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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co.

Gleason coal.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Boston store, the leaders in dry goods.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl.

Adams' special sale $2 men's shoes to-morrow.

Two drunks were assessed booze fines in police court yesterday morning.

New cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday at 626 Bluff street and 723 Fifth avenue.

W. G. Patterson, manager of the local office of the Western Union, is the happy father of a bouncing boy.

The funeral of C. F. Reed will take place from his late residence, No. 628 Mynster street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. M. M. Marshall received word yesterday of the serious illness of her brother, Frank McKee, of typhoid fever, at Centerville, Ia.

Louis Biederman, of this city, was elected deputy grand master of the Iowa grand lodge, I. O. O. F., at the recent meeting at Clarinda.

A new eating house, to be known as the "Postoffice Restaurant," has been opened by Mr. Boyington just west of the federal building.

Meeting of the Woman's Christian association at Mrs. E. L. Shugart's Monday at 3 p. m. Every person interested in hospital work is requested to be present.

The Chautauqua circle of the Congregational church will meet in the rooms of the W. C. T. U., 302 Merriam block, every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Attention, Odd Fellows: You are requested to meet at the hall at 1 o'clock sharp to attend in a body the funeral of our late brother, C. F. Reed. B. F. Stoick.

J. W. Camp started up a hot soda fountain at his Broadway drug store last evening and chilly pedestrians warmed up there by hundreds. It bids fair to be an immense success.

J. F. Peterson is planning for the erection of five houses on Oakland avenue, to cost about $15,000. They will be finely finished, and will add much to the appearance of that locality.

The statement that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company furnished the casket in which the remains of Miss Bertha Stevenson were taken east for interment, was a mistake. The company furnished passes for the bereaved sister, mother and brother, the latter being a clerk in their employ.

Mrs. Clara Filkins, a sister of Toney and George Gerspacher, died at her home in St. Paul, Minn., on Thursday night, of lung fever, with which she had been suffering about five weeks. The remains will be brought to this city to-day, and the funeral will be held at St. Francis Xavier's church at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Crombie Bros. are fitting up first class tonsorial parlors in the Pacific house and will soon open the leading, four chair, 10 cent shop in the city. They have had a constantly growing trade and their plan to open a thoroughly first class shop on a 10 cent rate will meet with general approval, unless it is that of their competitors who insist that it is worth 15 cents to polish a man's chin in truly artistic style.

Sol Kaufman, well known in police circles, was arrested Friday night on the charge of attempted highway robbery. He knew that E. R. Noyes had received some money, and approaching him endeavored to ascertain which way he intended going home, and also acted in a very suspicious manner. Yesterday morning in police court Kaufman stated he meant no harm, so the case was dismissed. He was taken before Justice Schurz, however, and sent to jail for fourteen days on the charge of vagrancy.

William Rogers was arrested Friday night charged with assault and battery. The informant was a man who was connected with the executive department of the city government last summer in the capacity of dog-catcher. Rogers, who tends bar on Upper Broadway, claims that the dog-catcher owed him for a drink which he obtained at his bar some time ago, and when he gave him 50 cents a day or two ago in payment for another drink, he took out of it what he claimed was already due. The result was a rough and tumble fight, and Rogers is now in jail on the charge of assault and battery.

The Pullman restaurant, 534 Broadway.

Morehouse & Co., m'f'g blank books, bank and commercial work.

Get Fountain 5c cigar, next to Eiseman's.

Dwelling for sale on easy payments. Also building lots at lowest market prices. Call and examine our list. E. H. Sheafe & Co.

Every purchaser of shoes at J. J. Maurath & Co.'s this week will be presented with an elegant box of school pencils.

Personal Paragraphs.

Bert Sargent is home from a Boston trip.

George Metcalf is laid up again with rheumatism.

Mayor M. G. Rohrer returned yesterday from a trip to Avalon, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shiffer, of Stauton, Ia., have removed to this city.

Mrs. William Beecher, of Creston, is visiting Mrs. T. J. Carruthers.

Mrs. R. C. Winsby and daughter, of Avoca, are visiting in this city.

Charles B. Towle returned from a visit to New England cities yesterday morning.

Perry Reel, Esq., has returned from Colfax, but his health has not been improved by his trip there.

Hon. W. H. M. Pusey will preside at the democratic meeting at the opera house Monday evening.

