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After several months' absence, Reuben Hauxwell is back from his work near Hastings and vicinity.

Carrie Kimball returned, on Saturday night, having spent a delightful holiday week among Bartley friends.

Frank and Charley Cashen returned on Tuesday night, from Gage county, where they have been at work for the past two or three months.

Annie Gibbons has accepted a school at Lincoln, having resigned her position here. The remainder of the term will be completed by her sister.

Wm. Doyle and his two sons George and Arthur will leave for New Mexico, early in the spring, where he will establish them in the cattle business.

Edwin F. Piper of the state university visited briefly at the home of his brother Morley, going back to his studies at Lincoln the early part of last week.

During the past five or six weeks the weather has not been favorable for skating, but during the past few days many have enjoyed a good spin on the ice.

Realizing her excellent ability as a teacher, the Coleman people have secured the services of Annie Irwin to finish a three months' term of school in that prosy neighborhood.

After a short vacation during the holidays, Martha Johnson was to have resumed teaching on Monday morning, but was detained by a short though severe spell of sickness. Her brother Ben has had charge of the school during the week.

On Friday night a gay and happy throng of young folks invaded the peaceful home of Lulu Kinghorn in response to invitations to come and give the New Year a good beginning. Many and various games and charades were cleverly played, to the evident delight and amusement of everyone. The comparatively new game of "crocoino" tried one's skill and patience but was a source of much amusement. Instrumental music and finally a bountiful and most elegant repast concluded a thoroughly delightful and auspicious event.

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Ensnared the Motion.

In one of the townships near Chicago the people once elected to justice of the peace a man known for his strict application of parliamentary rules to everything possible. Among his first cases was one of trifling importance, an assault. Epler and Delew, two Chicago lawyers who knew the justice's peculiarity, represented the defendant and a man of the name of Smith the prosecution. Both sides announced they were ready for trial. Just as the court was about to proceed Mr. Epler arose and said, "If your honor please, I move that this case be dismissed." "I second the motion," quickly put in Mr. Delew. "It is moved and seconded that the case be dismissed," was put by the court. "But your honor," quickly interrupted Mr. Smith, with great surprise at such procedure. "Mr. Smith, this court has presided over meetings before and is thoroughly familiar with parliamentary procedure. It needs no assistance from you in this matter." "But, your honor!" "I shall fine you for contempt, Mr. Smith, if you continue to disturb this court." The court then put the question again, adding, "All in favor of the motion will rise." Epler and Delew and the prisoner arose. "Those opposed will rise," Smith and the prosecutor arose. "The motion is carried by a vote of three to two, and the case is dismissed," declared the justice.—San Francisco Argonaut.

What a "Wed" Means.

Among the Anglo-Saxons the bridegroom gave a pledge or "wed" at the betrothal ceremony. This "wed" included a ring, which was placed on the maiden's right hand, where it remained until, at the marriage, it was transferred to the left. English women at one time wore the wedding ring on the thumb. Many portraits of ladies in Queen Elizabeth's days are so depicted. In the reign of George III brides usually removed the ring from its proper abiding place to the thumb as soon as the ceremony was over. In Spain the gift of a ring is looked upon as a promise of marriage and is considered sufficient proof for a maiden to claim her husband. It is a custom to pass little pieces of bride's cake through the wedding ring, and those to whom these pieces are given place them under their pillows at night to dream of their lovers. These "dreamers," as they are called, should be drawn nine times through the ring. Many brides, however, are so superstitious that neither for that purpose nor at any other time will they take the ring off their finger after it has once been placed there.—Philadelphia Times.

Each Man's Share of the Globe.

There is no immediate prospect that the landed surface of the globe will be divided up and allotted in equal shares to each of its human inhabitants, but if such a time ever does come it will be found that each will get a little truck farm of 23 1/2 acres. The landed surface of the globe contains, as near as it is possible for the geographers to ascertain, 33,600,000,000 acres, which, divided among the 1,500,000,000 inhabitants which the world contains, according to the latest official estimates, would give each of them a tract of land of the area mentioned above.

