

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Mr. John T. Raymond is about to wed Miss Rose Courtney Barnes, daughter of the actress, Rose Eytngie, formerly Mrs. David Barnes.

—The King of Portugal is a "literary feller" and makes money at the trade. His royalty on his translation of Shakespeare has yielded him \$5,000. He finds that the best kind of royalty.

—"Florence Percy," the author of "Rock Me to Sleep," "Mother," "now lives in Maine and edits a paper there. One of her young daughters has for a name her mother's nom-de-plume of Florence Percy.

—Arthur Sullivan has resigned his position at the Kensington Training School of Music and is already well advanced with the music of the first act of Mr. Gilbert's new libretto, which hits at the present English folly of exaggerated aestheticism.

—The portrait of Milton, which was once owned by Charles Lamb, has just been bought in London by Mr. Quaitich for \$1,775. It was painted about 1640, when the poet was still distinguished by that physical beauty of which the world has heard so much but which is missing in all his other portraits.

—A masterpiece by Albert Durer is said to have found at Wiesbaden. It is an old painting three feet by two in size representing Christ crowned with thorns, and by his side Cexaphus and one of the two thieves. The picture is well preserved and bears on the right upper corner Durer's monogram with the date of Nuremberg, 1505.

—Peter Herdic is in Washington looking after his Pennsylvania avenue coaches. He has granted licenses for Columbus, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Detroit, Memphis, Buffalo, Chicago, and many small places, and has no doubt that before next winter lines of Herdic's will be in operation in the chief cities and towns of the whole Union.

—President Grevy's manner of receiving company is excellent. There is great courtesy in the man's nature. He is gallant toward ladies, to whom he administers compliments in the lozenge form. He squeezes a deal of gallant politeness into a very few words, and varies in a way that is perfectly astonishing his pretty little speeches to fair guests.

—R. H. Stoddard's Opinion of Literary Men: I have a great deal more respect for literature than for literary men, whom I have seldom found wiser than their fellows. They have a knack at writing which deserts them when they talk, as it did Goldsmith.

—The best of them are ignorant of many things they might know, and concerning things that they do know they are devoid of judgment. Scott knew so little about pictures that he filled Abbotsford with wretched daubs, and had so little music in his soul that he delighted in the abominable screeching of the bagpipe. Byron knew nothing about art, which he affected to despise, and knew poetry so wrongly that he placed Pope among the great poets of the world.

HUMOROUS.

—The cotton grower depends a great deal on his gin.—Lowell Citizen.

—The store maple-sugar is now known as the oleomargarine of the forest.—Boston Transcript.

—The lateness of spring never puts back the maple sugar crop left over from last year.—N. O. Picayune.

—The man who was waiting for something to turn up was rewarded when he stepped upon the edge of a barrel hoop.—Somerville Journal.

—Proprietors of summer hotels are now searching the dictionaries for new words in which to depict the splendors of their houses and the all-embracing grandeur of the scenery.—Boston Transcript.

—The Billy-goat's a pretty bird, And loves to dine on birds, But for a middling luncheon he Prefers to eat hoop-skirts, Old oyster-cans and rubber shoes, Appose his appetite, While barrel-hoops and corset-stays Fill him with great delight.

—Wilkinson came into the parlor the other day and sat down upon a chair which he thought had larger cushions than usual. He hadn't sat down more than two seconds when he was lifted in the air and came down upon his face. He asked his wife what was on the chair. She said her new bonnet. "It has a few pins in it." "Oh, I see," said Wilkinson; "that's your spring bonnet."—Puck.

—Hero worship: It was on Washington's birthday. An old gentleman of eighty or more took down the old shotgun he had carried during the war of 1812 and went out and began to fire it. Inspired by the sight of such patriotic love for Washington in one so old, we approached him and complimented him on it. The old man, in trembling tones, replied: "Patriotism be damned! I'm trying to put a load of buckshot in that dog o' Jones' that's out yonder."—Boston Post.

