A western judge was approached by a verdant couple who wanted to be married. The would-be groom asked the price of tying the knot and was told it was a dollar.

"Can't you take beeswax?" inquired the rustic.

"Yes," said the squire.

The wax was brought in and upon being weighed was found to be worth just 60 cents.

"Well," said the anxious groom, "tie the knot an' I'll fetch more beeswax next week."

"No, sir; I don't trust; that is against the rules of the office."

Slowly the disappointed youth turne dto go out, saying, "Come, Sal, let's go."

"I say, mister," answered Sal, with a woman's wit; "can't you marry us as far as the wax wil lgo?"

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At Luchow, in Germany, 129 fathers have been fined 1 mark apiece for allowing their children under 10 years of age to dance at the harvest festival of a village near by. The village pastor objected to the dancing, and reported the case to the police. It was discoveerd, however, that his children had danced, too, and he was fined with the rest .

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There are 110 mountains in Colorado whose peaks are over 12,000 feet above the ocean level. Four of these are higher than 14,000 feet, and more than one-half of that number are so remote and rugged that no one has dared to attempt to climb them. Some of them are massed with snow, others have glaciers over their approaches, and other are merely masses of jagged rocks.

People should be taxed upon what they make and have and not upon what they lack and want. Taxes should be so direct that every man may know what his government costs him. Then and not until then, may we hope for decent economy, instead of indecent extravangance in the conduct of public affairs.

J. E. Galbraith, who has been appointed traffic manager of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, will also be the general agent of the B. and O. at that point. These two positions were formerly held by L. Rush Brockenbrough, who is now general freight agent of the B. and O. lines west of the Ohio river, with headquarters at Pittsburg.

"It is called St. John's church," says the Chicago Post, "and possibly theinference drawn from that fact is natural. The boy had been there frequently, and as a result the rector's face had become tolerably familiar to him. One Sunday, however, a visiting clergyman occupied the pulpit, and the boy was naturally troubled. 'Mamma,' he said in a very audible whisper, 'what's become of St. John?' "

Holiday Excursions.

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March 8, 1897.

Samuel Pitcher M.D.

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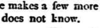

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Abraham Lincoln.

You lay a wreath on murdered Lincoln's bier,
You, who with mocking pencil wont to trace,
Broad for the self-complacent British sneer,
His length of shambling limb, his furrowed face
His gaunt, gnarled hands, his unkempt, bristling hair,
His garb uncouth, his bearing ill at ease,
His lack of all we prize as debonair,
Of power or will to shine, of art to please;

You, whose smart pen backed up the pencil's laugh,
Judging each step as though the way were plain;
Reckless, so it could point its paragraph,
Of chief's perplexity or people's pain—

Beside this corpse, that bears for winding sheets
The Stars and Stripes he lived to rear anew,
Between the mourners at his head and feet,
Say, scurrile jester, is there room for you?

Yes; he had lived to shame me from my sneer,
To lame my pencil and confute my pen;
To make me own this hind of princes peer,
This rail-splitter, a true-born king of men.

My shallow judgment I had learned to rue,
Noting how to occasion's height he rose;
How his quaint wit made home truth seem more true,
How, iron-like, his temper grew by blows:

How humble yet how hopeful he could be;
How in good fortune and in ill the same;
Nor bitter in success, nor boastful he,
Thirsty for gold, nor feverish for fame.

He went about his work, such work as few
Ever had laid on head and heart and hand,
As one who knows, where there's a task to do,
Man's honest will must Heaven's good grace command.

Who trusts the strength will with the burden grow,
That God makes instruments to work his will,
If but that will we can arrive to know,
Nor tamper with the weights of good and ill.

So he went forth to battle, on the side
That he felt clear was Liberty's and Right's,
As in his peasant's boyhood he had plied
His warfare with rude nature's thwarting mights—

The uncleared forest, the unbroken soil,
The iron bark that turns the lumberer's axe,
The rapid that o'erbears the boatman's toil,
The prairie hiding the mazed wanderer's tracks,

The ambushed Indian, and the prowling bear—
Such were the deeds that helped his youth to train,
Rough culture, but such trees large fruit may bear,
If but their stocks be of right girth and grain.

