TIME'S WHIRLIGIGS

A Few Curious Ups and Downs of Human Life.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Charles H. Fairchild, a native of Columbia county, New York, went to sea at the age of 17. His mother, in an attempt to dissuade her son from leading so perilous a life as that of a sailor, led him to believe that should he follow the sea he would be drowned. Young Fairchild kept the idea in his mind for year after year. Nevertheless, he did not permit his superstitious feeling to influence his life. Once he was shipwrecked and with fifteen other sailors floated on a raft for the period of two weeks. During five days of that time the men were without water and some of them died. A few years afterwards he was swept overboard from a ship in a storm. He swam until he was exhausted, and then, thinking of his mother's prediction, he gave up. When he recovered consciousness he found himself surrounded by savages on a wild coast. He was presented to the King, who had him placed in a room and fed on fruit. Evidences of cannibalism were roundabout, and the thought that he was being fattened to furnish morsels for a royal feast filled Fairchild with horror. His terror preyed upon his flesh as well as mind, and instead of fattening, he became thinner every day. He noticed the thunder frightened his guards. One night during a terrific storm he managed to escape. Making his way to the coast, he found a ship and returned to America. Having acquired considerable property, Fairchild came to Philadelphia. He lived here for some years and then concluded to move to Auburn, N. Y. On the day before his proposed removal he drew all his money ($9,000) from a bank and packed his goods. That night his house caught fire and his child, a girl of 10 years, was burned to death. His money and goods were also lost. He was a member of the Anthracite Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the order helped him to a fresh start in life. He went to Auburn and again began to prosper. A few days ago he met with a tragic death, not from water, as he had expected, but by fire.

A PICK IDLY DROPPED.

"Old Man Bassick" came to America from the mining districts of Australia several years ago. He was very poor, and upon reaching Rosita, Col. found it necessary to seek immediate employment at the livery stables. He did odd jobs, earning a few dimes a day, and his wife and daughter helped at the wash tub to support the family. Every one who knew him regarded "Old Man Bassick" as one of the world's unfortunates. He had been a miner since his youth, and yet his hat was as full of holes as a sieve. But at Rosita Bassick continued to search for silver. One day he wandered off among the hills. He walked for hours, looking for a point to touch with his pick. When he sat down on a hillside to rest he scraped the earth mechanically. At the grass roots he struck mineral. Surprised at his unexpected luck he began to dig. The result was entirely satisfactory. Returning to Rosita, he told a merchant the story and offered half his claim for $25. The merchant pooh-poohed the idea. A few days afterwards people talked of the Bassick mine. In less than a week the "old man" was admitted to be worth several hundred thousand dollars. At the spot where Bassick idly dropped his pick is the town of Querida, named by Mrs. Francklyn, in whose Long Branch cottage the late President died. The population of the town is five hundred, and it is about as prosperous as the majority of places of the kind. Some time ago Mrs. Bassick was at Canon. It was noticed that she frequently walked out upon the hotel porch as of looking for some one. "Do you expect friends?" asked the obsequious Boniface. "No, indeed," she replied: "I'm expecting my phaeton." Her pretty phaeton, for which she paid $3,000, shortly afterwards appeared around the corner.

POOR SALO SCHMEY.

In 1869 Salo Schmey appeared in Cincinnati, and by persistent effort became a leader in good society. He seemed to be very wealthy. He lived at the most expensive hotel in a most extravagant manner. He was young, handsome, brilliant in conversation and a "born musician." His usefulness in the Harmonic and Orpheus Societies was so great that the music-loving people of the city made a pet of him. The daughters of the best families, some of whom are now the wives of prominent business men, were seen in Schmey's company at balls and on the road in his swell drag. He was the most widely known young man in town. In 1873 he disappeared. A late number of The Vienna Freie Presse, in telling of the occupants of the prisons of that city mentions one Salo Schmey, recently from America, convicted of stealing jewelry to the amount of 12,000 florins.

A STRANGE CASE.

An unusual case came up before Judge Blatchford of the United States court in New York, the other day. During the war the steamer Josie, supposed to be a blockade runner, was seized by the Government, and although the parties to the defense have since disappeared the case came up for trial on appeal. The young unmarried daughter of Thomas McLean, deceased, a boudsman for the owner of the vessel, is left solely responsible for the judgment against the vessel and the cargo which the Government seeks to enforce. Until a few days ago she had never heard of her father's liability and believed herself independent. Her property is worth about $70,000, and that is the amount of the claim.