—"James," said the grocer, as he looked over his spectacles at the boy who was measuring out half a bushel of potatoes. "I find that I have spelt 'sugar' with an 'h' in it. Is that right?" "No sir," replied the clerk, after spelling the word over several times. "No, I guess it isn't, but I hate to scratch it out. What shall I do?" "If it was me, sir, and I had put an 'h' in sugar, I should order hams and leave the 'h' off there." "Of course—of course. Really, James, but I begin to feel my age, and I only wonder that I don't sometimes spell eggs with two g's."—Detroit Free Press.

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

—The bulbs of the tuberose never bloom but once. They require a sandy soil.

—A Nice Biscuit.—One pint of scalded milk cooled, two quarts of sifted flour, three table-spoonfuls of shortening, one teaspoonful of yeast and a little salt.

—All soils are improved by mixing. The physical properties of the soil have an important influence upon its average fertility. The admixture of pure sand with clay soil produces an alteration which is often beneficial, and which is almost wholly mechanical. The sand opens the pores of the clay and makes it more permeable to the air.

—Smut in oats is the same as wheat smut, and should be treated in the same way. It is sown with the seed, and, to prevent it, the seed should be steeped as wheat is in a solution of one pound of sulphate of copper in four gallons of water or a strong brine of common salt the day before it is sown. The seed soaks up the solution if not applied too freely.

—Iron pipe rusts and gives a disagreeable taste to water that stands in it; lead pipe is dissolved by pure soft water, and the carbonate of lead thus formed is highly poisonous. But with either pipe, if the water is pumped away until it is fresh there will be neither the bad taste of the iron nor the danger from the lead. The iron flavor is not injurious, but, although it is not pleasant, is wholesome and of tonic properties. But one may not like to take such medicine in all his food and drink and it is easy to avoid it.

—Orange Pie or Pudding.—One pound of butter, one pound of sugar beaten to a cream, one glass rose-water, ten eggs beaten to a high froth; have two oranges and boil the rind until it is tender; change the water two or three times while it is boiling, then beat it in a mortar and squeeze the juice in, together with the rind of one lemon, grated, and the juice of the same; mix all well together with the other ingredients, and bake in a puff paste without an upper crust; half this quantity is sufficient for two ordinary sized pies.

—The Chinese make tea as follows: "The tea is put in a clean tea-pot and hot water poured on it and left to stand fifteen or twenty minutes and steep. Here is the way we make our tea." He thereupon took off a cover with a cushion of cotton two inches thick on the under side and lifted out a pretty porcelain tea-pot that was nicely set in the centre of a lining stuffed around two inches or so in thickness with cotton. The tea-pot, after the boiling water is poured into it upon the necessary quantity of tea, is set in this non-conducting receptacle and steeps fifteen minutes," said the Celestial narrator, "and then served."—Kansas City Times.

—Some one may be glad to know how to make a delicious lemon pie which is not too rich to be enjoyed. Prepare a crust for the pie in a deep plate, then stir one table-spoonful of cornstarch into a little cold water, add one cup of boiling water, let all come to a boil, then add seven table-spoonfuls of sugar, the well-beaten yolks of four eggs and the grated rind and juice of two lemons; while this is baking beat the whites of the four eggs and one heaping table-spoonful of pulverized sugar to a stiff froth; when the pie is baked, spread this smoothly over the top, then set it in the oven for two or three minutes; this is long enough to give it the desired golden-brown color.

—The custom of attaching clog-yokes to animals to prevent them from jumping over fences is open to many objections. The animal is more or less deformed; often the forelegs are injured, and sometimes the neck is broken. I will offer my method, which I have long practiced and like much better. It is this: Take an old head-stall with a brow-band, throat-latch and nose-band going all around the nose. Get an old boot-leg, split it open, (or any piece of leather that is wide enough to extend beyond both eyes of the animal) and with copper rivets fasten this to the brow-band and the nose-band. The animal can see in front of him by bending to the right or left, but he will never jump with his neck bent or when he cannot see his way clear.—Country Gentleman.

