

"There is an industry in this country," says the Jasper (Fla.) News, "that but little is known about. It is the alligator hide business. During the season from June 1 to September 1 O. A. Worley, of this place, bought 757 hides, for which he paid the sum of \$467. Doubtless our most timid citizen never thought that 757 gators could be found in this lovely county's creek, swamps and mudholes in the short space of three months' time."

Some people are like circus bills; a very little money causes them to be stuck up.

"A Gentle Wind of Western Birth"

Tells no sweeter story to humanity than the announcement that the health-giver and health-bringer, Hood's Sarsaparilla, tells of the birth of an era of good health. It is the one reliable specific for the cure of all blood, stomach and liver troubles.



M. A. Co. Omaha (2) W. N. U. No. 40, 1899

It is said that some of the sheep farms in Australia are as large as the whole of England.

Don't Go Broke When You Bet. Send for my invaluable system. Geo. H. Richmond, 25 Dearborn St., Chicago.

The performance of the amateur musician is often a music rack.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Self-admiration is ample proof that there is no accounting for taste.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

If there is one thing on which the housewife prides herself, it is that of having her laundering done nicely, so that the wearing apparel may be the admiration of all. The washing is a small matter, any one almost can do that, but to have the linens present that flexible and glossy appearance after being ironed requires a fine quality of starch.

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His satanical majesty always demands more than his due.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 26, 1895.

Truth printed on the page is not so potent as truth produced in person.

FITS Permanently Cured. Notice of nervousness after first day a cure of Dr. Kibler's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE BOTTLE and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kibler, Ltd., 901 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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No man can count the cost of a useless life.

Selling Patents.

During the past week 29 per cent of the inventors who had patents listed to them succeeded in selling either the whole or part of their inventions. Amongst the 120 prominent firms who bought patents the past week were the following:

- Gale Manufacturing Co., Albion, Mich.
- Ajax Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Fruit, Flowers and Vegetable Evaporating Co., of New Jersey.
- Liquid Air Power and Automobile Co., of West Virginia.
- Union Boiler Tube Cleaner Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Ideal Buckle Manufacturing Co., New Haven, Conn.
- Electric Scale Co., Kittery, Me.

Parties desiring to introduce or sell inventions should address Sues & Co., lawyers and collectors, Rice building, Omaha, Neb., for free literature.

One way to reduce rents is to sew them up.

Important Inventions.

Applications for patents prepared and prosecuted by us have been allowed as follows: To R. D. Taylor of Strand, Ia., for a folding draw-bar for harness that can be readily adjusted to pass through between trees and gateways and folded upon the harness to economize space in packing and shipping. To J. M. Christy of Des Moines for an apparatus for loading coal upon box cars. The loader is run by a steam engine and it deposits the coal alternately at the opposite ends of the cars as rapidly as the coal is delivered from the mine elevator and the cars are not injured by the falling coal. To Messrs. Dodd and Struthers of Des Moines for a machine to produce static electricity that is adapted for telegraphing without wires, for exhibiting X-rays and for treating disease therapeutically. Two concentric cylinders are used in place of disks, as heretofore. The inner is stationary and the outer rotatable. A generator of any given power can be thus constructed more compactly than with disks.

Consultation and advice free to inventors. THOMAS G. ORWIG, J. RALPH ORWIG, REUBEN G. ORWIG, Registered Attorneys, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23, 1899.

THE MANILA MAIL.

How the Postal System of the Philippines Has Been Americanized.

BY JOHN F. WILLOUGHBY.

The Spanish American war marked a new point in the era of progress in the postal service of this country and fairly demonstrated that our postal system was able to meet with efficiency and promptness unforeseen exigencies, which in a less thoroughly organized public enterprise would have caused almost endless confusion and perplexity.

It is true that in the first stages of our occupancy of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines there was some confusion and delay in the transmission of mails, but the promptness with which order was brought out of chaos showed the ability of the postoffice department to grasp and handle the new and complex situation. It was no holiday task to ingraft our progressive notions of postal transmission upon Spain's effects and archaic system.

The readers of newspapers are already quite familiar with the story of our postal operations during the military campaign in the West Indies and the establishment and maintenance of mail facilities in Cuba and Porto Rico since the close of hostilities, though comparatively little has been written regarding the operations in the Philippines and the great obstacles which were encountered in getting anything like an efficient service.

On the 6th of June last year congress passed a bill authorizing the establishment of military postoffices in the Philippines, and Director of Post Frank W. Vaille, with a number of assistants, was dispatched to the orient, going with the transport expedition which left San Francisco on the 15th of June.

Simultaneously with the capitulation of Manila on the 13th of August Director Vaille and his companions established an American postoffice in the capital of the Philippines. It is related that they entered at the walled city an hour ahead of the United States troops. Before the Spanish flag had fairly been hauled down from the governor's palace the sign "U. S. P. O., Manila," was hung out—if not actually, it was figuratively.

