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In front of the village store,
And smilingly talks those ancient jokes
He's told so oft before;

Bows to the major who's passing by,
And shakes the hand of the squire,
Then breaks the thread of his oldest joke
The village belle to admire;

Talks of the weather as one who knows
When the clouds are threatening rain,
Thinks wheat will advance some time this fall,
And cotton be low again;

The village gossip, and scandal, too,
He whispers to Parson Brown,
Regrets the story of Widow Jones
Is now the talk of the town.

The colonel knows that before the war
The times were better than now;
He dreads the future, but still admits
That the world may move somehow.

The colonel belongs to days gone by,
Not to the world of to-day,
And proud of life in duty spent
Soon will be passing away.

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A solemn hush in the village street,
The colonel has passed away.
And another link that bound the past
Breaks from the chain to-day.
—[W. L. Hawley in Atlanta Constitution.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Ostrich down is used for lining mantles.

Red fox is one of the late fancies in fur.

Bonnets are now in contrast to the costume.

Muffs are somewhat larger than they were last year.

Two female barbers have located in Sacramento, Cal.

Black astrakhan jackets are bordered with the gray fur.

Ribbon has superseded birds and feathers to a great degree.

A dog collar of jets is still stylish and is always becoming.

The upper ten thousand of New York will taboo New Year's calling.

Plain braids, with buttons to correspond, are used on tailor made dresses.

Woolen dresses sometimes have a wide panel of woolen lace on one side.

Fur and feathers are used more lavishly in the adornment of dresses than ever before.

Dresses with borders are made with collar, cuffs, revers and two back breadths of velvet.

Fur "dog collars" are fastened with bows and ends of ribbon corresponding to the dress.

A woman has written an essay on "Silence as a Weapon." Do women carry concealed weapons?

Blouses with beaded yokes and sashes with bead tassles are worn with different skirts for house dresses.

Lulu Garnedd who skates at a Youngstown rink, is advertised by the proprietor as a niece of the late president.

A wise man says: "Never judge a woman by the clothes she wears; if you do you will get most awfully fooled."

Plastron, collar and cuffs, en suite, of soutache are an effective adornment to plain bodices. They are to be found with or without beading.

Boots and slippers for evening wear correspond to the dress, although white slippers are worn, the stockings being of the same color as the dress.

The latest fancy in hats for women is a crush hat with high crown and narrow brim. It is provided with springs like a man's hat so that it comes readily.

Some of the handsomest fancy woolen cloths show very dark green interwoven with two shades of blue, describing a small check on the dark green ground.

Cloak clasps are very beautiful in designs, some being made of the teeth of animals, and all the metals are devised upon to contribute to their beauty and durability.

Last year bodices and vests of suede kid were worn, and this winter the same material appears in the guise of bonnets and muffs trimmed with velvet and fur.

A new decorative fancy is to paint ale jugs with landscapes. The necks and handles are gilded or bronzed, and the inevitable bow of ribbon finishes the adornment.

It is rumored that the man who boasted that his wife had not asked him for a new bonnet in twenty years ran away from her in 1865 and hasn't seen her since.

Girls who wish to have small, prettyshaped mouths should repeat at frequent intervals during the day, "Fanny Finch fried floundering fish for Frances Forbes' father."

A novelty among imported bracelets is the Egyptian bangle, consisting of one or more fine circlets of gold or silver, to which is suspended an amulet of oblong shape.

Fancy hairpins of various forms, crescents, cubes and balls, set with brilliants, are much used. Feathers are worn by matrons, and flowers are the favorite adornment of young girls.

Small bunches of hazel nuts, with leaves of gold, and acorns with diamond set rims, are represented in gold jewelry. The plebeian peanut has also appeared as the ornament on scarf pins.

The latest novelty in Paris jewelry is a solid anvil with the smith's hammer lying upon it. It is called the "bijou maitre de forge," and is made in various sizes for brooches, clasps, sleeve buttons and earrings.

The latest edict of the hairdressers' association is that the Cadogan braid is to supersede the high style of coiffure. The front hair is to be worn a la Pompadour, while for dress occasions wavy loops and curls are de rigueur.

