

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

What is that, mother—that curious thing, Ambling the streets with a languid swing...

ABOUT HATS.

The hat in literature and sentiment. It's strange how hats expand their brims as riper years invade.

"Shoot the hat!" cries the youthful street Arab whenever a particularly fashionable and elegant hat comes out.

It is a piece of merchandise; it has no respect for the feelings of the party of gentlemen who go out of a public hall or dining room and ask for their hats.

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Selling Cattle.

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Whittier does not forget that crowing is the form of a rooster's cry.

With the sunbeams on his face, Through their torn trim's jaunty grace.

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The Agricultural Editor.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Among the Chinese regular optimists swallow the snake.

—A large tract of land has been leased in England to educate young men for colonial life.

—The Earl of Jersey has given to laboring men in one of his Oxfordshire villages fifteen acres of ground, in plots of from half an acre to three acres each.

—Pictures of childhood are growing so fast in numbers in English exhibitions that the spectators say, as long as the artists were becoming converted to boy worship.

—A report of the Belgian Consul at Shanghai shows that the commercial treaties between China and Belgium during 1880-81 have led to an enormous increase of business.

—King William, of Holland, is a large, rather stern-looking man, sixtysix years of age, and is pretty and graceful, with the force that won "the Derby" recently, is partly owned by the Prince of Wales, Lord Alington and Sir Frederick Johnston, and they shared over \$400,000 on the race.

—Cyprus is threatened with another plague of locusts. At last accounts the eggs were hatching with alarming rapidity, and every trap and appliance capable of being used for their extermination dispatched in look haste from all parts of the island to the neighborhood of Larana, where the plague broke out.

—Three ladies—Lady Pollock, Miss Simmott and Mrs. Falden—have been returned to the Board of the Poor for Clapham, one of London's districts. More ladies have been elected to other boards of the metropolis. Again comes the word of the success of certain American women who have gone to China and India.

—Orders have been issued to the Admiral commanding the Russian fleet, for the erection of further monumental honors to the Russians who fell in defense of Sebastopol. Accordingly, a large ship has been ordered to be built, and the names of the fallen officers, commanders and staff and field officers who were killed, or who died subsequent to their wounds, is to be placed in the Vladimir hall of the Admiralty.

—The continued disappearance of the sardines, once so abundant on the coast of Brittany, has become a serious calamity to the people of that part, where the catching has been wont to give employment to 1,600 boats and more than 9,000 fishermen, while the curing and packing of the sardines employed another large number of male and female hands.

—The railway between Taku, the Capital of Trans-Caucasia and Baku, was opened on May 1. A correspondent of the London Standard writes of the road on the first trip.

—There are many first sights in the East," he says, "which one never forgets, such as the first sight of the Pyramids, or of India at Bombay, and the first sight of the Nile at Cairo."

—A Philadelphia Company has purchased a farm in Accomac County, Va., which is to be devoted to the raising of geese, so as to secure a supply of feathers for making pillows and down quilts.

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—A Fall in Prices. In the early days of Michigan, when a dealer was the source of supply for a large territory, a capitalist from the East suddenly bought up all the tobacco and whisky to be got hold of in the State.

—The soldier's life was evidently worse than death; we frequently hear stories of the hardships of life in the army, but never know of a man who killed there to complain of death in the army.

PITH AND POINT.

—Literary Matron—What does Shakespeare mean by his frequent use of the phrase "Go to?"

—Plantation philosophy: Pleasure increases as the comes near us. The fish is a heap bigger 'fore yer gets it outen de water. De injurious in dis worl' is allers de fanciest. De brandy bottle is fixed up finer dan de bread tray.

—"Well, there is one thing sure," said Mr. Job Shuttle, as he closed a discussion on the wrong-headedness of everything in general: "there is no justice in this world, and it takes me long to think of it."

—Brother Gardner draws the following conclusions: "Dat no man eber gets work s'ittin' on de fence an' discussin' de needs of de kentry. Dat de less politticks a man has de mo' cash he de mo' successful."

—While more boys are born than girls it is a singular fact that there is a surplus of female population. It is easily accounted for. Footing with top pistols, playing base ball, and falling off cherry trees, all boyish pastimes, are six times more hazardous than wearing corsets and jumping the rope.

—There is no excuse for the young man who complains that his fiancée kisses him so much he can't get a chance to engage her in rational conversation. He ought to know that by rubbing a little sodium upon his mustache the abuse can be speedily checked.

—A few nights ago an Austin man was awakened by a burglar opening a sliding door in his room, and he got up to see what was the matter. He saw the burglar, and he saw the burglar's pistol.

—Some old-school doctors hereabouts have been trying mesmerism, and using anæsthetic for surgical operations lately with success. They laughed at this proposition thirty years ago.

—It is said that inventors, fearful of being robbed of their ideas, deliberately deceive their attorneys and the Patent-office about their inventions, obscuring the truth so that when they do get a patent it is practically worthless for the reason that it does not cover the real points.—N. Y. Sun.

—Charles V., of Spain, after persistent experiment, decided that two pendulums could not be made to beat in unison, and the attempt, often made by clockmakers, has always failed until, lately, a London watchmaker has set six of them in his window, where they swing exactly alike.

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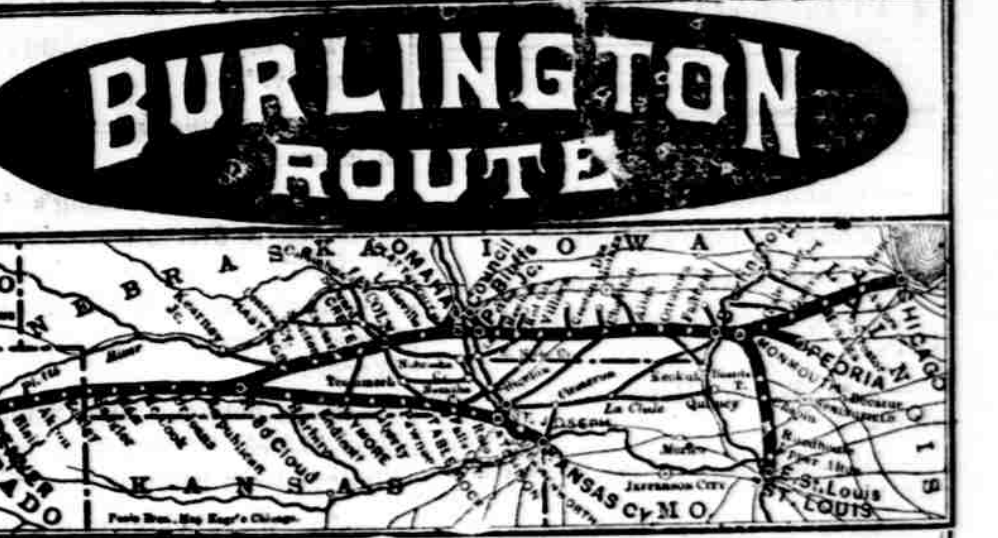
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