So he grew up a destined work to do,
And lived to do it; four long suffering years,
Ill fate, ill feeling, ill report lived through,
And then he heard the hisses change to cheers.

The taunts to tribute, the abuse to praise,
And took both with the same unwavering mood—
Till, as he came on light, from darkling days,
And seemed to touch the goal from where he stood.

A felon hand, between the goal and him,
Reached from behind his back, a trigger prest,
And those perplexed and patient eyes were dim,
Those gaunt, long laboring limbs were laid to rest.

The words of mercy were upon his lips,
Forgiveness in his heart and on his pen,
When this vile murderer brought swift eclipse
To thoughts of peace on earth, good will to men.

The Old World and the New, from sea to sea,
Utter one voice of sympathy and shame.
Sore heart, so stopped when it at last beat high!
Sad life, cut short just as its triumph came!

A deed accursed! Strokes have been struck before
By the assassin's hand, whereof men doubt
If more of horror or disgrace they bore;
But thy foul crime, like Cain's, stands darkly out,

Vile hand, that brandest murder on a strife,
Whate'er its grounds, stoutly and nobly striven,
And with the martyr's crown crownest a life,
With much to praise, little to be forgiven.

It was the fate of Abraham Lincoln to be grievously misjudged. The impression that he was an illiterate, boorish frontiersman, given to rough jokes, was one widely disseminated by the opponents of the political movement of which he was the leader, and it died slowly even after he had given ample proof of the greatness of his qualities. The world was gradually coming to a juster appreciation of the man, when the assassin's bullet which laid him low, swept away the lingering clouds which still obscured his commanding figure and revealed him for what he was: one of the world's heroes, who belongs not to a country or to a time, but to the whole human race.

In two famous publications, Harper's Weekly and London Punch, he was caricatured without mercy. The cartoons in the latter were drawn by John Tenniel then, as now, the master draughtsman of Punch; and looked back upon, through the clarifying perspective of over thirty years they seem singularly pointless. Doubtless to contemporaries they had a different countenance. The series came to a sudden end in the issue of May 6, 1865, with a cartoon showing Britannia placing a wreath on Lincoln's bier, beside which were two mourners—Columbia, represented by a female figure, and a negro, his broken manacles beside him typifying his freedom. In this issue the noble lines which we reproduce above were published, and no manlier apology was ever made. The poem was written by Tom Taylor, one of the most brilliant members of the staff of Punch. He became the editor of that journal in 1874, and died in 1880 at the age of 63.—Ed.

Passport Regulations.

There are few countries in which travelers require passports in order to promote convenience and security. In Brazil and Venezuela a passport must be shown to the officials before one is allowed to leave the country for a foreign port. This is a vexatious measure enforced apparently for the sake of enabling a few officials to collect small fees. In Cuba passports are produced whenever travelers arrive or depart. This precaution is considered necessary in view of the political condition of unrest prevailing in the island.

In Russia passport regulations are enforced with great stringency. No traveler is allowed to enter the empire until he has obtained a passport and convinced the Russian consular officers at the port from which he sails that he is neither a Roman Catholic priest nor a Hebrew. The question ordinarily asked is: "What is your religion?" but it is designed to provide against the entry of either of these two classes.

When the traveler arrives at a Russian port with a passport which has been properly viseed and countersigned at a consular office, it is critically examined by a police officer, and duly registered.

At the entrance of the hotel another police officer takes possession of the document, and in the course of twenty-four hours returns it with a permit for a limited residence in the country.

When the traveler departs for another city in the empire he must have the passport countersigned by the police. This process continues until he reaches the frontier, which he cannot cross unless the passport has been viseed and stamped by the police. Not infrequently tourists are stopped at the frontier and subjected to serious inconvenience because they have neglected to comply with the police regulations respecting passports.

All this red tape causes annoyance and irritation among tourists, who are apt to overlook the fact that Russians as well as foreigners are compelled to obesrve these police regulations. It is the business of the police to know where everybody lodges. A permit is required if a native removes from one quarter of a town to another. Everybody is registered by the police when he arrives or departs, and foreigners when they are in Russia are dealt with on equal terms with permanent residents.

