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The sewers help to drain the city's treasury. Trapeze performers must be graduates of a high school. Of the soldiers of the civil war, 48 per cent were farmers.

Money makes the mare go, but it won't move balky horses.

Wouldn't it be shocking for a dress-maker to rip and swear?

One million miles is the "length" of the American locomotive's life.

The "American Warehouse in Shanghai" was closed on October 15.

The sweatbox is enough to make the one who is in it have cold chills. Nebuchadnezzar's throne room, 60x170 feet, has been discovered in Babylon.

Though nothing like astronomy, dramatic criticism is a study of the stars.

The aggregate length of the world's submarine cables is 187,353,172 nautical miles.

It takes a lot of "dirty work" sometimes for politicians to make a clean sweep.

A newspaper isn't like a girl, for when it has a new dress it is satisfied with print.

"These men set us a bad example," thought the footlight, "by going out between acts."

The government is planning to make Fort Leavenworth secondary to West Point as a training school.

The governor general of Eastern Siberia has forbidden beaver hunting in Kamchatka for three years.

By covering the distance between Havre and Cherbourg at an average speed of 29 knots, the French sea-going torpedo boat Bourasque recently broke all records for vessels of her class.

A Swedish officer named Elmelin has invented a dynamite gun which is said to be capable of piercing double the thickness of steel penetrable by any other known gun. The gun has been bought for the Swedish navy.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses of 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollar guarantee. It is guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: **F. J. CHENEY CO., Toledo, O.** Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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FARM NEWS NOTES.

Self Preservation.

Much has been said about keeping cows out of the cold and storms in the fall, yet we frequently see herds wandering about in the wind and rain, struggling to get a bite of grass, or lying on the ground when everything is covered with frost. The cow is endowed with common sense. She knows if she does not keep herself warm under such circumstances, no one will help her; and she takes every day a certain amount of all she is given to eat and applies it toward maintaining the heat of her body. If anything is left for the farmer, well and good. If not, the cow is blamed, but she ought not to be; she is simply working out her own plans of self-preservation.

The Sense of a Mule.

They talk about horse sense, but, measured by the standard of human wisdom, the mule has more intelligence, instinct, or whatever you may choose to call it, than the horse has ever shown. One of the best evidences of this is to keep out of danger, and at this game his muleship has the horse "beaten a mile," in the jargon of the race track. You may drive a horse until he drops dead from exhaustion, but you will never find this to be the case with the progeny of the ass and the mare. His is an excellent judge of his own capacity, and not only will he stop when one attempts to drive him to an extreme gait, but he will also back up in the traces if overladen. Another thing: you may drive a horse into water or fire, and he will never attempt to soldier or remonstrate, but with the mule, he will go nowhere that there is a chance of getting burnt, nor will he advance just so soon as he sets foot on soggy soil or quicksand.—National Live Stock Reporter.

Old Hens.

Old hens are sometimes the best in the flock, and hens two years old should be preferred if eggs are desired for hatching purposes. An impression has grown that a hen becomes less valuable after her second year and that she must be substituted by a pullet. This mistake. A hen is in her prime at three and four years old. There is no necessity for sacrificing good hens as long as they lay, and they may be profitably kept until they are six or seven years old. The supposition that a hen lays only six hundred eggs in her life and then ceases is incorrect, as many hens have been known to far exceed such limit. After a hen is eighteen months old her eggs usually hatch well, her eggs being much better than pullets' for that purpose.

Short Poultry Notes.

A New York farmer's wife pays cost of her hired girl's board and wages from the proceeds of 200 hens.

An eastern breeder reports that seven of his Buff Leghorn eggs sometimes, like Plymouth Rocks, make a pound, while ten Brown Leghorn or twelve Hamburg eggs are required.

Leghorns being the only Mediterranean with yellow legs, they have come by selection or by out-breeding probably the first, as the legs fade in old age and there are no traces of the latter in feathers, etc.