B. T. Connor had his hands painfully blistered while fighting the fire at the transfer stable Friday night.

Rev. W. T. Smith, of this city, will assist in the dedicating services of the new M. E. church at Hawthorne to-day.

Fred Short, one of the Adams company's express messengers, has gone east, and report has it that when he returns he will be accompanied by Mrs. Short.

Miss Sophie Rhese will return from the west, where she has been sketching scenes from nature during the summer, next week. She will immediately reorganize her classes in art.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Etnyre, of Oregon, Ill., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. B. Wadsworth, for a season. Miss Emma Etnyre is also here, and will remain for several weeks.

Hon. Horace Boies, of Waterloo, democratic candidate for governor, will arrive in the Bluffs from Atlantic to-morrow morning. Apartments have been secured at the Ogden during his stay in the city.

Shoes at your own price at J. J. Maurath & Co.

Bixby has removed to Merriam block.

Sheet music 10c, 538 Broadway.

C. B. steam dye works, 1013 Broadway.

Let Rasmussen beautify your house in best style and cheap. 12 North Main.

The Social union of the Presbyterian church have arranged a musicale to be given Tuesday evening, October 22, in the church parlors. Admission 25 cents. The following interesting programme has been prepared:

Vocal Duet...Misses Merkel and Porterfield
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Thornton
Recitation.....Miss Stephens
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Mullis
Vocal Duet..Mrs. Stelling and Miss Palmer.
Reading.....Mrs. Lyons.
Vocal Solo.....Miss Mamie Oliver.

At the close of the programme, supper will be served without extra charge.

In spite of the undignified position taken by the Council Bluffs retail coal dealers, Thatcher's business is booming. He is handling twelve teams, and is in constant receipt of fresh mined all rail coal, to which he invites public inspection.

NEWS ABOUT THE BLUFFS.

Another Palace Hotel Proposition Which Promises Success.

THE CHIMES OF THE CREEDS.

High Average of the Guards on Inspection—The Origin of Friday's Fire a Mystery—Congress of the Three Americas.

What Long Promised Palace Hotel.

The new palace hotel scheme, although several times sprung upon the unsuspecting public, with unsatisfactory results, has again risen to the surface, and all the preliminary work has been done before the plan was made public. The prospects for the ultimate success of the scheme are most brilliant, and the erection of the hotel is regarded as an assured fact.

The proposed building will be six stories in heighth, and will occupy a frontage of 90 feet on Pearl street and 100 feet on First avenue—in other words it is to be located on what is known as the Woodbury corner. It will be erected by the enterprising firm of Kimball & Champ. Some time ago these gentlemen submitted a proposition to Mr. Lucius Wells, president of the board of trade, that if the citizens of Council Bluffs wanted a new hotel they could get it, by giving reasonable assistance to such an enterprise. Mr. Wells called on these gentlemen, and the proposition was made that, if the site above mentioned was donated, they would construct a six-story hotel, to cost not less than $150,000, on the same. The entire first floor would be devoted to an office and rotunda, while the hotel would be furnished in as complete a style as that amount of money could make it. Mr. Wells notified a number of gentlemen of the city concerning the proposition, and finally appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds to secure the ground. This committee has been at work, and has secured subscriptions sufficient to insure the success of the enterprise.

It will be remembered that the amount necessary to purchase this site for a Chicago syndicate was subscribed about a year ago, but when it came to guaranteeing the list the whole scheme fell through. The site has several times been selected for hotel purposes, for which it is peculiarly adapted, and it is hoped that a handsome palace of this kind will soon grace the spot. The board of trade has devoted a good deal of time and hard work to securing such a hotel, and it will be a matter for general congratulation if, at last, their efforts are to be rewarded by success.

Swanson Music Co., 335 Broadway.

E. H. Sheafe & Co. give special attention to the collection of rents and care of property in the city and vicinity. Charges moderate. Office Broadway and Main streets.

The Pan-American Delegation.