A new Parisian jewelry is made after the Japanese idea of mixing different jewels in one piece. Gold and silver with sometimes copper as a setting for garnets and saphires was a combination used in making a bracelet and necklet.

"Jewel buttons" are novelties. They are made to resemble the precious and semi-precious stones, the setting being scarcely visible. Some of the "diamond" buttons for opera mantles almost rival the kohinoor in size, if not in brilliancy.

Pretty covers for pincushions are made of fine hemstitched pocket handkerchiefs of small size. Flowers in discs are worked upon them in outline stitch in silk and the background is darned in. Rich colored nasturtiums make a fine effect.

A Buffalo woman has the enviable distinction of being the only American lady who was ever impaled on a deer's antlers and yet escaped alive. She was saved by the magnitude and reliability of her bustle. But the stag was killed before he could disentangle himself.

Knot rings are probably more fashionable than any other for both sexes. These are made of from six to thirteen rings, which, when freed from the finger, drop apart and assume their proper shape. When passed over the ridge again it winds on together, fitting neatly. These are made of gold and platinum.

One of the newest fancies for drawing room decoration is a pair of dainty scales for the weekly weighing of the baby. The scales are handsomely finished and have curiously designed weights on one side, while on the other is a wicker basket in which the precious baby is laid and the increasing avoirdupois duly noted.

Heirlooms are being brought into use again if they happen to be beautiful jewels. Topazes of various colors and settings which were favorite jewels with our grandmothers' and even great grandmothers' days are to be worn again. The yellow topaz and the rich burnt topaz are both very pretty when set with diamonds or pearls.

An omelet with oysters is a pleasant luncheon dish. Beat six eggs very light, season with a little salt and pepper and mix with half a cup of cream. Pour the mixture into the frying pan, in which a tablespoonful of butter has been melted, but not browned. Add twelve large oysters, brown delicately, fold and serve.

"I confound these matches," said Philip, as he attempted to light his cigar. "They are the poorest I ever saw. "I like parlor matches best," said Cordelia. "Why?" asked innocent Philip. "Oh, for several reasons. They never hang fire and it don't take them so long to come to the starting point." Philip came up to the scratch and a parlor match was made right there.

The supply of soft, gracefully draping cashmere goods is uncommonly large this season, the range including patterns in deep, winter tones, in monochrome or tufted, brocaded in small dots, single flowers, and other figures in deeper or contrasting colors. Some of the handsomer goods which come in boxes have several yards of combination material in brilliant Oriental designs, to be made up in conjunction with the plain cashmere.

Scotch pebble jewelry is much worn with the rough English cloths now in fashion. The newest style of mounting is that in which the pebbles are set in sections, flush with the surface of the buckle or clasp. Neck pins thus set are very attractive. Some are made of a straight silver bar with a smooth surface of harmoniously colored pebbles, others are crescent shaped or composed of zig-zag squares of silver checkered with agate, blood stone, carnagorn, etc. This latter style makes a very effective cuff button.

An enterprising woman of Pittsburg is about to start an escort bureau in Washington, Boston, New York or Philadelphia. Having found a number of eligible young men, with good looks, accomplishments, etc., their photographs are to be inserted in album, with a description of their apt trades. When a maid desires an escort the album is to be submitted. She picks out her man and pays $25, in the evening the young man calls in a carriage for her. The scheme is democratic, at least, and should be tried in Boston, where our "accommodating matron association, limited," is receiving cordial attention.

Phil-Sing.

For he's gone and married Yum-Yum—
Yum-Yum!
He's not very merry,
Of rapture he's chary,
But he, anyhow, had to succumb—
Cumb-cumb!
There's a lack of expressions of glee,
And the groom is distressingly glum—
Glum-glum!
It's true there are many
Would wed for a penny
And perhaps—but you'd better be mum—
Mum-mum!
There's lots of good fish in the sea—
But none are remaining for he—
By gum!

PEPPERMENT DROPS.

Cold charity—Giving a tramp a plate.

It is difficult to set a hen or a good example.