A New York paper tells of a person who, living on Murray Hill, "boasts that she has twenty bonnets and as many street costumes." Six years ago her father kept a small boarding house in a poor quarter of the metropolis. A silver mine turned him from the task of chipping ham to that of clipping coupons.

The Garden of Nebraska.

North Nebraska Annual Review.

Dixon county during the past year has improved more rapidly than during any previous year for five years since it was organized. People in the east who not long ago honestly believed this country to be the next thing to a wilderness, have learned of its splendid lands, its unsurpassed water powers, its immense forests, its pure water and its healthy climate. As to the latter, it can safely be said that there is no country on the continent that excels it. In addition to these recommendations, Dixon county is well supplied with schools, churches and good society. These facts coming to be believed by eastern people, we have during the past year seen many arrivals of good citizens, who have come with their families to make their homes here. Hence many new farms have been opened, numerous farm houses built, and groves and other improvements started, which were not seen a year ago.

Dixon county is bounded on the north by the Missouri river, on the east by Dakota county, on the south by Wayne, and on the west by Cedar. It has about 288 square miles, or 184,320 acres of land. There is not an acre of marsh or poor land in the county. At the time of the last census (a year ago last June), about 25,000 acres were reported under cultivation, and at that time the county had 4,177 inhabitants. Since then its amount of cultivated lands has increased to at least 40,000 acres. The population since then has been greatly added to, as would be natural where so many have come to locate within a year, where so few die, and where in its prolific atmosphere so many are born. The population of the county may now be safely put down at over 5,500, and as superior a class of people as any county in the state can boast of. Dixon county has along its northern border vast forests of timber, amounting in all to not less than 10,000 acres.

Dixon county has fifty-six school districts, in all of which are good school houses and schools. The county has excellent roads, and generally good bridges.

In fact it presents in its improvements and enterprise, the appearance of a much older country than it really is.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Muffs match the bonnets.

Fur gauntlets are worn again.

A new fringe of chenille is called seal-skin fringe from its resemblance to that fur.

George Clarke says that there is as much difference in stage kisses as there is in baked beans.

Dolly Varden lives again in a new polonaise, a novel neck-chief, and a daintly shaped dancing-shoe.

Feathers are again worn in the hair with full evening dress—matrons wearing them to the exclusion of floral garniture.

It is stated on the very best authority that the Ugly Women's Club will wear very large hats to the theatre this season.

Fifteen Jewish Russian refugees recently arrived in Keokuk, where they are being cared for by the brethren of the same faith.

The jaunty Hungarian costumes are exceedingly pretty for children, made of Craigievar tweed trimmed with dark bottle-green plush.

Banged hair on a young girl, especially when it surmounts a fair, smooth brow, and is enhanced by a pair of roguish black eyes, makes a very pretty sight.

Medium-length bodices seem to be going out of fashion, for if not extravagantly long, the basque, so called, hardly deserves the name as it is but a waist pointed in front and very much cut up over the hips.

Although the inevitable seal-skin sacque is seen quite often upon our promenades, the long black silk circular has supplanted it to a great degree. There are two excellent reasons for this. The circular is the fashion, and also much cheaper than the seal skin.

That useful over-all fur-lined cloak, the circular, is still worn, but merely as a wrap. They are now wonderfully reduced in price, but real genuine fur always realizes its true value, and a cheap fur look means one that will be an endless source of vexation and annoyance in consequence of its mangy propensities.

"An authority says: 'A kiss is a reflex action without the will being called into action, that the sight of a blooming cheek acting upon the preceptive end of the optic nerve is registered in a ganglion as a sensation, and exteriorizes itself in the muscular act of kissing.' Paste this item in your hats, girls"—[Susan B. Anthony.

What has become of the mailed heel on ladies' shoes? The click of brass or other metal as the fair ones dash by on the pavement is fast fading out, and leather appears to be good enough for the average wearer. The back of the neck of the fashionable lady is now the point of scrutiny. If two dainty little curls are found nestling just beneath the left ear 'tis well.

"Minnie" wants to know "who set the fashions?" We don't want to be st, dear, or appear unduly conceited, or that sort of thing, but the fashion of wearing a spring overcoat, flavored at the elbows with benzine, clear through the Christmas holidays and along into next February, we set that on "ourself." We don't know who set the others as that is the only one we are deeply interested in just now.