On Sunday, the 27th of this month, the delegates to the International congress, who are now on a tour through the country, will pay Council Bluffs a visit. The following gentlemen have been selected by the board of trade as a reception committee, and those of the committee having carriages are earnestly requested to use them in driving the delegates about the city. The committee will be advised later of the hour of arrival. M. F. Rohrer, Lucius Wells, John T. Stewart, J. L. Stewart, George F. Wright, T. J. Evans, William Moore, John N. Baldwin, George H. Camp, J. F. Kimball, S. P. MacConnell, Leonard Everett, George A. Keeline, John Schoentegen, B. Zevely, W. F. Sapp sr., William Groneweg, George Metcalf, F. Wies, E. W. Hart, Dr. Macrae, Dr. H. W. Hart, Dr. Pinney, Marshall Traynor, W. H. M. Pusey, J. J. Brown, F. J. Day, M. E. Smith, N. M. Pusey, H. Birkinbine, Thomas Officer, Simon Eiseman, N. P. Dodge, John Beno, William Siedntopf, J. F. Evans, Samuel Haas, S. Farnsworth, E. L. Shugart, C. R. Hannan, Thomas Bowman, Judge J. R. Reed, S. H. Foster, A. C. Graham, J. W. Peregoy, Major Joseph Lyman, S. B. Wadsworth, George A. Holmes, E. H. Odell, J. A. Murphy, J. W. Squire, Dr. F. P. Bellinger, W. H. Knepler, E. P. Waterman, E. A. Wickham, George S. Miller, John P. Weaver, John Beresheim, P. H. Fotheringham, A. J. Crittenden, Colonel D. B. Dailey, E. C. Hunt, of THE BEE, J. J. Steadman, of the Nonpareil, E. F. Watts, of the Republican, and H. E. Grimm, of the World-Herald.

The foregoing are respectfully requested to notify the secretary of the board of trade of their acceptance of this appointment.

There will be about seventy in the party, including newspaper representatives.

C. B. P. Co., Stephan & Harmer, 32 Pearl.

Meschendorf's popular meat market, finest in the Twin Cities. 333 Broadway.

Dempsey & Butler, candy M'f'g., 105 Main.

Creditable Standing of the Guards.

Lieutenant W. E. Aitchison, of the Dodge Light Guard, otherwise Co. A, Fifth regiment I. N. G., has received from Adjutant General Beeson the report of Brigade Inspector J. T. Davidson, on the muster inspection at Red Oak during the annual encampment, August 14, 1889. The percentage credited to Company A is as follows for the forty-three men and two officers:

Discipline, 90; instruction, 80; military appearance, 80; arms, 85; accoutrements, 75; uniform, 85; average, 82.5.

It must be understood that this is a very good average, as the reports of the state officers show that the highest average secured by any company in the regiment in 1885 was 61¾ and in 1886 was 79⅝. The highest average of any regiment was that of the First regiment, which was 82 12-27 in 1885 and 84 25-54 in 1886. The Second regiment secured a mark of 82 8-9 in 1886, which makes only three times that the mark of company A has been beaten. The average of the entire Fifth regiment, however, was 75 10-27 in 1885 and but 68 in 1886, which shows their present standing 14½ per cent better than the regimental average three years ago.

The company's average this year was cut down by the failure to rank high in accoutrements, as the inspector got hold of two or three old soldiers who had just been relieved from guard duty, and their accoutrements were dusty, which cut down the marking. It is, however, an average of which to be proud, and the boys feel highly elated that their showing was so satisfactory. It is another demonstration, if one was needed, that the Bluffs company can hold its own against all comers.

Steam and hot water heating, first-class plumbing. Work done in both cities. John Gilbert, cor. Pearl st. and Willow ave.

Western Lumber and Supply Co., 13th and 14th streets and 2d and 3d avenues, carry the largest stock of lumber, piling pole, ties, lime, cement and building material in the west. E. W. Raymond, manager.

Money loaned at L. B. Craft's & Co.'s loan office on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons, personal property of all kinds, and all other articles of value, without removal. All business strictly confidential.

Its Origin Still a Mystery.

Instead of an investigation tending to reveal the origin of the fire at the transfer barn of Cousins & Nansel, Friday night, the matter is more of a mystery than ever. Mr. Cousins states that he has no theory to offer and after closely questioning all of his men, who were at the stable when the fire started, he can give no explanation that would throw any light on the subject. He stated, however, that the company carried a small insurance to cover such accidents as might deprive their patrons of property while in their possession, and this amount would be divided pro rata among those who sustained a loss.

The company is not required by law to carry any such insurance, and it was taken solely to protect their patrons as much as possible.

The fire was an exceedingly hot one, and the firemen had their faces and hands severely blistered. Captain Rapalje, of Hose No. 1, sustained a badly sprained wrist, caused by being dragged quite a distance by a line of hose which the other firemen had released. The pressure was so strong that he could not hold the nozzle, and it took him off his feet. His injuries will lay him up for a few days.