"Love," says a writer, "is a great leveler." So is Mr. John L. Sullivan.

"What is your idea of love, Mr. Sinnick?" "Three meals a day, and well cooked."—[Chicago Ledger.

A California man has four ears. He will have a delightful time when his daughter begins to learn the piano.

A woman died the other day from the effect of constant dining on soap and brandy. She was only 125 years old.

Among the famous victims of a natural gas disaster may be mentioned Mr. Candle.—[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"It is only a question of time," as the jury said when they tossed up to decide whether they would make it five years or ten years.

The young man who is in the habit of shooting his mouth off should always know when it is loaded.—[New Orleans Picayune.

"What are the sources of natural gas?" asks a contemporary. We have never dissected a book bound, but would like to hear from one who has.

He is a cold-blooded man who can see a pretty girl waste her kisses on her poodle without feeling that he would like to make that dog into a foot mat.

A "faint" comet has just been discovered. Its faintness is probably due to loss of sleep from being out several nights in succession.—[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A drummer who has been in South Florida for the past week says that beef in that section is so tough as to render it almost impossible to even stick a fork in the gravy.

Even the sacred white elephant of the King of Burmah had only two dirty white spots on it, whereas Brother Barnum's was a blonde all over, thanks to the cheapness of American whitewash.

An Indiana man recently found a tooth weighing six pounds. It is supposed to belong to belong to a lightning rod agent with a mammoth check who recently passed through that section.

An observer has found out that a woman can shoot at a tramp with a shotgun and never hit the mark once in a hundred times, but when she throws a dipper of boiling water distress follows in its wake.

The best time for a young man to take his girl sleighing is during a driving snow storm. He can use both his arms to hold his girl in the sleigh, and let the snow storm do the "driving."—[Norristown Herald.

A brakeman who was caught between two freight cars the other day was describing his sufferings to his wife. "Why," she exclaimed, "that's just the way it feels when you are breakin' in a new pair of corsets."

When you see a man call the conductor's attention to the fact that there are only ten men sitting on his side of a crowded horse-car, just look a little closer and 10 to 1 you'll find that he's sandwiched in between two pretty girls.—[Somerville Journal.

That was a cautious old tramp who, upon being asked whether he would have a drink of whisky as he was beginning a job of sawing wood, or wood he have it when he had finished it, answered: "Well, mum, I think I'll take it now. There has been a pile of sudden deaths lately."

"If I were you and you were I," she sang vigorously at the piano, and turning to him, said: "What would you do?" "Well, love," he answered, "judging from your disposition and the color of your hair, I'd say you would take a club and knock me off that stool if I didn't stop singing."

An old sea captain, who was a blockade runner during the rebellion, was observed leaning home a bull-dog the other evening. In answer to an inquiry he said he was going into the old business again. He explained that his daughter fell in beau and that that he was going to run the blockhead off his premises.—[Lowell Citizen.

When men sneer at the want of courage in women they seem to forget that a tender and delicate girl will silently, and without a sign, endure untold agonies in breaking in a new pair of boots two sizes too small for her, while a man will rip and snort as if he was shot if his buck corn happens to be disturbed by a bit of heartless leather.—[Fall River Advance.

Suspicious Circumstance:—San Johnsing has been suspected of stealing dogs in order to obtain a reward. A conversation he had with Judge Pennybanker encourages the idea that he is none too honest. "Ef a man was ter steal dat one pointer doz ob yours, how much reward would you gib ter get him back, Jedge?" "About five dollars." "Boss, gimme four dollars and I'll jess luff dat dog alone. Dem am special rates which I ain't offering de general public. Dar's a circus advertising, and I'se got ter hab money."—[Texas Siftings.

Cause of Her Woe.

He asked: "Why is that look of pain
Upon thy lovely face:
Why on that brow hath agony
Set its corroding trace?

Ah! tell me, dear, why misery
Thy sinless soul doth blight?"
"Oh, darling," she replied, "because
My new boots are so tight."
—[Boston Gazette.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Clara Morris closed a successful season at Philadelphia.

Mme. Helen Hastreiter has been engaged as prima donna in the American opera company.

