

## EXCHANGES

While out pestivating last night the religious editor discovered an Anheuser bush, a plant whose habitat was supposed to be in Missouri only. The specimen is very rare indeed, of pale amber color with a snow white sparkling blossom.—Phizooks Reporter.

Miss Woodmansee, who left school on account of her health, is much better and will probably return for commencement.

R. BRUCE MAGEE, M. D.,



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## A Bit of Musical History.

Manager Blakeley, of Sousa's Band, is naturally full of enthusiasm over the repeated and continuous triumphs of the band of which he was the creator. It was Mr. Blakeley who introduced Mr. Sousa, by quadrupling his salary and giving him *carte blanche* to employ the finest musicians the world afforded, to resign his connection with the United States Marine Band and form the permanent organization of which he is now the head. This is now the third year of the organization of the band, and it is constantly and profitably employed in brilliant engagements at Manhattan Beach, at the St. Louis Exposition, etc., and it was the first band which Theodore Thomas selected to supplement his own orchestra at the World's Fair.

"The engagement in this city," said Mr. Blakeley, "is one of a series of concerts of forty-two weeks in duration, beginning on the 8th of March and ending in New York at Christmas. It is the longest uninterrupted season of concerts ever given by any great musical organization.

"The band," continued Mr. Blakeley, "was formed for concert purposes only, and is without the preponderance of blare and brass pertaining to the regimental or parade band. Its matchless pianissimo effects are as refined as those of a string orchestra."

Mr. Blakeley gives as an evidence of the popularity of Mr. Sousa and his band the fact that he received during the last six months from the John Church Company, of Cincinnati, \$12,385.59—this being the royalties for the six months ending January 1st, upon three only of his latest compositions, to-wit., the "Manhattan Beach," the "Liberty Bell," and the "Directorate" marches. This leaves out of the account his other great marches, including the "Washington Post" and "High School Cadets," which are published by a Philadelphia house, and are equally profitable and popular compositions.

"Of course," said Mr. Blakeley, "Mr. Sousa plays these and other marches as encores at his concerts, and he will introduce between the regular numbers of the programs many catchy plantation dances and airs dear to all sections of the country. This is one of the secrets of Sousa's popularity. He makes people happy by giving them what they like. The connoisseurs get their share of classical music, the people theirs, and even the gallery gods are treated to the cachinating tempos which set their feet and heads to keeping time."

This great band will be at the Lansing theater for one concert only, Thursday afternoon, May 14th at 2 P.M. sharp.

Prices: 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1; seats on sale Saturday morning.

Several new wheels made their appearance about the grounds last week. Mr. Dowell has a Munger which weighs sixteen pounds. Robbins' wheel registers fifteen miles a day regularly now.

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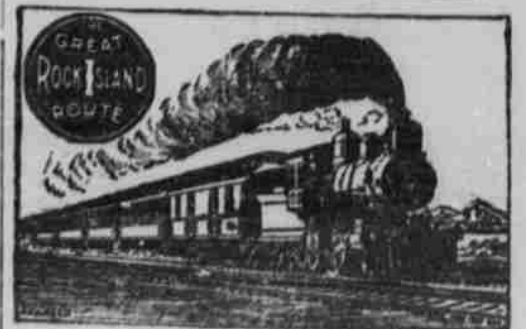
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