Eiseman's Reliable Dry Goods Store

Is the place where the least money will buy the most goods. Read about the tremendous bargains to be offered during this week.

Silks, plushes and dress goods, special offering. A splendid opportunity to get a new dress cheap. Visit the department and see the proof.

At 90 cents a yard we offer 40 pieces faille Francaise, gros grain and Armour black and colored dress silks that cannot be duplicated for less than $1.25.

At 29 cents a yard we offer 35 pieces, all shades, 18-inch silk plushes; other houses ask 50 cents for same quality.

At 12½ cents per yard we offer one case 42-inch henrietta cloth, worth 25 cents a yard.

At 25 cents a yard we offer 3 cases double width dress flannel and tricotts, all shades, worth 40 cents a yard.

At 48 cents a yard we offer 2 cases, all shades, ladies' cloth, 54 inches wide, worth 75 cents per yard.

At 50 and 60 cents a yard we place over 500 pieces plaid and striped, as well as plain, all wool dress goods on our counters that cannot be duplicated for one-third more.

A special thing in broadcloth.

At $1.25 a yard 30 pieces imported French broadcloth, all shades, 50 inches wide, twilled black sponged, a regular $2 quality; goes this week at $1.25.

LOW-PRICED DRESS GOODS.

At 5 cents a yard, 1 case plaid striped and plain half wool dress goods at 5 cents, worth double the price.

At 10 cents and 12 cents, 3 cases double width half wool cable cords, in plain and mixtures; would be a bargain at 18 cents or 20 cents.

Special Bargains—Very fashionable imported and domestic dress trimmings, all new goods; silk fringe dress fronts; knotted fringes; black silk bullion fringes; black silk sashes; black and colored silk groups. You can positively save 25 per cent by buying your dress trimmings from us, besides having the largest and finest assortment of novelties in the west to select from.

Fall and winter cloaks and wraps second floor.

Is there anything in a name? In the great majority of cases absolutely nothing, but in the matter of cloaks and wraps we are not vain, we are proud of it. The name of Eiseman's house is a power all over the United States as leaders in the cloak business. It is a badge of good faith, an assurance of reliability, a guarantee of good value and of style and of fit. The crowds of customers coming from far and near, admiring our cloak department, making their purchases and recommending their friends, and they theirs, has made us headquarters and has given us prestige in the markets of the world. A perfect fit and the latest style can always be had in our house. Implicit confidence can always be placed in all representations. Honest and fair dealing is assured, and there are more styles to be seen than at any three houses in Council Bluffs and Omaha combined.

Misses' and children's cloaks at greatly reduced prices during this week's special sale.

500 odd garments must be closed out at half price. Also 175 misses' and children's ready made suits have been marked down to half price for ages 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

Be sure and call at the reliable dry goods house of Henry Eiseman & Co., Council Bluffs, Ia.

Mail orders receive prompt attention.

Among the Churches.

Second Presbyterian—Services at 3 p. m. led by L. F. Hayden. Sunday school at 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30, p. m.

Christian Science—Services at 4 o'clock p. m. in Iowa College hall, corner of First avenue and Pearl street, up stairs. All are welcome.

Congregational—Services in the morning: Preaching by the pastor, subject—"A Glorious Garment." There will be no evening service.

The Pilgrim Congregational Sunday school will meet at 3 p. m. corner of Ninth street and Avenue A. A cordial invitation is extended.

St. Paul's—Divine service at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:15. The rector will officiate and preach. Young men and strangers always cordially welcomed to these services. T. J. Mackay, rector.

First Baptist—Near postoffice. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; subject for morning—"God's Eye Ever Upon Us;" for evening—"The Model Christian." Sunday school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Seats free. All cordially welcome.

Union Service at the First Baptist—Rev. A. Martin, pastor of the First Christian church, Omaha, will preach in the First Baptist church (Dr. Cooley's) Sunday at 3 p. m., subject—"The Signs of the Times." The music will be led by the choir of the Omaha church. People of all religions and no religion are cordially invited. Bring Sankey's hymns.

Broadway M. E.—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor, subject—"The Glory and Honor of the Church." Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth league and class meeting at 6:30 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. Colonel L. W. Bulleys will address the Sunday school on incidents connected with his visit to the World's Sunday School convention in London. A cordial invitation to all.

Attention Veteran Tippecanoe Club.

