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To hold love's wings,
Yes, and the sacred bird of love,
Hark! how he sings!

The ardent flower of love likewise
Burns in the brake,
Love's wings are set with myriad eyes,
Ever awake.

Heavy with honey flies the bee
From rose to rose,
Powdered with gold dust to the knee,
He comes and goes.

The secret song the nightingale
Sung to the moon,
It shall be hidden by love's veil,
Now it is noon.

The secret thing the golden bee
Said to the rose,
Though it be known to thee and me,
Shall we disclose?

Ah, no, love's secrets let us keep,
Lest the winged god,
Angered, go seeking while we sleep
Some new abode.

—New York Tribune.

Wanted the Law on Them.

"We certainly run across some
funny things occasionally," said a
prominent young lawyer to a re-
porter for The Sun. "You have no
idea of the odd causes some people
give for wanting to go to law. There
are some people who rush off to a
lawyer to get damages for every lit-
tle accident that happens, never tak-
ing into consideration whether they
have a case or not. A short time
ago I was sitting in my office when
a man who was terribly excited
rushed in and as soon as he saw me
cried, 'I want to bring a case against
—,' naming a well known tobacco
firm. I tried to quiet him, but it
was no use. He would not be quiet-
ed, and it was several minutes be-
fore I could get out of him what was
the matter.

"In answer to repeated inquiries
he pulled a plug of tobacco out of
his pocket and after carefully tak-
ing off the wrapper of white paper
said, 'There's what I want to go to
law about.' There was nothing un-
usual about the plug of tobacco, and
I told him so, and that set him off
again. Finally I got the story out
of him. It seems that he had bought
the plug of tobacco the day before
and had used about half of it with-
out any mishap, but that morning
he shoved it in his mouth and bit
down hard on it, but instead of
breaking off a piece of tobacco he
broke off one of his teeth. A piece
of tin was imbedded in the plug,
and it was on this he had bitten. It
is needless to add that I did not take
up the case."—Baltimore Sun.

The Tuscan Peasant.

In Tuscany you will often find
peasants whose families have been
on the same farm for 200 or 300
years. They talk of themselves as
gente (the Roman gens) of the pa-
drone (landlord) and take an affec-
tionate interest in him and his fam-
ily. But the Tuscan peasant is a
thorough conservative. He has not
yet grasped the changes brought
about by railroads, steamboats and
international communication. He
hankers after a large extent of land
on which to grow wheat enough to
provide bread for the whole year
and is inclined to regard other crops
as accessories.

With the actual low price of corn
this does not suit the owner, partic-
ularly as it is customary in Tuscany
to grow wheat two years running
on the same land, with little or no
manure. So soon as the corn is car-
ried (early in July) the stubble is
plowed up, and maize or millet is
grown for early autumn cutting as
green fodder. The yield of wheat
is of course wretched, from six to
thirteen fold, and proprietors who
possess the requisite capital are
dividing their larger farms and
building the necessary farmhouses.
—Macmillan's Magazine.

The Oldest Book.

Max Muller insists that the oldest
book in the world is the "Rig Veda,"
which was in existence, complete as
we have it now, 1,500 years before
Christ, and not the so-called "Book
of the Dead" from Egypt, consisting
of disjointed fragments collected
from many sources, the earliest of
which may possibly be dated as
early as 6,000 years before Christ.

Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, in her
travels around the world, found in
China a Heavenly Foot society, the
members of which are young men
pledged not to marry women whose
feet are smaller than natural expan-
sion would produce.

Remember you have not a sinew
whose law of strength is not action;
not a faculty of body, mind or soul
whose law of improvement is not
energy.—E. B. Hall.

In this great society wide lying
around us a critical analysis would
find very few spontaneous actions.
It is almost all custom and gross
sense.—Emerson.

The Life and Advent union, a re-
ligious denomination, has 28 soci-
eties and a membership of 1,018.
They worship in 7 churches, valued
at \$16,790.