Mistook His Role.

The Judge of a Galician village near Cracow, having learned that an old peasant woman resident in his district had won a prize of three hundred florins in the Cracow Lottery, betought him of a stratagem by which they might be transferred to his own possession. Accordingly, dressed as the devil, he presented himself, as the clock struck midnight, at the old woman's lonely dwelling, aroused her from her slumbers, and, in a hollow voice commanded her to hand over her winnings. The terrified woman at once produced seventy-five florins, protesting that she had that day lodged the balance in the Cracow Savings Bank; whereupon the devil informed her, with dreadful threats of infernal torment should she fail to fulfill his behests, that he would return the following night at the same hour to receive the remainder. Next morning the poor old lady applied to the savings bank for her deposit. The manager, surprised that she should wish to draw it out so soon after having lodged it, inquired into her reasons for so doing, and elicited a full confession of her adventure of the previous night. When his Satanic Majesty called at twelve p. m. for the balance of his perquisite he was received by two gentlemen, who handcuffed him, marched him off to Cracow, and there delivered him to the secular arm, which will probably disable him from playing the devil for some time to come.

Fresh-Water Spring in the Atlantic.

One of the most remarkable displays of nature may be seen on the Atlantic coast, eighteen miles south of St. Augustine. Off Mantanzas Inlet, and three miles from shore, a mammoth fresh-water spring gurgles up from the depth of the ocean with such force and volume as to attract the attention of all who come in its immediate vicinity. This fountain is large, bold and turbulent. It is noticeable to fishermen and others passing in small boats along near the shore. For many years this wonderful and mysterious freak of nature has been known to the people of St. Augustine and those living along the shore, and some of the superstitions ones have been taught to regard it with a kind of reverential awe, or holy horror, as the abode of supernatural influences. When the waters of the ocean in its vicinity are otherwise calm and tranquil the upheaving and troubled appearance of the water shows unmistakable evidences of internal commotions. An area of about half an acre shows this troubled appearance—something similar to the boiling of a washer-woman's kettle. Six or eight years ago Commodore Hitchcock, of the United States Coast Survey, was passing this place, and his attention was directed to the spring by the restless upheavings of the water, which threw his ship from her course as she entered the spring. His curiosity becoming excited by this circumstance he set to work to examine its surroundings, and found six fathoms of water everywhere in the vicinity while the spring itself was almost fathomless.—Savannah (Ga.) News.

The following story is told of a counsel who was taken down very neatly by a witness whom he was browbeating. It was necessary to the counsel's cause to make the witness in question, who was an aged man, break down. The following dialogue ensued: Counsel—"How old are you?" Witness—"Seventy-two years." Counsel—"Your memory, of course, is not so vivid as it was twenty years ago?" Witness—"I think it is." Counsel—"State some circumstance which occurred, say, twelve years ago, and we shall be able to judge whether your memory is unimpaired." Witness—"I appeal to the Court; I refuse to be interrogated in this manner." The Judge—"You had better answer the question." Witness—"Well, sir, if you compel me to do it, I will. About twelve years ago, you (addressing the attorney) studied in Mr. B's office." Counsel—"Yes." Witness—"At that time your father came into my office and said to me, 'Mr. D., my son is to be examined to-morrow, and I wish you to lend me twenty-five dollars to buy him a suit of clothes.' I advanced the money, and from that day to this it has never been repaid. I remember it as though it was yesterday." Counsel—(considerably abashed)—"That will do, sir; you may go down."

A correspondent of Nature gives the following natural experiments with polarized light: Break off a plate of ice and hold it between the sky and a pool of water. Its reflected image will show the beautiful colors due to polarized light. The incident rays should come from a part of the sky about ninety degrees from the sun, and reflection should take place at the polarizing angle for water, and the plate will probably require adjusting to bring out the maximum effect.

