to be miserable, and others just poor enough to be resigned!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Age of Machinery.

We live in the age of machinery. The thinking, directing mind becomes daily of more account, while mere brawn falls correspondingly in value from day to day.

It has been but a few years since the cotton gin, the "spinning Jenny" and the power loom displaced the hand picker, the spinning wheel and the hand loom; since the reaper and binder, the rake and tedder, the moving machine took the place of the old cradle, scythe, pitchfork and hand rake; since the friction match superseded the flint and tinder; since the modern paint factory replaced the slab and muller, the paint pot and paddle.

In every case where machinery has been introduced to replace hand labor, the laborers have resisted the change; and as the weavers, the sempstresses and the farm laborers protested against new-fangled looms, sewing machines and agricultural implements, so in recent times compositors have protested against typesetting machines, glass blowers against bottle blowing machines, and painters against ready mixed paints.

The history of all mechanical improvements shows that workmen are the first to be benefited by them. The invention of the sewing machine, instead of throwing thousands of women out of employment, increased the demand to such an extent that thousands of women have been employed, at better wages, for shorter hours and easier work where hundreds before worked in laborious misery to eke out a pitiable existence.

The mixed paint industry, in which carefully designed paints for house painting are prepared on a large scale by special machinery, is another improvement of the same type. The cheapness and general excellence of these products has so stimulated the consumption of paint that the demand for the services of painters has correspondingly multiplied.

Nevertheless, the painters, as a rule, following the example set by the weavers, the sempstresses and the farm laborers of old, almost to a man, oppose the improvement. It is a real improvement, however, and simply because of that fact the sale of such products has increased until during the present year it will fall not far short of 90,000,000 or 100,000,000 gallons.

Men's Garments Shaped to the Figure by Age Catch Artist's Eye.

To the eye of the artist the garments of the modern man are only tolerable when age has adapted them somewhat to the lines of the figure; to the average artist a new suit of clothes is an abomination.

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Bank got away with only \$700,000, which he lent on worthless collateral to a concern called the Guarantors company. He foisted the securities off on the directors as of value and when exposure threatened, he prepared himself for death and eased his conscience by writing a voluminous letter of contrite explanation to James McManes, president of the institution.

Hipple always sought, in the employment of clerks, to bring in young men who were members and regular communicants in some church. He did not differentiate as to denomination. In addition to refusing to have as clerks any users of tobacco or liquor he was opposed to any of his employees reading Sunday newspapers or visiting race tracks. As there are no race tracks in Philadelphia, New York was the nearest place for those who sought that form of amusement.

President Hipple learned about a year after the Real Estate company was organized that one of his young men had visited Sheephead bay and had won a five-dollar bet. The president took him into his private office and prayed with him. He gave him a marked Bible, and then dismissed him from the company's service, so that danger of contamination would be avoided.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, RAILROAD PRESIDENT.

Unfortunate speculation without the defalcation feature brought about the self-inflicted death of Franklin B. Gowen, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and one of the most brilliant and successful lawyers in the Keystone state. He shot himself in December, 1889, but as the deed was committed in Washington and not in Philadelphia, the circumstances became known within 24 hours. The belief was general that he had been murdered by agents of the Mollie Maguire, in revenge for the active part he took in suppressing that band of thugs.

The fact that Gowen had taken his own life was established the next day, and then began an investigation as to the possible cause. The moral character of the great lawyer was above reproach. His life had been singularly clean, and his reputation never had been tarnished by even as much as the breath of scandal. He died without having made a will and when an appraisal of his estate was made it was found that he had left but \$450,000 in personal and real property of an estate which in his lifetime was estimated to be worth between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. He had been induced to invest in southern lands, where it is believed he suffered great losses. The full particulars never were revealed, but there was no other reason to ascribe than despondent desperation brought on by investments which impaired a considerable fortune.

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played qualities of shrewd business sense which it was not believed he possessed. Without any previous knowledge of newspaper making he succeeded in gaining control of a small newspaper called the Public Record. He changed its make-up and its general method of treatment of the topics of the day, and astonished the town by reducing the price to one cent.

He became Democratic candidate for governor and made a canvass of the state in a special train. He had then gone into the breeding of blooded horses and had one Futurity victory to his credit—the capture of \$100,000 in stake and bets by Morrello in the season of 1892.

Spreading out still further, Singlerly went into banking and organized two institutions. Reckless loans drove him to the wall, and in 1897 both banks failed.

JOSEPH G. DITMAN, BANKER, DROWNED.

Joseph G. Ditman, president of the Quaker City National bank, disappeared mysteriously and for two days it was believed he had been robbed and murdered. After a drive through Fairmount park his empty carriage and the horse were found. Search for the banker continued for a month. Detectives went to all parts of the United States and large rewards were offered. Forty days after his disappearance the decomposed body of the banker was found floating in the Schuylkill river.

Ditman was brought up in the paper manufacturing business, and abandoned it to go into banking. He discounted paper for his old-time associates on the flimsiest sort of collateral. He sunk thousands of dollars in a silver mine in South Carolina. He went into the printing business to recoup his losses, and lost more, and in less than two years, through his wildcat speculation, and lack of care, he was stripped of every dollar he possessed. His mind became affected and the suicide theory was generally accepted, notwithstanding the judgment of the coroner's jury that he was drowned by accident.

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