All members of the Veteran Tippecanoe club, of Council Bluffs, are requested to attend the funeral of the late C. F. Reed, who was a member of the club, this afternoon at o'clock, from his late residence, corner of Seventh and Mynster street. Those who have buggies please bring them. D. B. Clark, secretary.

Always on Time.

If you wish to purchase a good and reliable watch 25 per cent less than club rates, and on easy terms, then call at once and make your own selection at C. B. Jacquemin & Co., 27 Main street.

Desirable dwellings for rent at moderate prices. E. H. Sheafe & Co., rental agents, Broadway and Main streets, up stairs.

"The Famous" cash bargain house, 300 B'y

The Registry Boards.

Mayor Rhorer has issued a proclamation calling for all qualified voters of the city to register in their respective wards on one of the dates given below, that they may not be deprived of their right to vote at the November election. The boards of registration will sit at the following places:

First Ward—At the office of Wheeler & Hereld, corner of Benton and Broadway. Registrars, E. J. Abbott and B. H. Hagg.

Second Ward—At the office of Waterman's carriage works, North Main street. Registrars, J. Rhodabeck and A. T. Whittlesey.

Third Ward—At Hattenhauer's carriage works on Fourth street. Registrars, G. F. Smith and George Blaxsim.

Fourth Ward, First Precinct—At the cigar store of T. D. King & Co., Broadway. Registrars, O. H. P. Oollinger and L. Swearingen.

Fourth Ward, Second Precinct—In the summer kitchen of George Beck, No. 1203 South Sixth street. Registrars, T. C. Johnson and P. L. Smith.

The registrars will be in in attendance at these places on the 24th and 25th days of October, 1889, and on Saturday, November 2, 1889, from 8 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Also on Tuesday, November 5, 1889, the day of election, at the same hours, for the purpose of revising, correcting, receiving and adding to said list the names of any persons who would on said day be entitled, under the provisions of the constitution and the law of the state, to exercise the right of suffrage in their wards.

Fine dressed chickens. G. Mottaz, Tel. 173.

At the Boston Store.

This week the attention of customers will be called to the rare bargains offered in cloaks and shawls, hosiery and underwear, black and colored dress goods, gloves and mits. The assortment is very large, and the prices will be as satisfactory as the stock. Special attention will also be called to the large assortment of handsome bed comforts and spreads. This line is the largest in the city, and prices the lowest ever offered.

A Big Week's Business.

Last week's business of the Council Bluffs Carpet Co. was about the heaviest ever transacted by them. The week was devoted to a special sale of carpets, rugs and curtains, and the great cut in prices drew trade from an area 100 miles wide, and there were more well satisfied and perfectly suited people than ever. This week there will be a special sale devoted to portiers, silk, lace, turcomen, chenille, and other varieties. It will also include rugs of all grades, linoleums and oil cloths. A better opportunity was never given to furnish your homes with comforts and luxuries at little cost than will be afforded by this week's special sale.

To the Citizens of Council Bluffs and Vicinity.

We were in hopes that the coal dealers whose names have appeared in a certain card published in various local papers at different dates from October 4, would have on calm reflection seen the folly of their position without taking into consideration its utter falsity and have asserted their individual manhood, business integrity and honesty of purpose by withdrawing from a combination that has been productive of no good to themselves, either individually or collectively. But it is a matter of supreme indifference to us if they wish to sacrifice their business interests to their blind personal prejudices.

We reiterate the statement we have already published, and brand their whole article as a wilful falsehood and the parties were perfectly aware of that fact when they signed it. What has become of the signature of the party whose vivid imagination concocted the fabrication but who lacks the courage to father it? Meanwhile we shall still continue to sell hard and soft coal at the same old popular prices. H. A. Cox,

Western Sales Agent,
A. G. THATCHER, Council Bluffs, Ia.
Chicago, Ill.

Another Handsome Flat.

S. H. Foster has taken out a permit to erect a flat of handsome residences, costing $12,000. The houses, three in number will be of pressed brick and cut stone, with plate glass windows. They will be fitted throughout with all modern conveniences, and will probably rent for about $60 a month each. They will be erected on the corner of Eighth street and First avenue, facing south. The contract for the brick work has been let to J. P. Weaver, and P. Wind will do the carpenter work.

Finest market in city—J. M. Scanlan's.

A Racing Matinee.