All woolen dresses are simply made, the leading colors being Vandyck brown, Venetian green, mahogany red and royal blue, the latter being an especial favorite. These servicable suits are trimmed with bands of soft gray fur brought from the Sicily Isles—a pretty and effective trimming which is inexpensive and quite durable. For trimming street dresses of more expensive description Russian and Lapland furs are in great demand. Silver and blue fox are among the fancy furs, while the costly sables hold their own as preeminently the first to be selected.

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IMPIETIES.

The parson glanced into the contribution box and said it reminded him of the sanctum sanctorum—it was wholly of holeys.—[Boston Globe.

In the last 100 years over 4,000 people have been burned up in theaters, and in the same time over 6,000 have perished in church accidents.

A Newark (N. J.) church member, who says on Sunday that he is too tired to stand up in church while the hymns are sung, stood the other day for an hour on Broad street waiting for a circus to come along. His neighbors say that he did not complain of being weary on that occasion.—[Hartford Times.

"Ma, haven't I been a real good boy since I've been going to Sunday school?" "Yes, my amb," answered the maternal parent, fondly. "And you trust me now, don't you ma?" "Yes darling." "Then," spoke up the little innocent, "what makes you keep the preserves locked up in the pantry the same as ever?"—[New Orleans Times.

A Texas story says that a pulpit which was taken away from a church to make room for a "Pinafore" performance was finally found in a gambling den by a member of the congregation, doing duty as a faro table. The accommodating gambler, on learning the circumstances, said, in spite of the personal inconvenience, he returned it. Everything was harmoniously adjusted. "No cards."

Inspirational pugilism: When Middleton's boy was led out into the woodshed to receive parental discipline for punching the head of a neighbor's son, the old gentleman anticipated the regular proceedings of the meeting by the remark: "You've been licked for this sort of thing before and know what to expect." "Yes" whispered the culprit; "I know I did wrong, but I couldn't help it. I had an inspiration.' So had his father, and he fulfilled it with a trunk strap.

A New York divine has been attacking the modern dance as immoral and impious. He admits that dancing is mentioned as a religious rite in the Old Testament, but there was then no association of the sexes in the performance, and consequently there could not have been any suggestion of immorality. "You may be sure," cried his reverence, "that when David danced no one called out: 'First and second couple forward and backward.'" But it is recorded that Michal, the daughter of Saul, had something to say touching the costume in which David appeared to do his dancing, a costume which would not be tolerated in a modern mad house, much less a modern ball-room, and that David was so incensed thereby that Michal was practically divorced from his arms. It is hardly wise in a modern preacher who would inculcate lessons of purity of morals to direct the youth of this time to the story of David. It is one about which the least said the soonest mended. One might have made an indifferently good ruler for a nomadic people some ages before the Christian era, but he would not be tolerated in the United States anywhere out of Mormondom.

Thine Eyes

I think thy heart hath sometimes shut me out,
Perchance when trobbing to a blissful dream;
When even the Moonlight shimmering round about,
Dared not invade thy chamber with its beam
Sometimes I think the purple curtains fall,
Where thy sweet spirits secret boundary lies;
Thy heart and soul responds not to my call,
But thou canst never shut me from thine eyes.

Down in this inmost, loving deeps I see,
A world of passion often calmed to sleep;
And tears—which thou canst never hide from me—
Nor any cause which ever makes thee weep
To others give the smiles that wreathe thy lips;
To happy thoughts which in thy nature lies;
But dark indeed must be the sun eclipse
When thou canst turn from me thy tender eyes.

On some fond breast must weary souls recline,
When life's bright noon to cooler eve retires;
Ah, let thy heart forever rest on mine
Until the latest linger ing spark expires.
Thy happier things on others then bestow;
But love to love no hidden grief denies:
Nor ever lets the stream so turbid flow
That love reads not the secret in love's eyes.

[—Annie Robertson Noxon.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Louisville has 360 teachers instructing 14,528 pupils.

The Kindergarten schools in St. Louis have 6,000 pupils.

The number of scholars enrolled in the Burlington public schools is 2,821.

There is an average daily attendance of 15 357 in the New Orleans schools about forty pupils to each teacher.

The average daily attendance in the Chicago schools is now 48,589, the enrolment being 58,097. The city employs 972 teachers.

The Louisiana State University proposes to add to the practicality of its course by the establishment of an experimental sugar laboratory.

A lady has been employed as director of the Milwaukee kindergartens at a salary of $1,500. A regular system of kindergartens will probably be established in that city.

Prof. Sumner, of Yale, says that the present fashion is to "teach a bit of Greek, a bit of biology, and a bit of something else, so that in the result men hardly know anything.'