A man who always tells the exact
truth is never unduly popular with
the women.—Albany Argus.

It is no use crying wolf all over
the world.—

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set.....\$12 75

One 50-piece dinner set, same as
above regular price \$7.25, by
set.....6 00

One 46-piece Dinner Set, same as
above, regular price \$5.75, by
set.....5 00

One 36-piece combination Dinner
and Tea Set, Carlsbad China,
delicately decorated and gold
stenciled, very handsome, only
20 00

One 55-piece Dinner and Tea Set,
pure Carlsbad China, of a very
handsome and fastidious deco-
ration and catchy pattern, no-
thing better in the store.....12 75

One 43-piece Dinner Set, same as
above.....8 75

One 33-piece decorated French
China Tea Set.....10 00

One 36-piece delicate plain white
China Dinner Set, regular price
\$8.75, by set.....6 00

One 50-piece handsomely deco-
rated and gold lined French China
Tea set, Elite Limoges, a bar-
gain, only.....10 50

Dinner sets in the well-known
and popular "Anemone" and
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One set very handsome after-
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One set as above, nobby, assorted
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One set prettily decorated and
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Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30
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First and third Sundays at
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Prayer meeting every Wednes-
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Union Sabbath school every
Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Juvenile Aid Society will
meet on Saturday at 7:30 p. m.,
before the second Sunday.

Remember revival services will
be held on each 2nd and 4th Sun-
day evening in each month during
this conference year.

BAPTIST.—Rev. H. Q. Kendall
Pastor. Services first and third
Sundays in Sonora, and fourth
Sunday and Saturday night before
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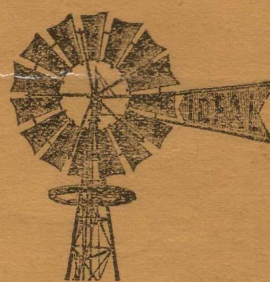
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SONORA, TEXAS, - October 19, 1895.

SIXTH YEAR.

On the 18th of October 1890, the first issue of the Devil's River News made its bow to the reading public, and the history of the paper is the history of Devil's River Country. Both have had their ups and downs, and at present both are up and doing well. The Devil's River Country was never in a more prosperous condition in any respect, financially, commercially or industriously. When the Devil's River News was launched 70 miles from a railroad the prediction was freely made that it would sink before its first voyage was completed. Instead of meeting that fate, however, it has seen the sinking of numerous papers in all parts of the country that were supposed to have been started under more favorable circumstances. The management of the Devil's River News has always endeavored to keep it afloat and its patrons will testify that it has been safe, reliable and trustworthy. Thanking our readers and advertisers for past favors we will endeavor to merit their well wishes in the future.

County Court.

County court convenes in Sonora Monday. The following is the docket and list of jurors:

CIVIL DOCKET.

58. J. W. Dalaney vs W. J. Fields, John D. Fields and D. B. Cusenberry; suit on promissory note.
61. D. R. Holland vs Newell & Large; suit on contract.
48. John Allison vs W. J. Fields; suit on promissory note.
62. State vs Asa Robertson and John Hall; suit on forfeited bond.
— R. W. Callahan, assignee, vs John Allison.

On the State docket there are a few of the old gaming cases to be tried.

PETIT JURORS.

- J. W. Mayfield, W. F. Decker,
O. T. Word, G. B. Duke,
Horton Allen, J. W. Putman,
D. R. Holland, Max Mayer,
A. J. Owens, Sam Merck,
R. H. Wyatt, G. W. Dunagan,
W. Mollenhauer.

Boston Wool Market.