The races at the driving park yesterday afternoon, for alleged purses of $400, proved to be lively brushes for the gate receipts. There were, nevertheless, some very pretty and interesting heats trotted, some of them being ghotly contested, and considering the chilly weather, strong wind and slow track, the time was very good. The 2:30 race was won by Charles Wilson's b g Billy Mont, Myer's King Humbert second, and Lacy's Nellie Caffrey third. Halle's Monmouth Abdallah was drawn after the first heat. Time—2:47, 2:40¼.

In the three-minute class McDermott's Jim Blaine took the first heat in 3:01¼, which would have easily been 2:55 had occasion required it. The horse was drawn after this heat, as the owner, who is a comparative stranger in the city, was not accorded proper facilities for caring for his horse.

The second heat was won by Big Sioux, Tramp second, Maud third. Time—3:05. There were but two heats trotted in each race, and what little money there was in the pool was divided. The second heat of the 2:30 race was a very pretty exhibition, and worth going to see. The attendance was very fair considering the weather, which was altogether too cold for a trotting matinee.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.

This Drama Was Real.

The most sensational case ever tried in Newaygo county closed to-day with a verdict acquitting Oregon Hamilton of the murder of his child, says a Newaygo, Mich., special. Hamilton was accused of whipping his child to death, and in March, 1888, was sentenced to Jackson prison for life. He had no means with which to make a defense and no friends. While in prison he secured a pension, with $1,200 arrearage, and with this money he employed attorneys who secured him a new trial, which ended to-day. Hamilton was a poor man, and when his wife died he employed Mary Marston to care for his child. It was upon her evidence he was convicted after the child's death. The new evidence upon which the trial was secured was that the woman was dissolute and depraved; that she is now living a life of shame; that she was cruel to the child placed in her care, and that she, instead of the father, was responsible for its death. The second trial has continued five days and the interest in the case has been so great and the attendance so large that the proceedings were conducted in the opera house, the chief actors in the drama occupying the stage and the spectators filling the seats.

Bear Hunting in Australia.

The Australian koala, or native bear, has its favorite haunts in the gigantic eucalyptus trees, in which, the color of its fur being so like that of their bark, it is not, when at any great height, easily distinguishable from it. It lives mainly upon the tender shoots and buds, climbs with great rapidity, and clings to the bark with wonderful tenacity; the females while climbing, carrying their young upon their backs. They are destroyed in great numbers for the sake of their hides, and the way in which some of the bushmen pursue them, by cutting notches in the bark and digging their toes therein, in emulation of the black natives, is not one of the least wonderful things in the colony.

The bear's cry of distress, when in danger, is curiously like that of a terrified baby. In size they are small, and resemble the sloth bear species, so common in the jungles of India.

This animal, as well as the kangaroo, opossum and other quadrupeds indigenous to Australia, belongs to the marsupial order.

New York Linemen Are Frightened.

The impression created upon the minds of the many linemen employed in this city by John Feeks's horrible death has been very deep, says the New York Sun. Many of them have become melancholy and imbued with unpleasant presentiments. At least, that was what one of them said yesterday at the Grand street station of the Third avenue elevated road. He came in with his tools and a coil of wire slung over his shoulder. An acquaintance asked him in the way of a grim joke:

"Well, Harry, when is your time coming?"

The lineman turned white and put up his hand in a deprecating way.

"Don't talk that way," he said, "God knows we feel chicken-hearted enough now."

His Story Didn't Go.

A Cincinnati man went fishing, first promising his friends a supply of his catch. He fished all day, but didn't get a bite. Surprised at this, he examined his tackle and found that there were no hooks on his line. When he returned he bought several dollars' worth of fish and sent them around to his friends. That night at the club he began boasting about his success and was laughed at. The same men who received the fish had cut the hooks from his lines.

A Novel Method of Inspection.

A novel method has been hit upon by the trustees of the state hospital for the insane in Norristown to prevent brutalities on the part of attendance toward violent and refractory patients. It is a system of mirrors and shafts leading to tee attic or top story, by which an inspector stationed there is enabled to observe minutely every act and motion of the patients and attendants in the wards of the first and second floors.

A FAILING OF THE FAIR SEX

They're Somewhat Deceitful But the Men Are to Blame.

HER WIT HER ONLY WEAPON.

Since the Capture by the Strong Arm in Primitive Times Her Sole Recourse Has Been to Please.

Mrs. Spafford on Her Sex.

To say that women have no sins that are not shared by men, that there are no distinctively feminine sins, is but to declare a platitude.