The same system prevails in Turkey, where it is not practicable for a foreigner to travel without a passport. Elsewhere in Europe passports are not required. They are relics of a bygone period when communications between countries were slow and infrequent. Now that all nations are drawn together by the ties of constant intercourse a passport is out of date except in countries like Russia, Turkey and Cuba, where it fits into the police system of registration.

For the Soldier's Wheel.

A Williamstown (N. Y.) genius has invented an attachment for bicycles that he thinks will render them of great service in military maneuvers. The attachment consists of two steel supports that drop to the ground when a brakelike appliance on the handle bar is lightly touched. Upon these supports the bicycle rests, and the rider can come to a standstill and use his hands for any purpose without dismounting. When not in use the supports are folded up against the front forks of the machine. The inventor claims that by the use of his attachment bodies of military wheelmen can come to a sudden halt and fire on the enemy and reload their rifles without dismounting.

Napoleon's Last Words.

On his death bed Napoleon expressed his conviction that England would end like the proud republic of Venice.

With perfect composure, he gave his last directions: "I desire that you will take my heart, put it in spirits of wine and carry it to Parma to my dear Maria Louise; you will tell her that I never ceased to love her, and relate to her every particular respecting my death upon this miserable and dreary rock. You will tell my mother and family that the great Napoleon expired in the most deplorable state, deprived of everything, abandoned to himself and to his glory, and that he bequeathed with his dying breath to all the reigning families of Europe the horror and opprobrium of his death."

The second codicil of his will contained the direction which was afterward complied with: "It is my wish that my ashes may repose on the banks of the Seine, in the midst of the French people whom I love so well."

On the 5th of May, 1821, he who had for years kept all Europe in a state of feverish excitement, terminated his earthly career.

After lying in state two days, the body was deposited in a coffin composed first of tin lined with white satin, which having been soldered, was enclosed in another of mahogany, a third of lead, and the whole in a fourth of maghogany secured with iron screws. After the ceremony, an enormous stone was lowered over the body, resting on a stone wall so as to escape the coffin.

On the 12th of May Louis-Philippe commanded that the ashes of Napoleon be conveyed to France. In his communication he said: "Henceforth France, alone, will possess all that remains of Napoleon; his tomb, like his fame, will belong to none but his country."

At 11 o'clock Dec. 15 the first cannon was heard announcing that the remains of the emperor had reached French ground. Amid the vast assemblage the body was borne by twenty-four seamen to its last resting place in the Hotel de Invalides.

So closed the eventful career of the great Napoleon, whose memory can only perish with the records of the world.

His Best.

In the life of Whittier it is told how in the days of the civil war, an old Quaker, from the New Hampshire hills, came down for an interview with the good poet. This Green Mountain disciple of Fox was the owner of a sturdy lot of oak trees. The government had set its eye upon them and wanted to buy them.

The Quaker knew that the purpose of the bargain must be to get timber for the new warships that were building. He hardly knew whether a sale for such a purpose was consistent with the gospel of peace.

Whittier, either seeing that the man's mind was pretty thoroughly made up to the bargain, or else considering that there was such a thing as pushing a good creed too far, would only say:

"Well, friend, if thee dost sell any timber to the United States, be sure that it is all sound."

The oak from the Quaker's farm was in the Kearsarge when she fought the Alabama to the finish.

"What is unconventional, Uncle Jim?"

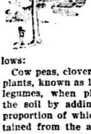
"Unconventional? Well, it is being too good natured to get vexed with people who haven't any manners."

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Soil Inoculation.



THE Alabama experiment station has been making some experiments in inoculating the soil with tubercles that are peculiar allies of the leguminous plants. A full report is given in bulletin 87. The summary is as follows:

Cow peas, clovers, vetches and other plants, known as leguminous plants or legumes, when plowed under enrich the soil by adding nitrogen, a large proportion of which they have obtaintained from the atmosphere.

The enlargements or tubercles on the roots are the means by which the free nitrogen of the air is made available to leguminous plants. If these tubercles are wanting on a leguminous plant, the nitrogen of the air is unavailable to that plant, just as it is to cotton, grass, and all other higher plants that are not leguminous.

On some soils these normal tubercles do not develop on the roots of such legumes as have never before been grown in that locality. The growth of tubercles can be induced by adding certain germs to the soil, a process which is called inoculation.