It was the purpose of the new postal authorities to first seize all the postage stamps; but it was discovered that there were none in the office to seize. It was found that under the Spanish system all stamps were sold by an officer corresponding to our collector of internal revenue, at a discount to private individuals, who in turn sold to the public at face value. One of these contractors had a little booth in the rear of the lobby of the postoffice, and when his place was closed, as it very frequently was, the would be purchaser of stamps had to search for them in the small shops.

The whole postal outfit was found to be very crude. There was not such a thing as a letter case for distribution; that is to say, cases with pigeon holes similar to postoffice delivery boxes. Letters were placed in large cupboards on shelves and taken out when dispatch was to be made and sorted on a table. There were four of these cupboards, each with folding doors, with shelves labeled to show what mail they contained.

The boxes for city delivery were arranged around three sides of a quadrangular space, of which the fourth side faced the lobby and had two delivery windows. Every boxholder had issued to him a pasteboard receipt, and this was presented by the party calling for mail.

The general delivery case, with its many little boxes for separation of mail alphabetically, to expedite delivery, is an unknown quality in Manila. There was a carrier service in connection with the Manila postoffice, but it was of the crudest sort. The carriers were paid no salaries by the government, but depended for a living upon the fees they collected from the recipients of the letters. The usual charge was 2 cents for a letter and 1 cent for a paper. There was an entire lack of system in the delivery, and it is a marvel that any letters ever reached their proper destination.

These were some of the obstacles the American postal officers had to encounter. There was the added complication of conducting the office in two languages. It was found advisable to run two general delivery windows, one for Spanish letters exclusively, in charge of Spanish employees, and the other for all other classes, in charge of a soldier.

Under the American regime great changes have been made, and the Manila postoffice has been pretty thoroughly Americanized and brought "up to date."

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"What's that to you?" responded the father.

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HE REDUCED THE BAIL.

It is not necessary to say just how long ago this happened, for it might suggest a name. A man who has since gained fame and wealth at the Michigan bar was then judge by appointment in one of the territories. He had not then settled down to the steady gait he has since acquired and was not troubled when the balance showed up on the wrong side of his cash account.

On one occasion a notorious offender was brought before him and the time for trial fixed for a few weeks ahead. Bail was demanded, but the authorities knew that the prisoner had committed much graver crimes elsewhere and did not want him to have a chance to escape. The bail was fixed at \$1,000, which was high, considering the nature of the case, and the lawyer for the accused made a vigorous protest that seemed to do no good. The bondsman who offered was a widely known gambler of the frontier, and when they thought to disqualify him by swearing him to what he owned he quickly frustrated their scheme.

"I'll put up the coin," he interrupted, "and I'll put it right in the judge's own hands," a proceeding that no one interfered with. There were \$700 in notes and a piece of paper on which something was written. The judge glanced at it and then said in his most judicial tone: "I don't know but the bail asked is a little oppressive. I will reduce it to \$500." He handed some bills back to the gambler, who had meanwhile been tearing the paper to bits in an absentminded way. It was the judge's personal note for \$300. The accused never showed up for trial, and the judge told the story long afterward.—Detroit Free Press.

Why the Earth Goes Around.

One of the brightest young Porto Ricans who figured in the late war is Senor Miguel Sanchez, who is now in this country in the interest of the Porto Rican public school system. He was at one time on the staff of General Gomez in Cuba, and he tells many incidents concerning that doughty old fighter.

"I was skimming one of the New York Sunday newspapers while I was in the general's headquarters in Cuba," said the senior the other day, "and it was the first to reach us for several months. I noticed an article on the newly discovered movements of the earth's surface. Now, you know the general disliked to have any one do anything without being invited himself to take part. He liked to be consulted—to be asked questions—no matter how unimportant they might be, so in reading the article I stopped and asked:

"Now, general, how do you account for the daily revolution of the earth, anyhow?"

"That's easy to answer," he replied instantly, "so long as Haiti, Porto Rico and Cuba are parts of it."—Philadelphia Post.

A Faithful Steed.

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HELL GET TRAINED ALL RIGHT.



Scene—Country police station. Young countryman, aspiring to become a member of the force, is being examined.

Inspector: "Of course, you are aware you'll have a lot of night work to do? You are not afraid of being out late, I suppose?"

His Grandmother: "That'll be all right, sir. His old grandmother's going round with him the first two or three nights until he gets used to it."

—Punch.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

"Have you anything to say before the sentence of death is pronounced?" asked the judge.

"Yes, your honor," replied the condemned murderer. "I desire to relate an incident which was not brought out on trial. The day before I killed this man I was called to my telephone by a violent ring. The instrument was in a box, and the temperature inside was 113 in the shade. 'Wait there a moment,' said somebody over the wire. 'A gentleman wishes to ask you a very important question.' I waited, your honor, while the perspiration rolled off me in gurgling streams. I waited 15 minutes by the watch, and then this wretch whose life I took asked me from the other end of the line how I would like to be the ice man."