Boston, Oct. 16.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow of the wool trade: The market has strengthened the past week without wool showing signs of much increase in activity. The feature of the market which commands most attention is, of course, to be found in the fact that the American market is considerably below the European. Sales in New York, Boston and Philadelphia for the week aggregated 9,962,500 pounds, 6,639,500 being domestic and 3,323,000 foreign. Territory wools have attracted a good share of attention. Fleeces have also shared well in the week's business. In Boston the market remains very firm, business being steady. Fleeces have sold well; good blocks of XX and delaine have been moved; also of half and three quarters washed and unwashed wools. Sales of the above lines amount to 1,500,000 pounds. Eastern Oregon and California have sold well. Territory had a good week, over 2,000,000 pounds being moved. Australian wools have fallen off in sales; stocks have been reduced considerably and selections picked up as a result of the recent heavy business in this line of stock. The sales of the week amount to 5,031,000 lbs., domestic and 985,000 lbs. foreign, a total of 6,015,000 against a total of 6,653,500 for the previous week and 2,901,500 for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1, 1895, amount to 167,806,570 pounds, against 118,027,335 last year.

Sheep For Sale.

500 head of fine large wethers, two to four year old. They are in good condition. Apply to A. W. Mills, Sonora, Tex.

Stock News.

From San Angelo Standard.

Anson & Verner bought from J. F. Cross, 100 steers, 2's up, at \$15 and \$22.50.

Fred Millard, of Eden, bought from D. E. Sims, of Paint Rock, 175 head of black muley stock cattle, at \$20 per head, and three bulls at \$100 each.

Frank Anson of Coleman county sold to Joe Morris, same county, 300 steer yearlings at \$10 per head. This is the highest price paid for yearlings in Texas since the years 1882-4.

D. M. DeVitt returned Tuesday from his cattle ranch near Midland. Mr. DeVitt sold to the American Pastoral Co., of Denver, 600 steer yearlings at \$14; also to Amarillo parties, 300 2-year-old steers, at \$17.

Lum Hudson, of Coke county, bought from J. M. Piper, 1200 head of stock cattle, located in John Berry's Schleicher county pasture, at \$11 per head. They will be delivered at pasture Dec. 1st. On last Thursday Mr. Hudson resold these cattle to Kearney Mayes at \$11.00 per head.—San Angelo Standard.

From the San Antonio Stockman:

It is said that Nelson Morris will feed 100,000 sheep this season.

James H. David of this city, sold 120 fine four year old grade Short-horn steers last week to R. W. Rogers. The steers are now on Mr. David's Hays county pasture, and knowing ones say he got \$26 per head for them.

One of the largest cattle deals of the year was closed here within the last few days. Tom A. Coleman purchased the entire interest of John R. Blocker in their several ranches, aggregating about 40,000 head of cattle. The deal involved nearly \$500,000.—San Antonio Stockman.

James McLymont of Kinney county was here last week on his way to Austin, and as is his usual custom made us a pleasant call. He has just made a sale of all his steer cattle, to Mosely Bros. of Llano, in all about 1400 head, 1200 fours and up at \$24 and corresponding prices for the younger steers. Besides he sold all of his cows and calves, about 500 head, at a fair figure, but he would not give us the price for publication. Mosely Bros. will run these cattle on part of the old Dolores pasture which they have leased.—San Antonio Stockman.

One of the most important functionalities of the sheep loading business at Comstock is Sancho Panza. Sancho is a large Spanish goat owned by Noble and Artie, two little boys of Mac Tompkins, and yields his owners considerable revenue. When a car is to be loaded Sancho goes into the pen and rounds them up, then, violently shaking his bell, he runs up the chute into the car, and all the sheep follow him. He then runs out and the door is closed. This is repeated for each car. Sancho does his work as intelligently and earnestly as a man, and far more effectively. The boys receive 25 cents for each car of sheep loaded by Sancho. Recently J. T. Cooper offered \$10 for Sancho's services in loading of one herd of mutton, but the price was refused, the goat's owners maintaining their 25 cent rate.—Del Rio Record.

The Sheep of the World.