Mme. Nevada made the snug sum of $9,000 during her fortnight's warbling in San Francisco.

Mme. Jenny Lind-Goldschmidt has promised some time next summer to publicly sing for a charity.

Herr Sonnenthal, the Austrian actor, is trying to fix it so that he can come to America next season.

Sarah Bernhardt will play fourteen weeks in this country next season under Maurice Grau's management.

Christine Nilsson has written an elaborate work on vocal teaching and a proper method of singing.

Edwin Booth and Signor Salvini will be seen together as Iago and Othello before the close of the season.

Salvini will make his San Francisco debut at the Baldwin, February 1st, following the Rankin company.

Lotta will close her season the second week in May, and then will go with a coaching party through Scotland.

"Prima Donna Lena Weiss," a Chicago Jewess, is creating quite a flutter in Austria as one of the coming stars.

Miss "Gowanda Mohawk," of Auburn, N. Y., claims the distinction of being the only redskin on the American stage.

Mary Anderson's engagement in Boston, at regular prices, has proved a great success. The receipts for the first week amounted to $15,000.

A new company in the operatic field is the Alpha Norman opera company, who will give "The Bohemian Girl" in Chicago Christmas week.

Adelaide Moore will begin an engagement at Pope's theatre, St. Louis, one week from Monday night, opening in "As You Like It" with Miss Moore as Rosalind.

Adelina Patti has "renounced" her proposed tour of Belgium and the low countries, because it was found that her terms would prove too high, except in the capital, where a few opulent Englishmen and Americans reside.

The "Russian Honeymoon" will be revived at the Madison Square theatre by fashionable amatuers, on the afternoon of December 29 and 30.

Sydney Rosenfeld is arranging for the production in New York, in the spring, of his comic opera, "The Mystic Isle," and will endeavor to secure Roland Reed and Alice Harrison for the leading roles.

M. B. Curtis has secured a new play, "Jean Baptiste," in which he will appear as a sort of French-Canadian "Sam'l of Posen." One of the scenes will show the Montreal ice palace and introduce tobogganing on the stage for the first time.

Fraulein Lehman, the prima donna, brought with her to New York letters of introduction to some of the most fashionable people. She has been entertained by Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Heilborne Roosevelt, Mrs. Sebastian Schlessinger and others.

Balfe's opera of the "Enchantress" has been revived, and will be made the chief feature of Alla Nouman's repertory. The company includes Henry Peake, Rowland Buckstone, Henry Haslam, Anna de Bremont, Annie Kellogg, and others, and it is under the management of Charles Frohman.

Lately the curtain fell on the last act of "Corsican Brothers" at White's theatre, Detroit, and the audience waited in their seats for more. Finally Mr. Bandman appeared with this impromptu speech: "Ladies and gentlemen—one of the brothers is still alive, but the other is dead, and I trust he is in heaven. The play is over."

There is every prospect of a disastrous split in the American Opera company, now rehearsing in New York. The trouble has arisen from Mr. Thomas' headstrong attempts to make everything subordinate to the orchestra, and from the fact that the singers, most of whom have been educated in Italy, refuse to conform to the German methods of the conductor.

The Christmas Carol.

The small boy with the level head,
Now joins on speculation
The Sunday school that owns a tree
And sweet anticipation
Leads him to work with awful zeal
And wears his best apparel,
Without a murmur practicing
The latest Christmas carol.

Cold Comfort.

The horse-car companies strive to please,
And quite considerate they are:
In Winter that we may not freeze
They place some straw in every car.

'Tis well, but then who ever saw
A plan for good that was complete?
We lose our change among the straw
They give to us to warm our feet.

NATURAL CURIOSITIES.

Mrs. Small of Bowdoinham, Me., was 103 years old Nov. 19. She has a daughter of 85 and a son of 80.

A black bear which weighed 1,200 pounds was recently killed on Little Salmon creek, Wyoming territory.

A great bald eagle, with a bell tied to its neck, is frequently seen near Cornwall and along the Hudson highlands.

There is an old lady living in Alapatha, Ga., who was scalped by an Indian during the Seminole war, forty years ago.

