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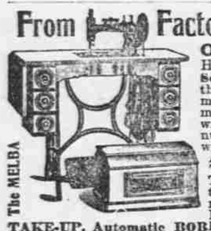

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(Signed) THOMAS TATE,
Duhamel, Alberta, Canada.

P. S.—It has not been down to zero this month. It is 22 above now.

Hamlet's Lucky Escape.

Polly Pinktights—Did he ever do "Hamlet?"

Fanny Footlights—Hamlet's lucky if he didn't. He's done about everybody else.—Philadelphia Record.

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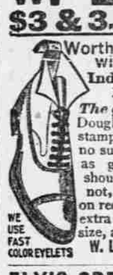

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Deaf Children Learn Music.

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When this fact was observed by the teacher the pupils were told to repeat the words "baby, baby," over and over and at the same time a lullaby was played on the piano. In a short time it was noticed that nearly all the children with whom the experiment was tried indicated the air with more or less distinctness. Still another experiment was tried by singing the scale into the ear of a boy and playing it on the piano. After a few trials the pupil was able to sound the notes as well as could many children with unimpaired hearing. These tests seem to indicate that singing with some degree of accuracy may be taught to most deaf children. If such proves the fact a new pleasure and a new educative influence will come into their lives.—Buffalo Express.

Porcupine Fighting a Snake.

"Several years ago I was an interested spectator at a combat between a hedgehog and a huge blacksnake," said W. D. Ingraham, of Memphis. "I came upon the scene just as the hedgehog began the attack upon the snake, which was lying out on the road asleep. The hog advanced cautiously upon the reptile and seized its tail in its mouth, giving a sharp bite. Then he quickly withdrew a few feet, and, rolling himself into a compact, spiny ball, awaited developments. The snake, upon being thus rudely awakened, turned in fury on its antagonist, striking the hog again and again with its fangs. The wily hedgehog, securely intrenched within its spiny armor, remained perfectly motionless, all the while, allowing the snake to keep up the attack. At every stroke the jaws of the snake would become filled with the spines, until, at last, exhausted and bleeding from dozens of wounds caused by the needle-like spines of the hog, the snake gave up the battle. This was evidently what the hedgehog was waiting for, as he immediately proceeded to roll over the snake again and again until he had completely disemboweled his victim."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Taking a Sample.

Butcher—That newly painted front of yours looks thin. How many coats have been on it?

Baker—Well, while the paint was fresh about 200. Every man waiting for a car backed up against that front.

HEARD WHEN LIGHT WENT OUT

Strange Observations in a Church Vestibule When the Dynamo Quit.

The other night in a Maine village the dynamo at the electric light station had a fit all of a sudden and there was darkness on the face of the land for a little while.

A prayer meeting was in progress in the vestry of the Methodist church. When the lights went out all the people sat quiet, thinking that in all probability the current would flash back again right away.

All at once there were voices in the vestibule. Two young men had come in and were talking.

"This is d——d funny," quoth one of them profanely. "Why, I didn't know it was anywhere near time for meeting to be over. That minister is getting lazy. I told Gertie I'd be here at the door when meeting let out. She'll be mad, and between me and you I don't care if she is. You never saw such a girl as she is, never. Wants to go to all the shows that come along, and even went down and inquired of the jeweler how much the bracelet was worth that I gave her for Christmas.

"She's getting altogether too fresh, that's what she is. There are other pancakes on the fire, don't you forget that."

"Well, I don't suppose there is any need of waiting round here," remarked the other young man in robust tones. "Come along up to my room with me. I can furnish something more entertaining than walking home with a girl. I've got a bottle of Scotch whisky, and you take a little hot water, and——"

Just then the lights flashed on in the vestry, and the people within, in order to drown out the conversation that was rapidly destroying the devotional spirit of the assembly, struck up "Sinner, Oh, Sinner! Turn from Thy Ways."

And before the chorus was reached there was the rapid creak of shoes on the snowy walk outside—and two prominent young men of the village retreated to think it over.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Charles Reade at Oxford.

When Charles Reade was at Oxford he was not always, from a proctor's point of view, a pattern for others to be guided by. One night he and a companion, being without cap and gown, were chased by the "bull dogs." Being fleet of foot, they soon reached their respective colleges. His chum was able to square the porter at Queen's and passed in, but there was no such luck for Reade, when he arrived at Magdalen. Being a young man of resources, he was not to be easily caught, and, looking about him, in the moonlight, he spied a ladder. Planting this under his chamber window, he was soon in his own rooms. But the tell-tale ladder remained behind, so he managed to drag it up after him. He always carried a capital sportsman's knife—which would saw as well as cut—and with it he began to convert the ladder into fuel. When his friend from Queen's called in the morning to see how it fared with Reade, he was told: "I shall be all right directly, old man, for I've been up all night burning the ladder, and I have just put the last bit of the blessed thing on the fire!"

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From Washington

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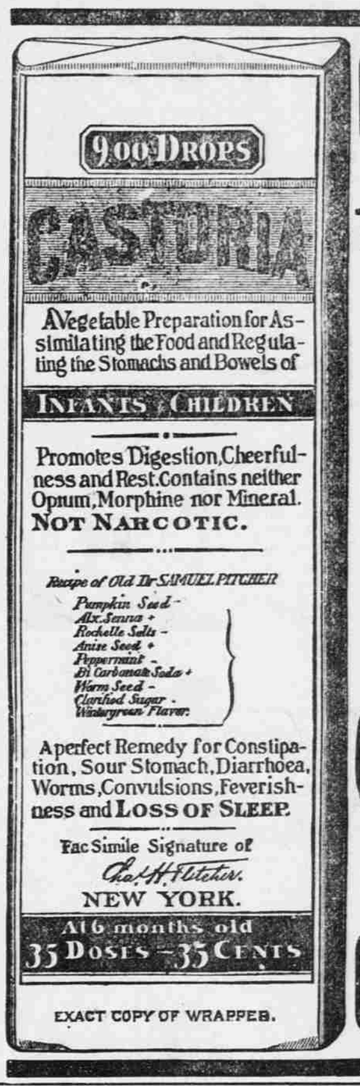

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