There was profound silence in the courtroom.

"In consideration of extenuating circumstances," said the venerable judge, his voice trembling with emotion, "the verdict is hereby set aside and the prisoner stands discharged. Call the next case."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Domestic Sociability.

After six unsuccessful attempts to place the curtain in position he paused on his chair for breath. His wife watched the perspiration rolling down and said:

"Would that you were a cur!"

"What? Woman!"

She side tracked the cyclone of wrath.

"Yes, John; would that you were a curtain hanger by trade."

Without a word he continued his labors.—Chicago News.

Maintained His Honor.

Algy (much agitated)—Gwacious! Have you heard that the trouble between Canely and Checkerton resulted in a duel?

Jack—By George, no!

Algy—Yans; you should have seen them face each other, pale, but in twit. Lots were drawn, and Canely, poor fellow, must wear a turn down collar for the next six months.—Tit-Bits.

Professional Jealousy.

"Who are these people?" asked Agulnaldo fiercely as the captives were brought before him.

"According to their confession, they are bandits."

"Bandits! Off with their heads! There is getting to be altogether too much competition in this business."—Washington Star.

Mike's Descent.



"Why, Mike told me he's descended from the greatest houses in Ireland."

"Och! So he has—often—from a ladder!"—Ally Slesper.

When She Understood.

"Can you understand all those golf terms that your husband uses, Mrs. Farwell?"

"No. The only ones I can understand are those that he uses when his ball goes behind one of the mounds or into a sand hole or when he tears up the sod with his club."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Remarkable.

"Those Bubbles seem to be wholly devoid of family pride."

What makes you think so?

"Three of their girls have got married, and they haven't gone around complaining that a single one of them chose a husband who was beneath her."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Music and Muscles.

"When my daughter plays on the piano, the neighbors practice physical culture."

"How's that?"

"Why, they all get up and bang down their windows."—Detroit Free Press.

He Got at It.

Irate Woman—Have you located the source of that base slander against me?

Her Husband—No; you see it originated from the jaw of old Tellall, and I dislocated it.—Cleveland Leader.

Observation by an Observant Editor.

It is a very difficult matter to make a church the right size. Every one we ever saw was too small for weddings and too large for prayer meetings.—Atchison Globe.

Clearly Defined.

"What is social prestige?"

"Social prestige consists in getting anywhere first and having a chance to pick out a conspicuous seat."—Chicago Record.

Vision.

"I suppose a monocle aids vision?"

"Yes; it helps people to see through the man who wears it."—Detroit Journal.

Watermelon Days.

Sing a song of sunshine
Blaze overhead;
Peaches ripe and rosy,
An apples turnin' red.

Sing a song of sunshine—

Let it burn an blaze!
All the world is happy
In the watermelon days.
—Atlanta Constitution.

SHE BUNKOED CHOLLY.

How the Clever Girl Won a Bet From the Dude.

"Cholly," remarked Mr. Fitznoodle Flushington, with something that might have been taken for a gleam of intelligence tinting his vacuous face, "if you want to meet clever girls go down and spend a month at one of those southern resorts."

"Ah they great, old chap?" inquired Cholly as he flicked the ash from his cigarette.

"Rawhah. I met a girl down at one of 'em that beat any girl I evah met before. What that girl didn't know wasn't worth knowing, old man; deneed clever, really."

"How did she show it, me boy?"

"Well, theahs a pier down there with a bathing float attached to the end of it. The float, ye know, lay about six feet below the end of the pier, quite a drop, ye know. One night I was talking to the girl on the veranda, and I suggested that the pier offered an opportunity for a good bicycle ride if it weren't for the danger of dropping off the end and taking a tumble of six feet to the float below. The girl looked at me and said that even if one did strike the float it wouldn't matalh.

Sound Transmission.

Water is a very good transmitter of sound. A scientist of the name of Caladea made some experiments on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, to demonstrate the power of sound to travel a long way in water. A clock was made to strike under the water and was heard to a distance of 12 miles. In a second experiment the striking of a clock was heard to a distance of 27 miles.

Brewers are interested in the claim that liquid air may be used instead of ice in the manufacture of beer and that one gallon of it, costing 1 cent, will do the work of eighty-five pounds of ice. Consumers of the beverage are concerned lest with such a process the froth will be greater than ever.

"The boys who fought at home," being members of the First Pennsylvania reserves, who were engaged on Little Roundtop during the battle of July, 1863, held a reunion at Gettysburg on Monday, September 11. The homes of many of these soldiers were in plain view from the spot where they fought.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. It is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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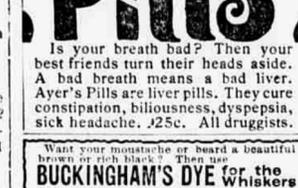
"I feel as if I had wheels in my head," groaned the man. "It must be the truck you ate for dinner," rejoined his wife, innocently enough.—Detroit Journal.

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