A necklace of monkeys' teeth was found around the neck of a mummified Peruvian Princess dug up near Lima recently.

A nine pound tooth of a mastodon was picked up near ex-Senator David Davis' home, Bloomington, Ill., the other day.

Michael P. Solen of Eddyville has a cat that sits in a swinging basket by the hour and that can pick up pennies from the floor.

A donkey which there seems every reason to believe was more than a hundred years old died lately at Cromarty, Scotland. Since 1775 it has been in the family of a Mr. Ross, and how old it was when it came to that family is not known.

Bolivar, the largest elephant now in captivity, last Monday afternoon had a terrific encounter with the Nubian lion Prince, at the winter quarters of Forepaugh's menagerie, Philadelphia, and the lion, which was valued at $2,000, was killed.

A Bangor, Me., hotel has a curiosity in the shape of a turnip resembling an elephant's head. The seed fell within the ring of a horseshoe, and inside of this the root grew up. It entirely filled the shoe and grew around it, imbedding the iron an inch deep.

Last week an old lady, Mrs. Rooney, living in Belville, N. J., was attacked with an abnormal fit of laughter. It was so violent that she fell on the floor in a swoon, and remained unconscious till her death, which occurred Saturday. Paralysis of the brain was the immediate cause of her death.

A hole was formed by the sinking soil lately in one of the streets of San Bernardino, Cal. The Index of that place says: "From this hole a volume of smoke has been rising for four days and nights. A peculiar, sulphurous smell permeates the air in the vicinity, and, as no one knows whence the smoke comes, some alarm has been felt."

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19.—During last night there was a shower of fish at Cumberland, and this morning for a radius of a mile or more small fish were found in abundance. They are about an inch long and have the appearance of young smelts. It is supposed they were taken from the bay in a waterspout, the wind being very high last night.

"Two of the toes of my buried leg overlap each other and pain me dreadfully," said the wife of Jacob Berean, of Marlboro, Mass. The leg had been amputated and buried one month. The husband, unknown to the wife, had the leg exhumed and the toes straightened out, and she said she knew by the relief that followed the exact moment the act was performed.

A gentleman from Southern Ulster says that while collecting specimens of Dicentra cucullaria he noticed that the spurs of many of the flowers had been perforated or cut. He found, after careful watching, that it had been done by the bumble bees for the purpose of getting at the honey enclosed. He found, too, that the original hole was used a second time, without a removal of the puncture. The bees, he said, appeared to know the exact amount of honey each flower contained.

Some Day, Some Day.

When robbers will not rob
And jobbers cease to job,
And Aldermen know no such thing as boodle,
Then honesty will hum
And the millennium
Will brood upon the land of Yankee Doodle.

Her Happy Hint.

"What kind of fruit do you love the best?"
He questioned the maiden fair,
"The juicy apple with rosy cheeks
Or the sweet and luscious pear?"

The gentle maiden smiled and said;
"The fruit that pleases me
Better than all the fruits I know
Is the fruit of the Christmas tree."

CONNUBIALITIES.

The brides who call at the white house receive a bouquet. Nothing like offering a premium on matrimony.

Wedding rings are made quite narrow, of twenty-two carat gold, the wide bands having proven to wear away too rapidly.

A soft answer turns away no wrath from a girl when she is serious on the popping question and means business.—[New Orleans Picayune.

A Keokuk man had three beautiful daughters who were all married the same day. Such a tied-all wave may be looked upon as a mixture of calamity and Godsend.

Three wedding dresses are needed for every French woman. One is for the civil marriage, the second for the contract signing and the third for the religious ceremony.

The earl of Dysart, who married Miss Florence Newton a few days ago, does not come of age until he is twenty, but he has an allowance from his trustees of $20,000 a year, which will be multiplied by four when he has his income in his own hands.

Minister (fashionable wedding)—"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Let us unite in prayer." Bride (kneeling, whispering)—"Remember, George we are to pass down the right aisle, and do try and not be awkward. You mortify me to death sometimes."