The American Wool Reporter has compiled the estimates of sheep in the world. It finds that in the three great sheep countries of Australia, Argentine Republic and the United States, there is a decrease over the number of a few years ago. The world is not rushing into wool growing at present rates. Whether the revising of our tariff on wool will again raise the number in foreign countries remains to be seen. His estimates are as follows:

Grand divisions—North America 51,223,933; South America, 135,574,857; Europe, 181,831,642; Asia, 53,401,573; Australia, 124,854,606; Oceania, 12,607; Africa, 35,759,935; grand total, 583,030,209. The United States has 45,048,000; the United Kingdom, 33,642,000; Russia, 49,241,000; France, 21,791,000; Germany, 13,775,000; Austria-Hungary, 14,370,000, and Spain, 13,773,000. Argentine Republic has 100,000,000; Uruguay, 22,989,000; Australia 104,918,000. In Africa, Cape of Good Hope has 16,793,000; Algeria, 9,475,000, and Orange Free State, 6,620,000.

The prize fighters do not know where to go. Even Arkansas will not permit the fight to take place.

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GENERAL MERCHANTS

Sonora, - - - Texas.

Keenan & Sons Circular.

Chicago, Oct. 11th, 1895.
Ed. Devil's River News.

Receipts of cattle estimated this week at 66,500, of which 37,000 were natives, 21,500 Westerns and 8,000 Texas.

While the receipts of all kinds of cattle show a decrease of 4,000 head the supply of Westerns is 8,500 less than last week. The best grades of natives have declined in price, while the demand for all classes of Westerns has been good and prices show a steady advance, and we are able to quote prices 15 to 25 cents per cwt. higher than one week ago. The majority of the big outfits are through shipping for this season, so we look for a very limited supply of westerns from now on. The season will be practically over this year from three to four weeks earlier than former years, but in the aggregate we figure on about the same number of cattle forwarded from the West as last year. We have had but one or two bad breaks in the market this season and most of brands will show an increase for the year's shipments over last of 25 to 50 cents per cwt. The market closes this week strong and active. We look for still further advance in price next week.

Receipts of sheep and lambs last week footed up 99,840 head. The first four days of this week the arrivals foot up about \$2,000. From present indications receipts will be about 100,000 for the week, fully two-thirds being Westerns. The demand has been good, especially for exporters and good feeding wethers and lambs. A string of 700 prime Western wethers averaging 147 pounds were sold to

arrive Wednesday at \$3.75 per cwt. They go to Paris, France. The general prices for lighter exporters were from \$3.15 to \$3.35. The common to medium grades sold 10 to 20 cents lower than last week. Good to prime lambs sold from \$4 to \$4.25, other grades from \$3.25 to 3.75. The demand for good reeding wethers the best of the season, selling from \$2.65 to 2.85; common to fair selling from \$2.25 to 2.50. Fat ewes averaging 90 to 100 pounds sold at \$2.40 to 2.50.

Yours respectfully,

KEENAN & SONS.

Conclusive evidence that Sonora is a satisfactory trading point is given by the way ranchmen who have tried other markets do their trading in Sonora and are so well pleased that they tell their neighbors their experiences.

Fred Koenig the cattleman was in Sonora this week buying rams. Fred must have a flock of sheep but don't come here. You don't need to be ashamed of the sheep business, Fred, it's all right. The "golden hoof" and "silver fleece" will make many a man rich even yet.

See the World's Fair for Fifteen Cents.

Upon receipt of your address and fifteen cents in postage stamps, we will mail you prepared our Souvenir Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exposition the regular price is Fifty cents, but as we want you to have ours, we make the price nominal. You will find it a work of art and a thing to be prized. It contains full page views of the great buildings, with descriptions of same, and is executed in the highest style of art. It is so constructed with it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep the book. Address: H. B. BUCKLEN & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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The Dallas Fair opens to day and closes on Nov. 3rd.

Keys Fawcett the D. Jan cattleman was in Sonora this week.

J. W. Turner the sheepman was in Sonora for rams Friday.

J. W. Blanks of Sherwood was in Sonora Friday for herders.

Miss Lillie Davis is teaching a private school for children in the Pride house.