Without doubt the sins of women are the sins of humanity; there are none so peculiar to themselves as to deserve mention; and they differ only from the sins of men in being of a minor degree.

"Woman is the lesser man, and all her motions matched with mine
Are as moonlight unto sunlight, and as water unto wine,"

says one of the men in splenetic mood; but so far as fact has anything to do with his lines, it is in reference to her sins only that she is the lesser man, since they are in general as much slighter than her brother's sins as her body is weaker and her temptations smaller.

In general, let it be said, because once in a while there comes a Fredegonde, a Brinvilliers, a Theroigne, to show us of what, under fostering circumstances, women are capable, and where, in doing nothing but what many men have already done, they appear so much worse because so much more is looked for from them. For indeed if their sins are generally less, their virtues are generally greater than those of the other half of humanity, and there is every reason why they should be, in their nature, their education, and their seclusion.

If, according to the new theory, woman is the race and man the variation, woman should be the conserver of

THE VIRTUE OF THE RACE;

and certainly nothing bends more strongly to this than the urgency of the duties of motherhood and the tenderness that motherhood evokes; indeed, duty and tenderness belong to all feminine human nature that is true to its law of being and its first development.

The baby does not go alone before she is nursing and loving another baby in her doll; any two little girls in the street will have their arms about each other's shoulders; the boys of a family are off at their play when the girls are at home helping their mother; the son marries when he will, the girls as frequently let love go by because the old parents need her; and she is not praised for any of it; no one expects it to be otherwise; duty, kindness, love and sacrifice are recognized to be parts of her personality, and she would not be herself if she did differently.

And when motherhood is called in question, does not every child know to what the mother is equal, save in exceptional cases where she chances to be what gardeners call a freak? It is not, perhaps, her virtue that she lives in her child; that she would die for him; it is her nature; and it only shows how near her nature is to virtue—so near that, in view of it, it is strange that when we think of the creative and sustaining force of the universe it is our habit to say father and not mother.

Not that recognition of the strength and care and generosity of the father is at all impaired by rendering the mother her meed; it does not follow that one is not good because another is better, and he himself is the first to acknowledge it on occasion. It is in approaching these virtues, and in carrying them to a point beyond the customary feminine experience, that men are often finest; as in the missionary priest who forgets himself for his race and who dies for his faith, and in the physician who equally forgets himself, encountering loathliest disease, giving tireless days and sleepless nights to the suffering, and who brings help and healing with him in such wise that he seems to be the very vicegerent of God and of creation.

Yet it may be said that women are so guarded from their cradles from knowledge of evil and the contamination of the worser world that anything else than purity, temperance and such positive forms of goodness becomes difficult for them, and there has to be

SOMETHING INHERENTLY WRONG

in a woman for her to go astray; while she learns in the home atmosphere the necessity of self-denial and self-repression, and all her power for love is daily strengthened there.

Were she out in the world as her brother is, she might by possibility lose much that now seems hers by right, although she might gain in breadth of view and in large nobility. It is close upon large nobility indeed, that women find their weakest point; the narrow view hinders them from the wide, as one's hand held up before the eyes can obscure the sun; they do not look at the good of the race so much as that of their own home, and where not themselves but those they love are injured they find it all but impossible to forgive; if this is sin all the concentrated sweetness of their being has gone to make a crust round that sin.

In fact, there is but one sin of which women are possibly more guilty than men, and for that men are more responsible than they; it is the cowardice which, where it exists—and, thank the heavenly powers, it does not exist among all women—makes some women subtle, cunning, treacherous, false.

The capture of the strong arm in primitive times, their only recourse has been to please; their only weapons have been amiability, concession, craft. They would not have been made of flesh and blood and have been without desires and endeavors to attain the end of such desires. Their sense of justice told them they had a human right to attain these ends, and, of course, they neglected no means in their power to do so. They had abuses and punishments, too, to escape; they had children to be shielded from cruelty; they had faults to be hidden from hard masters: they availed themselves, then, of what in great commanders

IS CALLED STRATEGY,

in great statesmen diplomacy, but in ethics is called deceit.

Weak in body and timid by consequence, a captive, a slave, a drudge for generations that became ages, the sentiment of the community, with all its later enlightenment, never to the present day quite relinquishing the essence of the idea of the slave in connection with her, although cherishing it perhaps unconsciously, woman has had to resort to craft to carry her ends till she has found herself in danger of becoming sly as a matter of second nature. With this acquired predisposition of hers from the ancestral bond-slave, a man has only needed to be of a too domineering and autocratic turn in his family in order to develop the objectionable quality in wife and daughters, till brutality has brought about shuffling, evasion, concealment and dissembling, and tyranny has been followed by cunning, as the whale is followed by the sword-fish.