Minoreas have too large use for farmers' use and quarters, but grow in favor with fanciers. Minoreas are nearly as large as Wyandottes, nearly as good layers as Leghorns, lay a large egg and are docile.

An eastern large farmer has partitioned his henhouse and allows tenants the use of half. Though the latter frequently cleans and whitewashes he cannot get rid of poultry parasites, while the owner himself does so by simply adding a well cared for dust bath.

Notes For the Horseman.

Poor feeding will make a weak colt and unsound limbs.

Watch the colt's feet and keep them straight with a rasp.

Never allow anyone to tease the colt. Teasing invariably makes a vicious animal.

Make the stable doors wide so there is no danger of a horse knocking his hips when passing through.

Handle the colt every day. Handle his legs and pick up his feet. A petted, well handled colt will make a gentle horse.

Give the colts and horses all the sunshine in the stables that is possible. A dark, damp stable will cause rheumatism, and is conducive to all sorts of ills.

Better than a slat door or drop bar across a door to keep horses in or out bore a hole through one door post and nearly through the other. Slip in a piece of inch or larger iron pipe. It is easy to slide it to pass in and out.

When the grass is killed by frost wean the colt, if he be old enough and put him in a paddock or box stall with a dirt floor. Feed him good sweet hay, second growth is the best, and a feeding of oatmeal a day with bran and oil meal. Give from a pint to a quart according to age and size. Keep the stall well bedded and level. A colt fed in this way will never have unsound legs.

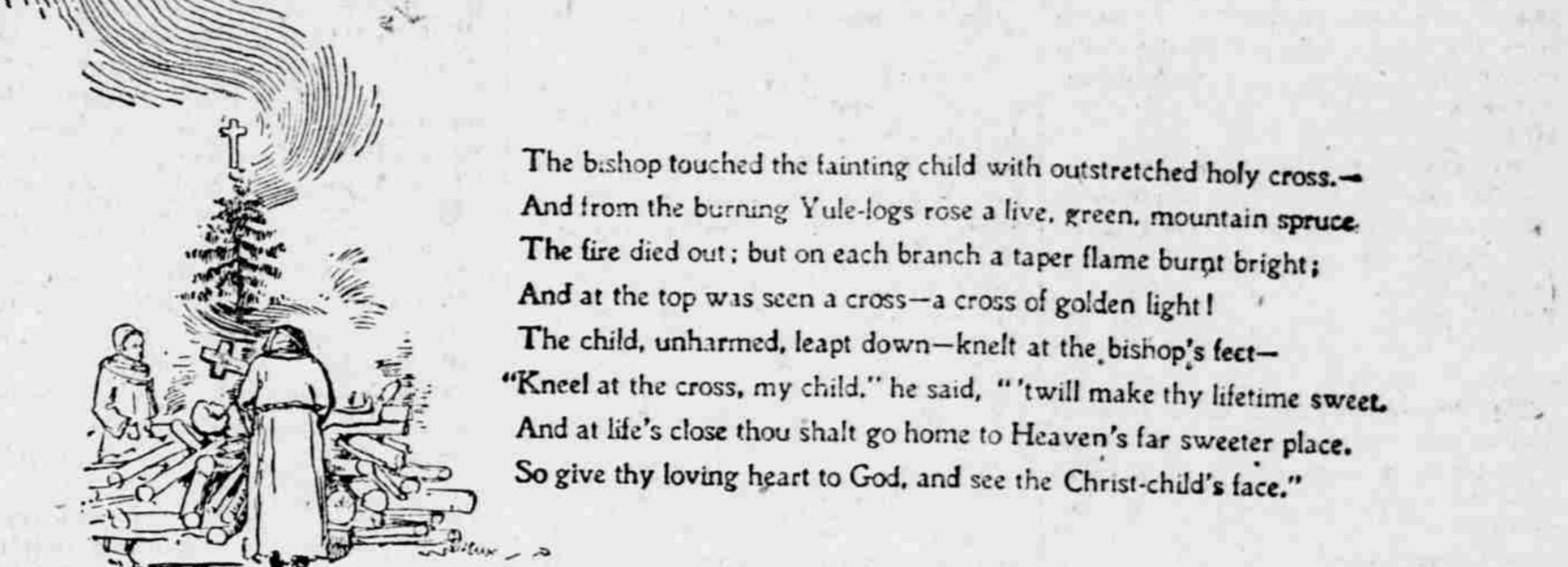
The mule drivers who take their animals across the South American Andes always cover the eyes of the mules with a poncho while they put on the heavy loads. If they could see they would be unmanageable, but blindfolded they meekly accept their burdens and start on their journey without protest.

