

PARAGRAPHIC PLUNDER.

An enterprising physician in Australia advertises: "I will pay one-half the funeral expenses in cases where I am not successful."

A LONDON attorney recently tendered a bill in which the last item was thus stated: "To dining with you after the case was lost."

A COLORED minister prayed the other day that the indelicacy might be made delicate, the impropriety temperate and the industrious dextrous.

An Irishman, who was very near-sighted, about to fight a duel, insisted that he should stand six paces nearer to his antagonist than the other did to him, and that they were both to fire at the same time.

A GENTLEMAN was complaining on "Change that he had invested a rather large sum of money and lost it all. A sympathetic friend asked him whether he had been a bull or a bear. To which he replied: "Neither; I was a jackass."

An old lady who does not believe in the co-education of the sexes, was rejoiced the other day to find that although the boys and girls in a large seminary seemed to be playing some sort of game together, the school authorities had wisely hung a long net between them.

SCENE—Table d'hote at fashionable hotel on Deesside; big market day. Farmer of the old school has dined. Waiter—"Finished, sir?" Farmer—"Fat's the charge?" Waiter—"Five shillings, please." Farmer (startled)—"Five shillings! Well, I'm na deen yet." Resumes operations.

THERE is a woman in St. Paul, Minn., who possesses some handsome diamonds. She puts them in a box, puts the box in a rag bag, puts the rag bag on the closet floor, and at night puts the watch-dog in the closet on top of the rag bag, locks him in there, and every night hides the key in a different place.

PASTIMES—Epicure (to clumsy waiter)—"If you can bring me a cup of coffee without spilling the coffee into the saucer, I'll give you sixpence." Exit waiter, and re-enters promptly, carrying the cup in one hand and the saucer in the other. He puts down first one, then the other, and takes the coin in silence.

In attempting to carve a fowl one day a gentleman found considerable difficulty in separating its joints, and exclaimed against the man who sold him an old hen for a young chicken: "My dear," said the enraged man's wife, "don't talk so much about the aged and respectable Mr. B—; he planted the first field of corn that was planted in our town." "I know that," said the husband; "and I believe this hen scratched it up."

RAILWAY REMARK.

More than a million men are employed by the various railways in the United States. TWENTY inches is said to be the narrowest gauge of railroad doing regular business in the United States.

RAILWAYS are said to consume more than half of the world's production of iron, the 10,000,000 car wheels required in the United States alone taking more than 2,000,000 tons.

DURING the year 1887 the total number of locomotives built in the United States was 2,230, the aggregate cost of which is estimated at \$30,000,000, an average of about \$9,000 each.

The late railroad war in the Northwest has cost the companies engaged not less than \$10,000,000, which, it may be assumed, is a clear present to the trade of that amount.

UNDER the laws of Iowa a railroad passenger who sticks his head out of a car window and has it knocked off by a switch-bar is guilty of misdemeanor, and can be sent to jail for three months.

The railroad mileage of the world is estimated as follows: America, 153,757 miles; Europe, 121,205 miles; Asia, 13,791 miles; Australia, 8,045 miles, and that of Africa, 4,285. Germany leads the countries of Europe in mileage.

The Consolidated railroad of Connecticut has adopted a bell-ringing toll-tale to warn employees of a bridge. The car-wheels strike an automatic fixture on the track as a bridge is approached, and the warning is then given the whole length of the train.

It is said that railroads in this country are returning to lemon color for the body of passenger coaches. The Providence & Worcester, and the Philadelphia & Reading roads are making the change. Experience shows that yellow outwears any other color.

A PATENT has been granted for methods and apparatus to increase the tractive power of locomotives and other self-propelled rail vehicles by increasing, electrically, the frictional adhesion between the driving-wheels and the rails. It is claimed that the tractive power can thus be nearly doubled without increasing the weight of the locomotive, and that sleet and snow difficulties will be overcome. It is claimed that the friction obtained is cheaper than sanding without its consequent wear.

PARLOR AND PANTRY.

TO REMOVE the screw tops of fruit jars that can not be started by hand, dip a cloth in very hot water and apply to the outside of the cap; this will cause it to expand.

GEMS FOR DYSPEPTICS—One cup gluten flour, one cup milk, one teaspoonful of baking powder, one tablespoonful or less of butter. Beat well and bake in hot gem-pans in a quick oven.

The Johnny-cake of New England, made of corn-meal, eggs and flour, thick, light, warm, and soaked with fresh butter, is a better nerve food than can be found on the druggist's shelves.

PASTE FOR WALL-PAPER—Mix one pound of flour with cold water, add about five quarts of boiling water and stir until as thick as starch. Just before using stir in half a pint dissolved glue.