Nerve impulses are conducted along the nerves very slowly in comparison to the speed of electricity along a copper wire. The latter travels sixteen million times as fast as a nerve impulse, and yet the nerve impulse travels with the speed of the fastest railroad train.—Foot's Health Monthly for April.

It is only a schoolboy who can enjoy bad health; and even he must have it bad enough to keep him out of school.

SAYS AN English physician: "The uncertainty of meal-taking brings with it a craving for stimulants." That's the way it is with the tramp. He's uncertain about his meals, and always craves stimulants.

A BRIGHT little three-year-old, while her mother was trying to get her to sleep, became interested in some outside noise. She was asked what it was caused by; "cries," when she sagely observed: "Mamma, I think he ought to be oiled."

AN Englishman who went to see an Irish friend knocking at the street door and asked: "Does Mr. McGuire live here?" "He does, sorry; but he's dead!" "When did he die?" "If he'd ved till to-morrow," was the response, "he'd have been dead a fortnight."

HOW NEAR skin laughter is to tears was shown when Rubens, with a single stroke of his brush, turned a laughing child in a painting to one crying; and our mothers, without being great painters, have often brought us, in like manner, from joy to grief by a single stroke.

It is not pleasant to have the barber's apprentice practicing upon you, lay open your cheek with a two-inch gash, and then follow the cut with the electric remark: "skin's very tender, sir." It is not pleasant. We don't know what it is, but it isn't pleasant.—Burlington Hawkeye.

THE Princess Louise was thirty-three years old last week. This is one of the penalties of being a Royal personage and having your pedigree recorded. Other English women born within three months of Louise are now only twenty-six.—Chicago Tribune.

"JOHNNY," said his father, as the boy took the primal biscuit from the plate, "don't you know that it is impolite to help yourself to the cut with the electric remark: 'skin's very tender, sir.' It is not pleasant. We don't know what it is, but it isn't pleasant." "If he'd ved till to-morrow," was the response, "he'd have been dead a fortnight."

MANUFACTURERS put down the rent of water-power under the head of current expenses.

(Detroit Post and Tribune.)

I HAVE a little girl, said Mr. Henry Dole, of this city, in a conversation, who was troubled with a severe lameness in her legs, pronounced by some Erysipelas, by others Rheumatism. I had tried several remedies without effect, when I was induced to apply St. Jacob's Oil, and I am happy to say that the use of but one bottle cured her, and she is now able to go to school again.

The land agent worked for four hours trying to induce a man to emigrate to Dakota by telling him how healthy it was out there before he found the man was a professional grave-digger.—Boston Post.

(Attleboro' Chronicle.)

Mr. John Eitzenberger, manufacturing Jeweler of North Attleboro', Mass., lately communicated to us the following: I suffered so much with pains in my arm, that at times I was completely helpless. I used that incomparable remedy St. Jacob's Oil and was completely cured as if by magic.

The New York Mail says the only remedy for a lady of short stature is to get spliced as soon as possible.

No Good Preaching.

No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit, well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters. See other column.—Albany Times.

GLOVES are worn very long now—by people who cannot afford to buy new ones.

Facts About Rheumatism.

Mrs. General Sherman says: "I have frequently purchased Durang's Rheumatic Remedy for friends suffering with rheumatism, and in every instance it worked like magic." General Logan, United States Senator, writes: "Some years ago I was troubled more or less with rheumatism, and have been a great sufferer in the last year with same disease. I began to take Durang's Rheumatic Remedy, and am satisfied that I have been cured by its use. I recommend it to all sufferers." Hon. John Cassa, late member of Congress from Pennsylvania, writes: "In the space of twelve hours my rheumatism was gone, having taken three doses Durang's Rheumatic Remedy. My brother, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, was cured by a similar amount." It absolutely cures when everything else fails. Sold by every Druggist. Send for free pamphlet to R. K. Helphinstine, Washington, D. C.

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