The first surgical operation ever rendered painless by ether was performed only 55 years ago in Boston Dr. Morton.



In the wild woods of Germany, our Saxon fathers old,
When storms raged and tempests roared at mid-December cold,
Would hold a solemn rite to Thor, the God they feared the most,
And burn a child on Yule-logs grim; then think perchance his ghost
Would pacify their cruel Thor, good harvests to create.

One day they bound a lovely boy, then watched his cruel fate,
Unmindful of the sobs that shook his parents, weeping near.
When straight from Britain's lovely isle came men of holy cheer,
True servants of the cross, they came to those from whom they'd sprung,
To teach that God is love,—to say his heart with grief was wrung
At children's woes, at children's tears. For them He gave His Son,—
For them was born the Christ-child dear, who heaven for them had won!



The bishop touched the fainting child with outstretched holy cross.—
And from the burning Yule-logs rose a live, green, mountain spruce.
The fire died out; but on each branch a taper flame burnt bright;
And at the top was seen a cross—a cross of golden light!
The child, unharmed, leapt down—knelt at the bishop's feet—
"Kneel at the cross, my child," he said, "'twill make thy lifetime sweet.
And at life's close thou shalt go home to Heaven's far sweeter place.
So give thy loving heart to God, and see the Christ-child's face."

Thor's priest, who piled the logs, broke down at this, and prayed:
"Teach me his name, I'll serve Him, too; and be no more afraid
Of cruel Thor! We'll take this tree into our temple's shrine—
And hang it full of gifts of love, and keep it as a sign,
Of this, our happy Christ-child day. Now teach to us a song,
That we may circle 'round the tree, and sing the live night long!"
And the bishop taught them how to sing
This Christmas anthem to their King:
"God rest you, little children; let nothing you afright;
For Jesus Christ, your Savior, was born this happy night.
Along the hills of Galilee, the white flocks sleeping lay
When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas day!"



FROM THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Found Gold Dust in His Hair.

THIS bonanza story of Colorado was told "for true" at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, by a modest man from Denver, who "would not be quoted for worlds."
James McCormack has roamed upon the face of the earth, in all climes and under all conditions. His father, Hugh McCormack, was a well known California pioneer and mining man. His son, James, after many years of travel and vicissitudes, ultimately settled in Summit county, Colorado, and employed himself in cutting and shipping mining timber.

Mr. McCormack went to Leadville one day, en route to New Orleans, La., where he intended to spend the winter. A few hours before train time he went to a barber shop to have his hair and beard trimmed. The barber set about his task, but soon ceased manipulating the shears and began to examine McCormack's scalp.