Taking the entire population of the world into consideration there are almost exactly 28 inhabitants to each square mile. The following figures showing the number of persons, omitting fractions, to a square mile in the several divisions of the globe are from the best authorities on human family statistics: Europe, 88; Asia, 46; Africa, 18; North America, 9; South America, 4; Oceania and the polar regions, 2.—St. Louis Republic.

His Middle Name.

Cassius Marcellus Loomis of Chicago tells the Chicago Tribune how he found out what his middle name and that of Cassius M. Clay was. At his birth he was named Cassius M., after Clay. "But," he says, "no one thought to inquire what the letter M stood for in the name. Time ran on for some 38 years, when the newly born, having inherited an inquisitive turn of mind, wrote Mr. Clay for the desired information. Mr. Clay responded, sending his namesake a photograph of himself and a friendly note, in which, instead of stating directly what his middle name was, he quoted two lines from Pope's 'Essay on Man':

"And more pure joy Marcellus exiled feels Than Caesar with a senate at his heels, and added, 'You will find your name in the above couplet.'"

A Yale Prank.

The Hartford Courant tells a story of Yale in the old days. The boys used to bribe the printers "devils" to get proofs of the examination papers for them. When the college authorities put a stop to this practice, a bright idea seized one fellow, and he saved the whole suffering party. He hired one of the printers (it was summer) to wear a pair of white trousers to the office and, at noon to sit down on the form in which were locked the precious questions. The inky seat of that pair of trousers sold for a deal more than the clothes were worth in their original spotlessness and relief was secured.

Cured.

Mother—You say your husband no longer spends his evenings at the club? Daughter—I soon broke him of that. "How did you manage it?" "Before going to bed I put two easy chairs together by the parlor fire and then held a match to a cigar until the room got a taint odor of smoke."—Pick Me Up.

The wheat fly feeds upon the flower of the wheat, while the hessian fly lays its eggs in the stem. The former thus renders the flower abortive, while the injury done by the latter affects the whole plant.

A bushel of potatoes equals 56 pounds in Pennsylvania and 60 in nearly all the other states.

A Hut Used by Washington.

While hundreds of pilgrims daily crowd the shrine of Mount Vernon, one of the most interesting relics of Washington remains unknown and unnoticed and is rapidly falling into decay. This is a small cabin which was used by Washington when a young man engaged in surveying the lands of upper Virginia. The house is located in Clarke county, the district being formed in 1830 from Frederick and named for the illustrious general, George Clarke, of early days.

Near Berryville, in Clarke county, General Daniel Morgan of Revolutionary fame built a handsome home, which he called Soldiers' Rest. About 200 yards from the site of this manor is located the cabin, which is regarded with almost religious veneration by the people of the neighborhood and which is being slowly eaten by the tooth of time.

The house is 12 feet square, and there are but two rooms, one on the ground floor and one for a garret. Beneath the building flows, or rather did flow during the last century, a small stream, which was used for cooling purposes. The upper chamber is lathed and plastered. Only one window lights it, while a rough door gives access to the visitor, who must mount by a ladder. Here it was that Washington was accustomed to keep his instruments when on a surveying expedition.—New Haven Journal.

Spotted the Party.

"You weren't at the Joneses," said the girl with the brown cape. "No, I wasn't, and I'm awfully sorry. You see, I would have been there, but you—"

"Well, you ought to be glad that you weren't." "Why, what was the matter? I always thought everybody had a good time when they went to the Joneses, for I believe!"

"It was the dullest thing I ever saw. You know, it was to be a sort of talk party."

"Yes. Everybody was to get in groups and talk about things. Now, for my part, I like!"

"But it wasn't. We just sat and looked at each other all the evening, and everybody went home feeling uncomfortable." "You don't say! Why, what was the matter? Did anything happen?" "I am not sure whether to say yes or no. You see, it was this way: The pianist didn't come, and there wasn't anybody there who could play the piano, so of course we couldn't talk, and we all sat there bored until it was time to go."—Chicago Times-Herald.