In Alabama the cow pea is the most generally satisfactory renovating plant for summer growth. There is also need for winter growing leguminous plants, such as hairy vetch and crimson clover, to occupy the land in winter between two sale crops, in order to decrease washing and leaching of the soil and to add vegetable matter rich in nitrogen.

Hairy vetch, without fertilizer, yielded on a field where this plant had been repeatedly grown 17,765 pounds of green forage, or 4,174 pounds of hay per acre.

On a field where hairy vetch had never before been grown and where the fertilizer applied contained phosphoric acid and potash, but no nitrogen, the yield was only 235 pounds of hay per acre; on an adjoining and similar plot, the seed for which were inoculated with earth from an old vetch field, the yield of hay was 2,540 pounds, an increase of 995 per cent following a treatment which cost nothing except a small amount of labor. On the inoculated plot the plants were well supplied with tubercles, while on the plot not treated the plants were bare of tubercles.

A germ fertilizer, intended to make available the free nitrogen of the air by inducing the growth of tubercles on legumes grown in soils not already stocked with the proper forms of germ life, was purchased in Germany and used in Auburn in pot experiments with hairy vetch, Canada field peas and crimson clover.

Inoculation with this germ fertilizer or nitrogen greatly increased the yields of all of these plants as compared with untreated plants.

This increase in the weight of inoculated plants, after thorough drying, was as follows:

Hairy vetch, increased by 89 per cent.

Canada field peas, increased by 138 per cent.

Crimson clover (young plants), increased by 146 per cent.

Lupins (tested on only one soil), not increased.

Germ fertilizer prepared for vetch, was effective on Canada field peas.

Inoculation material procured without cash outlay acted like nitrogen, and greatly increased the yields of hairy vetch and alfalfa.

Soil from a field where a given leguminous plant has recently been successfully grown is an effective inoculating material for the same kind of plant when first sown in a soil not already naturally supplied with the required form of germ life.

The dust adhering to the seed of bur clover was an effective inoculating material for alfalfa; the increase in the first cutting of alfalfa hay following this inoculation was 336 per cent.

Inoculation for cow peas and lespedeza was apparently unnecessary in the soils used in these experiments. In or near all of these soils these two plants have been growing for years. Hence we may infer that these soils have been previously inoculated by germ-laden dust or by some other natural agency.

In a soil which for many years had borne no leguminous plants, tubercles developed without intentional inoculation on hairy vetch, Canada field peas, crimson clover and lupins, as well as on cow peas and lespedeza. This soil was more nearly independent of inoculation than any other soil tested, and yet even on this soil the increase in the weight of inoculated plants over plants not inoculated was 38 per cent, with hairy vetch 58 per cent, with Canada field peas and 79 per cent with crimson clover.

Many soils are naturally inoculated as regards the most commonly grown leguminous plants and hence are not benefited by artificial inoculation.

More About the San Jose Scale.

Bulletin 86, Alabama Experiment Station: In the inspection of various nurseries made in Alabama this spring several facts of interest regarding this pest were noted. In nurseries where all stock was kept moving every three years, there were no cases of evident infestation among the nursery trees. Although on some of these places apple trees in old orchards and the old wood of pear grafting stock over five years of age, bore the San Jose scale. I was told by experienced nurserymen that it would be entirely practicable to move also all blocks of grafting stock every three years. On the places above mentioned this plan will be followed, and the orchards removed entire. All of which will practically preclude the possibility of the San Jose or any other scale gaining a foothold in these nurseries. Acting on my advice all the nurserymen visited (and most of the larger nurseries in the state were inspected) have undertaken thorough methods of fumigation. Thus, while the first move will protect the nurserymen the fumigating will still further protect purchasers of stock.

Food Plants Other Than Fruit Trees. —The question is often asked as to what trees other than the fruit trees, the San Jose scale will attack. Webster, in Ohio, has found it on Basswood or Linden, Sumac, Elm, Walnut, Willow, several Poplars, Catalpa, Chestnut, Osage, Orange and Snowball. A specimen of Cotoneaster, coming from a Long Island nursery and sent to Webster for examination, was found to be very badly infested.