A short time ago a gentleman who lives within a stone's throw of Mr. E. B. Washburn's home, was so exasperated at the tardiness of the marriage of his only remaining daughter that he advertised, sub rosa, to give any healthy, respectable man a boost in business and $10,000 to become his son-in law. The offer was snapped up like a blue-bottle before a pickerel, and the tuneful daughter and the enterprising son-in-law are as happy as two bugs in a basket.

A few days ago Judge Brunson married a couple in open court. When the groom wanted to know how much the fee was Judge Brunson replied, "Whatever you think proper." This added greatly to the existing confusion of the groom, and everybody in the court room gazed with interest while the groom kept digging the money out of his purse till he reached the bottom, and the size of the pile was $18. Judge Brunson thanked the man and as they started to go out he presented the bride with the money and blessed them both.—[Los Angeles (Cal.) Express.

Frighten Me Some More.

Lovely, charming little Dolly—
A bashful little maid—
Seeming one day very jolly
I thought I might persuade
To forsake her father's dwelling
And journey through this life—
Sad or gloomy thoughts dispelling—
My pretty, loving wife.

So I spoke in accents tender,
And drew her to my side,
For I thought she would surrender
When asked to be my bride.
Then she started from me quickly,
Said neither nay or yea,
But, as blushes gathered thickly:
"I'm frightened: go away!"

Then I thought that I'd offended—
Nothing more could say,
For I thought my suit was ended.
So I turned to go away.
Oh, my heart with grief was laden,
But ere I'd passed the door
Cried the charming little maiden,
"Please frighten me some more!"
—[The Rambler.

SINGULARITIES.

There is a cabbage farm near Chicago, the largest in the world. It takes 1,114,000 plants to set the tract.

The singular fact is certified to that for 58 years past some person has found it worth his or her while to pay the annual interest on a green umbrella pledged for three francs in a pawnshop of Paris.

A famous violoncelle by Stradivarius, which belonged to the two Servais, father and son, the violoncellists, is offered for sale at Brussels. It is reported that a bid, $12,000, has been made by Herr von Mendelssohn, of Berlin, but that Mme. Servais has axed the price at $20,000.

Seth Kinman, the California hunter, who presented unique chairs to Presidents Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, and Hayes, will next spring honor President Cleveland in a similar manner. The chair is made of elk horns, is curiously and elaborately constructed, and is said by Mr. Kinman to be "the best chair I ever did make."

Mellicent Porter, of Elizabeth, N. J., while visiting friends in Haverstraw, N. Y., walked out with a Mr. Blakledge as escort. They went to the top of High Tor, a mountain 701 feet high, when Blakledge accidentally fell over a cliff and hung by a scraggy tree some eighty feet below. The brave girl tore her cloak and skirts into lengths and with this improvised rope she saved his life. Nothing is wanting to complete this romance except the usual wedding cards.

A Georgia lady has a suit of clothes in her possession that is 143 years old. Her grandfather cut out and made the suit with his own hands. The suit is made of flax, and the buttons are cut from a gourd and covered with cloth. The trousers are of the old flap-knee-breeches style, and the coat is an old-fashioned sack. A pair of flax stockings, made at the same time, completed a wedding suit 103 years ago.

IMPIETIES.

Revivalist Sam Jones has talked himself sick. It has always been supposed that St. Louis would be too much for him.

As Sam Jones is not to return to the south until he has reformed St. Louis, this section is comparatively safe for a couple of hundred years.—Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

It is alleged that supposed Chinese converts to Christianity in New York are not converted at all, but pretend to be so for business purposes. The Chinese have discovered and are imitating a great American device.

A clergyman, endeavoring to console a rich miser in his dying hours, asked him: "In looking over your past life, what do you regret the most at this time?" "That I didn't die twenty-five years ago, when funerals were cheaper."

The female members of Elder Cross' parish in Michigan are righteously incignant because he declared in a sermon that young ladies who dress beyond their means invariably wear holes in the heels of their stockings. He knows too much.

The Rev. Joseph K. Mason of New York has exposed the silliness of the fight on Sunday newspapers by certain puritanical pastors, and says that they ought, to be consistent, to fight Monday morning papers, too, which necessitate Sunday work.