NOT A SIGN PAINTER.
"Are you a sign painter?" he asked.
"No, I am not."
"Then how did all this gold leaf get in your scalp?"
"I haven't been near any gold leaf," replied McCormack.
An examination was made of McCormack's scalp by an experienced mining man. The hair and scalp were full of small particles of what is known in mining parlance as "flour gold." The discovery was a great surprise to McCormack, as he had not been mining.
McCormack at last remarked that he lived in a cabin in the mountains of North Ten Mile district, near Breckinridge, Summit county; that back of his cabin was a small but swift running spring stream which gushed out of the mountain side and sped merrily along down the canon to the Blue river; that the gravel bed of the stream was frequently churned up by the force of the water; that it had been his custom to bathe his head and face in that stream morning and evening.

mining men present that there might be gold in the bed of the stream, and that the flour gold floated from it because of the continual churning, and that when Mr. McCormack bathed his head in the stream his hair, acting like an amalgam plate, caught the gold.
Mr. McCormack returned to his cabin in the Ten Mile range. He barreled several gallons of water from the spring and sent it to an assayer, who precipitated the gold, securing from the ten gallons of water a half teaspoonful of pure gold.
With this inducement Mr. McCormack lost no time in availing himself of the discovery. He located a placer claim over the gravelly bed of the stream, installed a home-made suction pumping outfit and attempted the dredging of the bed of the stream. This, however, was a failure.
Then he set about diverting the water by means of an artificial channel, which proved highly successful. The gravel was thus laid bare for a distance, and with pan and rocker Mr. McCormack began working the placer. The results from the very start were dazzling. In a few hours he had worked out enough gold to pay his living expenses for a year and the yield seemed inexhaustible.

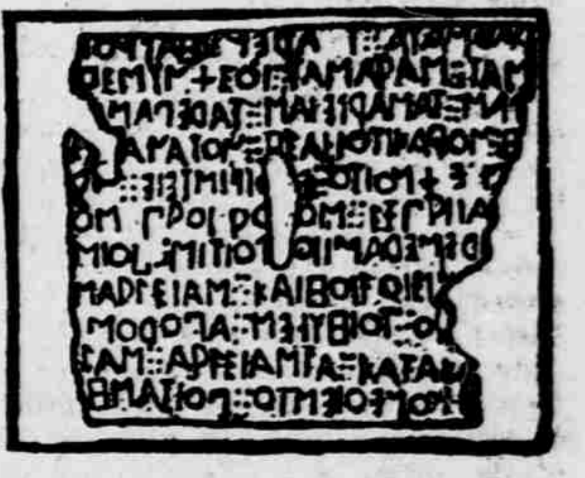
The value of McCormack's claim has been variously estimated at from \$150,000 to half a million dollars, but there is no assurance that it will not go far beyond that figure with development.

Reports from Idaho state that the British government is buying up all the mountain bronchos in that section for shipment to South Africa. Providence moves in mysterious ways in promoting the cause of the Boers.

Chicago Record-Herald: "I think," said the amateur palmist, slanting the maiden's hand toward the light, in order to see the lines more plainly, "I think you are going to be married twice." "Oh, dear," she said, "can't you just cut off the think and make it a dead sure once."

GREEK TABLET DISCOVERED.

A valuable archaeological find has just been reported by the American School of Archaeology of Athens. It is a bronze fragment or plate, dating from the seventh century B. C., containing a decree, or law, emanating from some high official source, king or council, which was intended for the people or Argos. It was recently unearthed a few feet below the surface, near the old Temple Hereum, at Argos, on one of whose pillars it was tacked.



The inscription is a sort of compact between the city of Argos and neighboring towns. It also contains an ordinance relating to personal violence, which described the penalty in store for those who sought to annual its provisions.

The fragment is especially noteworthy, as it vividly portrays the form of the alphabet at this early stage of time, and is also one of the oldest known specimens of Argive writings in existence. As a forcible type of criminal code it is worthy of comparison with our modern methods and practices.

Chicago Record-Herald: An Evans-ton man has gone from the Methodist to the Presbyterian church because he couldn't have his preaching done to order. There's nothing like knowing what you want and going after it if it isn't handed to you.

The advance agents of civilization in Hawaii need \$10,000,000 from the national treasury to carry on the good work for the next two years. Appropriations are the handmaidens of civilization.