WRITERS OF RENOWN.

GEORGE ELIOT never got less than forty thousand dollars for any of her novels. It is proposed to place a bust of Mr. Matthew Arnold in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY's first versifying was a valentine of four lines, "when," as he describes it, "I was just big enough to reach the top of the table where I wrote."

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON was in Chicago a short time since and was interviewed, of course: "Henry James, without a reservation," was Mr. Stevenson's quick reply to the question of leadership among American novelists.

ELIZABETH STUART PHILIPS, who has been writing for the public over thirty years, is only forty-four years old. Youth's Companion printed her first story, written when she was thirteen. She began "Gates Ajar," her best known book, in 1864.

ROBERT BROWNING refuses to write for magazines, preferring that people who desire to read his work should buy his books rather than find him unexpectedly in the pages of a periodical. He recently declined an offer of one thousand dollars from a Boston publisher for a short poem.

The new order recently created by the Emperor of Austria, called "litteris et artibus," and intended as the highest distinction to be conferred upon the artists and literary men of the empire, has been bestowed upon Munkacsy, Maselko, and a Bohemian artist, Vasclav Brazik.

ONE of the highest prices ever paid an author for a manuscript was that of fifteen thousand dollars, which Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson received from her publishers for her "Infelice" before the book went to press. Her novels to-day find a more ready sale in the South than those of any other author.

A SHORT time ago it did not look as if Blanche Roosevelt, ex-actress and later authoress of the "Copper Queen," was destined for especial eminence, but her work has sufficiently impressed the famous Sardou to ask her to become his collaborator in writing a play, so that her money-making fame, at least, is as good as settled.

Mrs. CRAWFORD, the Paris correspondent of the London News, is the most noted English woman in journalism. Besides sending her daily telegrams to the News by special wire, she writes for the Pall Mall Gazette, contributes several columns a week to London Truth, and writes weekly correspondence for American newspapers.

Of the original edition of the sonnets of William Shakespeare, published by George Daniel, of London, in 1609, there are two perfect copies. One is in the British museum. For the other \$5,000 was paid. It is a little book about seven by four inches in size. A somewhat hard-headed clerk figures that at the price it cost \$480 an ounce.

M. ALEXANDER DUMAS, lives by measure and weight. He rises at 6:30 in the summer and at seven in the winter. His first breakfast invariably consists of a glass of milk. The second, which he takes at noon, is a plain meal. Dinner occurs exactly at seven, and at ten he is in bed. He walks three miles every day, and never works after four p. m.

Miss AMELIA RIVES, the gifted authoress of "Virginia," was lately married to John Armstrong Chandler, a great grandson of the elder John Jacob Astor. Mr. Chandler is about five feet ten inches in height, well built, and wears a black mustache. He is somewhat literary in his tastes, and, it is supposed, was first drawn toward the fair authoress by reading her books before he met her. He has a mansion at Rhinebeck-on-the-Hudson, which was bequeathed to him by the late William B. Astor.

Ms. ROSKIN, it seems, does not like translators and translations. To a foreigner who made a civil request for permission to translate his works, he wrote a characteristic reply, the substance of which was: "Let 'em alone." His idea is that every nation has enough good authors to occupy its thoughts, and that men who want to understand authors outside their own land would better learn the language of the author they wish to read; then they will not be so likely to misunderstand him.

CULLED FOR THE CURIOUS.

A MONTGOMERY (Ala.) man coughed up a pin that he had swallowed forty-seven years ago, when a child seven years of age.

"HERONNE" is perhaps as peculiar a word as any in our language. The first two letters of it are male, the three first female, the four first a brave man, and the whole word a brave woman.

DOWN at Anderson, S. C., they have two boss curiosities—a gourd that holds thirteen and one-half gallons and a grass that erodes a gum which will hold any furred or feathered thing that tries to get over it.

This bushel measure used in England two hundred years ago weighed eighteen pounds of themselves, and any one who walked across the floor while wheat was being measured was liable to imprisonment.

An old slave has been discovered in Jonesboro, Ga., who is one hundred and eight years old, has been married some times and is the father of one hundred and seventeen children. His name is Nero and he devotes himself to preaching at camp meetings.

On the 1st of June, 1844, there was a frost about Philadelphia which blackened the corn, and on the 7th of June that year a frost in Massachusetts which cut the corn there. Eighteen hundred and sixteen is famous for having a frost in every month of the year.

SPONGES are marine animals, not fishes, however. The breeding time is in spring; the young sponges swim about for some time, but finally become fixed to rocks and grow. The sponges we use are obtained principally in the Mediterranean Sea and Bahama Islands.