Varieties of Fruits Possessing Im

munity.—Inquiries have frequently come to me as to whether there were any varieties of the various fruits possessing immunity from the attacks of this pest. I have heard of but one, and that was reported by Webster. He says: "The Early Richmond Cherry I believe to be exempt from attack, as I have found trees whose branches interlocked with those of a pear that had been killed by the scale, yet the cherry was uninfested; and in two cases that came under my observation, where this variety of cherry had been grafted upon mahaleb stock, and shoots had sprung up from below the graft, the shoots were badly infested with scale, while none at all could be found on the trees themselves.

Who Should Engage in Dairying.

There is a great deal of reckless and extravagant advice given in regard to the advantages of dairying over other phases of agricultural production, says a writer in Southern Farm Gazette. While good profits are being made by many dairymen it remains a fact that a great deal of the dairying practiced does not pay as well as some other lines of work might. Where a man lives near a good market and possesses the ability to properly manage a dairy we know of no business that offers more pleasant or profitable work; but few men are fitted for dairy work and not many women are likely to fancy the drudgery and attention required to operate a dairy successfully. The man who engages in the dairy business and expects to make a living out of it without work is almost certain to be disappointed. With good facilities, careful and constant attention and a special fitness for the business a fair profit may be expected. On the other hand while some are sure to make a success of it under the most adverse conditions others will as certainly fail under the most favorable circumstances. Where dairying can be made most profitable and where it should be most encouraged is on the farms where mixed farming is practiced. A few cows can be made to pay handsomely on any ordinary farm and besides will afford one of the rarest but greatest luxuries, good milk and butter for family use.

Long Island Cranberries.

The cranberry growers of the eastern end of Long Island are now harvesting the crop of 1897, which promises to be an unusually large one. The berries are also very fine, being large and sound and have an excellent flavor. This section of the island has quite a number of marshes, most all of them being under constant cultivation and growing large quantities of berries. Long Island cranberries always find a ready market and at a good figure. The price paid this year will undoubtedly be at least $3 per bushel. A cranberry marsh needs little or no fertilizer, the most essential point being to see that the marsh is flooded with water at the right time and drawn off with equal precision. In consequence of this there is very little labor and less still of capital needed in conducting a cranberry marsh after the ground is prepared, the plants set out, and the marsh is in growing condition. This, of couse, is expected during the harvesting period, when for the space of six weeks or two months the owner is busy looking after his crop. The largest cranberry grower on the island is Sylvester N. Woodhull of Riverhead. About twelve years ago he prepared twenty-five acres of seemingly valueless low land as a cranberry field and it now yields as great a profit as any equal acreage in Suffolk county. This year Mr. Woodhull will spend about $2,000 in harvesting his crop, while as a return he will secure upward of $9,000.—Long Islander.

Value of Good Fruit.

Ripe apples are especially healthy and children may eat them without danger. Some doctors say that an apple at bedtime produces sleep, says Central States Fruit Grower. Pears are more savory than apples, but not so healthy, unless cooked. Prunes have medical qualities which cannot be denied. They are better cooked however. Apricots are also more healthy cooked than raw. Peaches are very healthy. The most healthy of all fruit, however, are grapes. Consumption has been cured by grapes when every other remedy has failed. Cherries may be eaten, as they frequently restore health and strength to the weak. Strawberries, though a cold fruit, have a virtue of healing rheumatism. Gooseberries and currants are best cooked. Figs are also excellent. They were in great favor with ancient Roman ladies, who always ate them before breakfast. Pineapples are said to be the best cure for dyspepsia yet known. Nuts of all kinds are indigestible. Oranges are also excellent as a cure for dyspepsia. Lemons produce cheerfulness and prolong life.

Missouri State Horticultural Society.

The fortieth annual meeting of the society will be held in Moberly, Mo., December 7, 8 and 9, 1897, in the court house. Prospects point to our usual good meeting here, and we wish to urge all our earnest fruit growers to arrange for the meeting and be there. Some of the best men of the state will attend, and it will pay you to get their experience. Premiums will be given on all fruits and flowers, and we urge you to save good specimens of apples for that display. Railroads have promised us rates, providing one hundred hold certificates; hence, it is necessary that you secure certificates when you buy your tickets. Hotels will give rates of $1 and $1.50 per day. Some prominent fruit growers of other states will be present. A good programme is in preparation, and you cannot afford to miss this meeting.