The man who will not let his wife do what she wishes and innocently might, without worrying all peace out of the house, without a storm, without abuse, without the withdrawal of his good will and a condign punishment of one sort or another, forces his wife, unless she is a spiritless shadow, into doing what she would, and deceiving him in relation to it very likely to the point of lying. Guilty as she herself may be, yet if his children are born liars, he has himself to thank for it.

The man who, able to meet expense, denies his wife righteous money for her needs, should not be surprised if the whispering serpent supplies his deficiency, and his wife debases herself and her blood enough to filch money from his pocket. If his children are born thieves, the fault is in the first instance his. If to any the statement seems shameful, and women recoil at the lie and the theft, or at the bare idea, the virtue is theirs. But it is owing to the great tyrannies of old days, the small tyrannies of modern days, that deception, and arts and wiles

HAVE BECOME THE FAMILIAR DEMONS.

of so many women who have no other faults than these and those to which they lead.

As the woman stands up more and more on equal ground with the man, as the husband acknowledges the rights of the wife, as the community comes to expect and exact it of him, there will be less and less to call this artifice into use, its capacity will become dormant and atrophied, honest will rise uppermost, the fearlessness of the descendant will have conquered the pusillanimity of the grandam, unfaltering truth will shine out on her forehead, and woman will have annihilated possibly the only sin that was ever hers.

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Modern Mistakes in Grammar.

Faults are pardonable in conversation, which are not pardonable in written compositions, says the Ladies' Home Journal. But we must be careful not to take too much leeway in this regard, and not to make mistakes in grammar or pronunciation. Some people are guilty of grammatical blunders, through sheer carelessness. Thus, a lady of my acquaintance, who understands trigonometry, and can translate Virgil, often says to me, "you was," and yet she knows perfectly well that this an inexcusable mistake.

Other people who ought to know better, say "he don't" for "he doesn't," "I don't know as I do," instead of "I don't know that I do." "Aint" and "taint" are not often used now by educated people, unless in a jesting way. It is an unwise thing, however, to be careless or inaccurate in one's pronunciation or use of language, since tricks of speech are easily caught, and very hard to get rid of. Thus, when one is talking to servants, or other uneducated people, one is often tempted to adopt their phraseology, in order to be readily understood by them, but it is better to withstand the temptation, even if one should be obliged in consequence to take more trouble to express one's meaning clearly.

What shall be said of the woman who says "I done it"? She has certainly placed herself between the horns of a dilemma. Her hearers will infer, either that her early education was neglected, or that she associated with uneducated people during her childhood. And yet this is a grammatical fault, which seems hard to get rid of. Persons who never say "I seen it," or "he has went," or "them things," will occasionally betray themselves by letting slip the fatal "I done it."

It is quite as incorrect to use "he" and "I" for "him" and "me," or vice versa, as it is to say "I done it," and yet the first named class of faults—that of using the wrong pronouns—is sometimes committed by educated people.

Indeed, I have heard the phrase "it is me" justified, on the ground that it was a literal translation of the French "c'est moi." But our English grammar does not, like its French namesake, justify the employment of certain pronouncial forms, merely for the value of euphony. "He is older than I" may not sound so well as "he is older than me," yet the former is the correct form. It is a very common mistake to say "Between you and I," and yet a moment's reflection should convince anyone who has ever studied grammar, that he should say "Between you and me."

Confidence.

Felix Gray.

Low to the stars she whispers a name—
Low to the listening stars;
Red as Arcturus she blushes flame,
Pale Virgo smiles on her maidenly shame—
Guard well the secret, oh stars!

Soft to the flowers she murmurs a word—
Soft to the moon-tranced flowers,
The nodding lilies are lightly stirred.
But the rose dreams on of her poet bird—
Oh, guard well the secret, dear flowers.

Faint to the night wind she breathes a sigh—
Faint to the wandering wind
That mutely kisses her for reply,
Stealing the unshed tear from her eye—
Ah, breathe not the secret, sweet wind!

A whispered name—a word—and a sigh—
Floating away through space,
With a wind-gathered tear from a pure maid's eye,
Seeking—seeking—below and on high—
Shall they ever find resting place!

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