"I infer that Chicago and St. Louis have resumed friendly relations," said a judge to the major. "What makes you think so?" "Only that I see a Chicago author has visited St. Louis and writ a book about the place." "Ah, indeed! I should very much enjoy reading it. What is its title?" "Letters from Hell." Ah-h-h!"—[Pittsburg Chronicle.

"In a certain western town the members of the various religious sects were very tolerant toward each other. The clergymen, in particular, were very friendly. On the occasion of the Jewish rabbi's silver wedding, he invited the Presbyterian clergyman, and also the Catholic priest. While the reverend clergymen were enjoying the good cheer set before them, the Catholic priest said to the rabbi: "I know that you are a very liberal minded gentleman, but could you bring yourself to eat pork?" "Certainly, I could relish some ham, at least on one occasion." "And that would be?" "At the marriage dinner of your reverence."

EDUCATIONAL.

The Cincinnati schools have returned to the use of the spelling book.

Wisconsin is erecting a building for a state school for dependent children.

The state normal school at River Falls, Wis., has three hundred pupils.

Ten teachers of German are employed in the St. Paul, Minn., public schools.

A Santa-Croix school ma'm ferruled eight unruly boys inside of afteen minutes and claims the championship.

Thos. A. Edison, the inventor, has presented to the department of mechanical engineering, Sibley college, a complete electrical plant for lighting the workshops.

The Savannah News calls attention to the fact that 78,000 white and 9,000 colored children attend the public schools of South Carolina, at a cost to the state of several hundred thousand dollars annually.

Purdue university, Indiana, has established a testing laboratory in which to determine the property of metal and alloys, the strength of iron, timber, stone, cement, etc. All material used in state, county or city buildings will be tested free of charge.

The Nautical School of the port of New York, under the supervision of the Board of Education, established on the old-fashioned sloop of war St. Mary's, is a branch of public education comparatively little known. Yet it is one doing in its way a great deal of good in giving a special education to a rather small class of boys from that city and Brooklyn.

As the public-school buildings in New York will not accommodate all the children of school age by some 7,000, the authorities have a knotty problem before them. They must either increase the capacities of the schools or cut down on children. The tendency in New York is in the direction of retrenchment.

As an illustration of the fact that school attendance during epidemics largely contributes to the spread of infectious diseases, it is stated that during the late serious outbreaks of diphtheria in the ironstone villages of England the closing of a school proved in every instance an effective means of bringing each local epidemic to an end.

The following states have compulsory school laws on their statute books, but in many sections the law is a dead letter: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.

At a recent meeting, in Boston, of an association formed a year ago for the purpose of improving the public schools of the city, it was voted "That this association instruct its executive committee to memorialize the legislature to amend the law so that school officers in the city of Boston shall be voted for on a separate ticket."

The colored people of Georgia pay taxes on over $6,000,000 of property, and nearly meet the expense of the colored department of the school system. The state had a school attendance of 297,411, in 1884, an increase of 31,000 over the previous year. The state appropriation per capita for 1884 was $1.19. The enrollment is but little more than one-half of the school population, and the average attendance only a little more than one-third. Schools are kept, on an average, but three months a year. School houses are poor. Although the colored people support their own schools, they are not represented on the board of education.

Instruction in sewing, ornamental needle work, modeling in clay, and in other various simple branches of industrial art, might be given to the girls of our schools with equal advantage to both mind and body.—[Christian Union. This is all very good in theory, but according to the results of recent investigation in English schools where sewing has been taught, close application to sewing causes nearsightedness and squinting in young girls. We should not sacrifice the eyesight of the girls to improve minds or morals, as the result may be reached by other methods. An examination of 1,000 pupils of Nottingham school, England, discovered 37 per cent of defective eyesight. The eyesight of the girls was found to be defective on an average in 7 per cent more cases than that of the boys. This is largely attributed to the fact that needle work is taught in these schools to the girls. The report on the subject says: "Fine needle work and small-eyed needles tend to produce oblique vision or squinting, in young children."

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