L. A. Goodman, Secretary.

The department of agriculture has been officially notified of the appointment by New South Wales of a veterinary inspector at San Francisco to examine and grant certificates of health for American horses to be shipped to Australia from that port. An appointment of a veterinary inspector at New York in behalf of Australia was made by New South Wales to facilitate the shipment of cattle, sheep and swine to that country from New York only. The department is further informed that American-bred merinos are the "premium" sheep in Australia, and that the breeding and shipping of such sheep to that market is becoming more and more popular.

Local Adaptabilities.—Professor L. H. Bailey says: "It is possible that each distinct type of fruit varieties has preferences of land and location, and it will be the business of coming generations to determine what these peculiarities are." He thinks that in time local and special sorts will tend to drive out of local culture general and cosmopolitan varieties.

If ventilators are put on the barn, see that they are not so placed that they will cause a draft of air over the stock.

Bewitching Note Paper.

Even the most negligent of correspondents would find inspiration in some of the new boxes of note paper. The boxes are in the form of little desks, although made of card board, and are divided into four or five compartments. The cover is fastened to the box and cannot very easily be lost or mislaid. There are five different sizes of paper and envelopes. The largest letter sheets are square, the envelops long and narrow. The smallest note sheets are scarcely larger than correspondence cards. In one corner of the box is a space for sticks of sealing wax and a taper. Truly these convenient, orderly and complete escretoires must have been devised for the bad correspondent who snatches at any excuse—lack of time, place, paper or what not—for not meeting her epistolarg obligations.

When you visit Omaha you should call at C. S. Raymond Co.'s jewelry store, corner Fifteenth and Douglas streets, and examine their jewelry and art goods for wedding, birthday and Christmas presents, also steel engraved wedding stationery, invitations and visiting cards. It is the only first class, up-to-date jewelry, art and cut glass store west of Chicago and St. Louis. Engraving and printing 100 visiting cards $1.50 by mail.

The Velveteen Shirt Waists.

Odd waists of colored Liberty velveteen very much worn, made in the form of a shirt waist or in a simple full blouse with shirred sleeves and a band of cream guipure insertion set around below the collar band, to form a yoke effect, and down one side where the bodice opens. With a pretty buckle at the neck and belt, you have a waist both dressy and plain enough to serve many purposes. It is the slightly bloused waist that is the best example of this fashion, all extremes in this style being the ruling feature of cheap, ready-made garments only, while the latest, most elegant gowns are not bloused at all in the back.—New York Sun.

Holdbacks for harnesses are now made of a curved cross-bar, with rearwardly projecting ends, which fit in pockets on both sides of the thills, thus doing away with a portion of the harness.

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; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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A touching little tale, one that might adorn the pages of a Sunday school library volume, drifts out of Seattle. Patrick Gavin, rich in Klondike nuggets and dust, arrived at Seattle and asked a group of boys to direct him to a hotel. "I'll tell you for a quarter," said one. "I'll show you where it was for ten cents," chimed in another. "Say, I'll do it for five cents," remarked a third. "Mister," said little Jimmie Brennan, "I will point out the Butler for you for nothing. So the stranger went with Jimmie. He took the lad to a clothing store and arrayed him sumptuously in the best hand-me-downs that Seattle could afford; he clothed him, cap-a-pie, and sent the boy away with a $5 nugget and a gold piece. Now all the boys in Seattle are lying in wait for rough looking strangers with gold dust in their clothes.

Misery by the Wholesale.

Is what chronic inactivity of the liver gives rise to. Bile gets into the blood and imparts a yellow tint, the tongue fouls and so does the breath, sick head-aches, pain beneath the right ribs and shoulder blade are felt, the bowels become constipated and the stomach disordered. The proven remedy for this catalogue of evils is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine long and professionally recommended, and sovereign also for chills and fever, nervousness and rheumatism.

A man at Chillicothe was struck by a train while riding a bicycle. He was thrown thirty feet into the air, made two or three revolutions, and came down in response to the law of gravitation, still clinging to the saddle. The wheel had pneumatic tires and rebounded, breaking the force of the man's fall and thus saving his life. This is no bicycle advertisement which has come over the wires, but is a serious report. — Indianapolis News.

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Short Order Divorces.

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