Three New Jersey school trustees are to be tried in Gloucester county for refusing to admit to the one public school of their district the two children of a respectable, tax-paying colored citizen. Public sentiment is said to support the angry father.

There are now eight Fellows studying at Princeton; one has gone to Leipsic. The college is also instructing fifty-four post-graduates and eighteen special students. Altogether Princeton has 538 students. This year there are thirteen post graduate courses against seven last year.

The Chicago papers are censuring the board of education for its failure to provide adequate accommodation for the children of that city. A recent report of the board stated that there were 39,000 children in Chicago, between the ages of six and twenty-one, who are not regular attendants of any school.

There is a good deal of discussion going on at present concerning high-pressure in the public schools—a discussion which will doubtless have itt own small effect in changing the cut-and-dried system of instruction for the fresh and lively methods in use at Quincy and elsewhere. The Boston Herald says: "There is something sorrowfully lantless in the pressure of our public school system, especially in its higher grades, there is in it so little possibility of adaptation to the needs and weaknesses of individual pupils, and the spur which it constantly applies to the more sensitive and finely constituted minds is so excessive that great and often irreparable injury is the result."

The Pedigogical association of Cincinnati recently held an interesting discussion on teaching grammar in the public schools. A report providing for oral language lessons in Grade G of the primary schools was adopted. In teaching by this method sentences are given which contain perhaps two ideas, to have two objects. For example: "John has apples;" "Jane has apples." The pupil puts them together and says: "John and Jane has apples." The correction is made: "John and Jane have apples." As the pupil advance short narratives succeed, and the exercises grow broader, the thought less simple and the logical distinctions are more closely observed. Superintendent Peaslee said that he hoped the day was not far distant when the inculcation of correct language, logically, will take rank in importance as mental drill before mathematics. He had found everywhere throughout the country the sentiment prevailing that language and the expression of thought are being sacrificed to mathematics.

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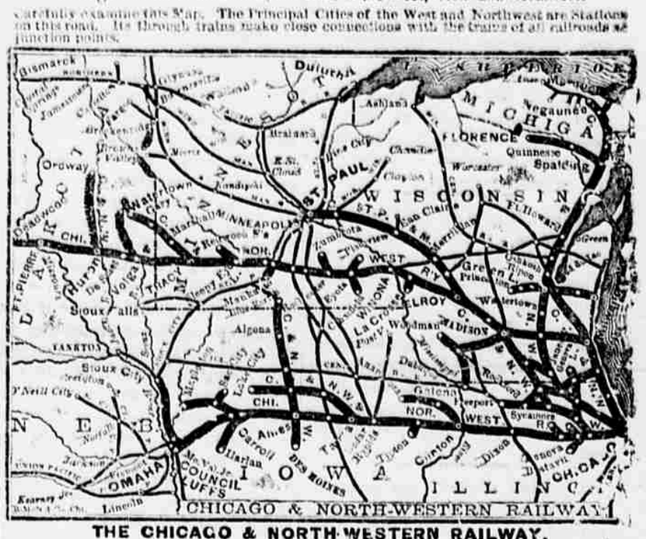

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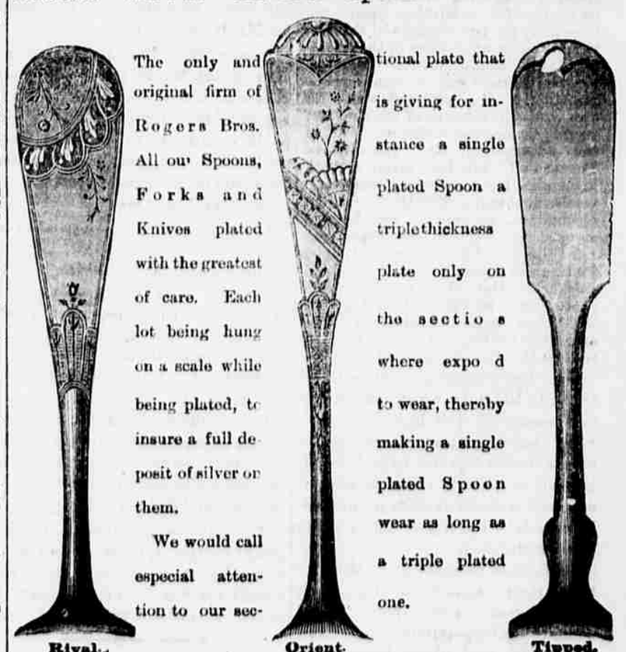

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