A NOVEL letter was received by a guest at a Cleveland hotel the other day from New York. It was written on a gentleman's linen cuff, with the address on the reverse side. A one-cent stamp was attached, and it arrived at its destination the same as an ordinary postal card.

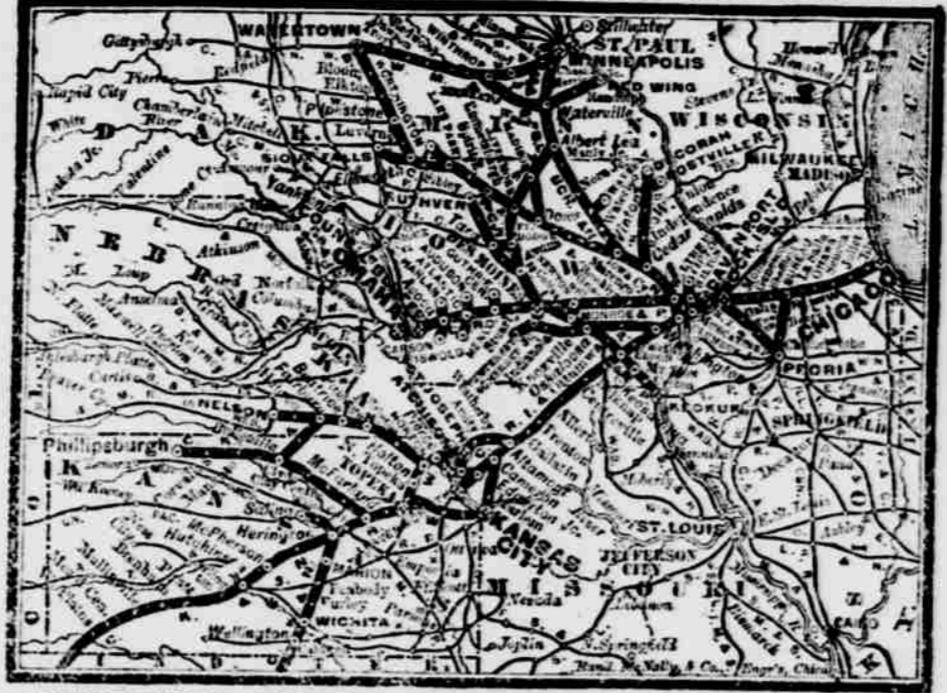
A WELL near the house of a citizen of Worcester, which tasted strangely all last winter, was explored recently and a carpet bag was fished out, containing a miscellaneous collection of woman's apparel, a large quantity of silver spoons and other ware, a German Bible, bottles of whisky, laudanum and paregoric, a muff and four hair brushes.

A SAVANNAH lady went to another lady to leave some flowers to be placed on the grave of a friend who died a few days before. While returning home she was frightened by a severe shock of lightning, and was stepping into a store to wait for the storm to pass when she fell dead. The flowers which she carried to place on the grave of her friend were placed upon her own.

A CITIZEN of Marion (Ia.) township is the owner of a Jersey cow with a very remarkable appetite. The animal eats every cut that comes within its reach. Already this spring she has eaten five cats, and whenever a cat comes within her range of vision she is wild until she catches, kills and eats it. In all other respects the cow appears to be normal in her tastes and disposition. She is three years old and has had this peculiarity ever since she was a calf.

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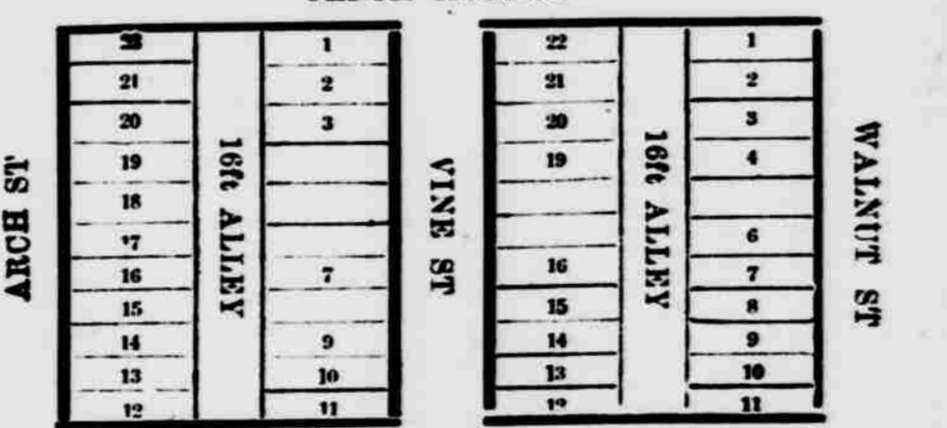
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