An Actor of Shakespeare's Day.

He had trim, straight legs, this stranger, and a slender, lithe body in a tawny silken jerkin. Square shouldered, too, was he, and over one shoulder hung a plum colored cloak bordered with gold braid. His long hose were the color of his cloak, and his shoes were russet leather, with rosettes of plum and such high heels as Nick had never seen before. His bonnet was of tawny velvet, with a chain twisted round it, fastened by a jeweled brooch through which was thrust a curly cock feather. A fine white Holland linen shirt peeped through his jerkin at the throat, with a broad lace collar, and his short hair curled crisply all over his head. He had a little pointed beard, and the ends of his mustache were twisted so that they stood up fiercely on either side of his sharp nose. At his side was a long Italian poniard, in a sheath of russet leather and silver filigree, and he had a reckless, high and mighty frown about his stride that strangely took the eye.—John Bennett in St. Nicholas.

Choked a Leopard to Death.

Carl Akeley, taxidermist of the Field Columbian museum, who went to Africa with other scientists after specimens of large game for the institution, has had an experience out of the common. He and a native were hunting one day, when he saw a leopard crouched all ready to spring upon him. A shot hurriedly fired from a rifle pricked the beast in one hind leg, and the next instant the man and leopard were in a mix up that was mighty serious for both, but more especially for the man. Akeley, however, has got powerful arms and a good grip, and that saved him. He got the leopard by the throat and choked it to death, with no other injury than a lacerated arm.—New York Sun.

Caution.

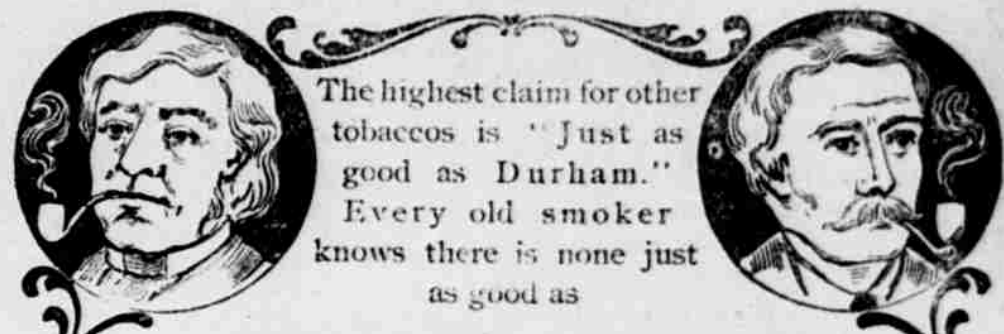
A highlander was tried for a capital offense and had rather a narrow escape, but the jury found him "not guilty," whereupon the judge, in discharging, though fit to admonish him. "Prisoner, before you leave the bar let me give you a piece of advice. You have got off this time, but if ever you come before me again I'll be caution you'll be hanged." "Thank you, my lord," answered Donald, "and as I'm no ungrateful, I beg to give your lordship a piece of advice in return. Never be caution for anybody, for the cautioner has often to pay the debt."—Scottish Nights.

How Papa Said Grace.

"At our house the other night we had a Methodist minister to tea," said a friend. "The dominie said grace, and when he ceased asking the blessing the 4-year-old daughter of the hostess, who sat opposite the minister, looked up and said, 'That's not the kind of grace my papa says.' " "No? What kind of grace does your papa say?" asked the minister. "Why, he came home last night, and when he sat down to the table he just said, 'Good God, what a supper!' " was the reply."—Buffalo Courier.

The first mention of a crown in the Scriptures is in Exodus xxv, 11, where a crown or ornament of gold was directed to be placed above the sacred ark. The ornament is here mentioned as being well known and was probably long in use among the Egyptian kings.

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