Instead of the prize fight on the 31st, Dallas will entertain the Populists at the State Fair.

R. T. Baker the cattleman from the North Llano was in Sonora Friday. Mr. Baker reports that Prof. Edwin Martin is giving satisfaction to parents and pupils at Precinct No. 4 school.

Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill are holding down the chairs in the old stand barber shop. Don't forget the boys when you want a clean shave or a smooth hair cut.

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For all diseases caused by a torpid liver or impure blood, as Dyspepsia, Bileousness, Bitches and Eruptions, it gives most perfect satisfaction.

After Eighteen Years.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Oct. 13.—The fall term of district court begins Monday, the 21st. An interesting case to be brought up is that of Incarnation Nunez, who will be tried for the murder eighteen years ago of his wife and a man who was with her. Nunez escaped into Mexico, served five years in the Mexican army, came back to the United States and, after wandering over the western states and territories, was recognized and arrested in Crockett county, Texas, about three weeks ago.

Over 100,000 pounds of Texas wool is lying in Piedras Negras awaiting sale in Mexico. A large dealer, who has been trying to place Texas wool in Mexico, states that the staple is too short for that market, and the difficulty is the heavy duties and freight that have to be paid on the big percentage of dirt in the fall clip. A scouring-house seems to be badly needed in Texas.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Dunagan, on Wednesday Oct. 16th a girl.

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THE TELEGRAM HAD TO GO SEALED.

A Contest That Resulted in Turning the Business Over to Uncle Sam.

When one has had an interview with a man who "knows it all," it is a relief to come across a person who still has something to learn. A woman of this latter class afforded amusement to some people in a small New Jersey town the other day. She was an elderly woman of ample girth who looked as if she might be a servant, and she rushed into the drug store, where the telegraph office was situated, calling out, before she had passed half way down the room:

"Gimme an envelope!"

At the same time she dived down into her pocket and brought forth a letter, and when the operator (who was a young woman) handed out an envelope she put the letter in.

"Do you send letters here?" she demanded next.

"We send them over the wire," politely responded the operator.

"Well, I want to send one."

"Let me see it, then, and I will send it."

"No, I'll seal it and send it."

"But I must see it and read it and send it over the wire," insisted the operator.

"Well, mine are sealed when I get 'em, and I know nobody reads my letters."

"Yes, I know," explained the operator, "but I have first to write the message for you, and then put it in an envelope and seal it, and then send it to you by a messenger."

"Well, I don't care; I ain't going to have nobody read my letters; somebody else wrote this, and I ain't going to have it read."

Thinking perhaps to get around the matter in some other way, the operator asked to see the size of the letter. The woman had written out in full what she had to say, and when the young woman at the desk saw this she said:

"I should advise you not to send this, indeed, for it will cost you a great deal to send it as it is."

"Well, his letter's got to go, and it's got to go in a hurry."

"Why don't you get a special delivery stamp and send it that way?" suggested the amused operator.

"What's that?"

"That's something that you get at the postoffice, and it will insure the prompt delivery of your letter."

Evidently this struck the fancy of the woman, for she rushed out of the store to go to the postoffice, while the few spectators could hardly restrain their shouts of laughter until she had reached the street.

Surely the work of education is not yet completed, and even the twentieth century may find some people who have not been enlightened to the facts of the nineteenth.—New York Tribune.

The City of It.

You might exhaust yourself looking in atlases and gazettes for the city of it, because it is purely legendary. Lippincott's Magazine for August, 1888, gave the following brief statement of the legend: "The magnificent city of It was situated on the coast of Brittany where now is the bay of Douarouez. It was built by the love of the sea and surrounded by massive walls. Here, in the fifth century, was the court of the pious King Gradlon and of his wicked daughter, Dalut, who had a pleasant habit of throwing her softness into a well when their society became tiresome. One of her favorites asked her to obtain for him the silver key which fastened the golden gates in the city wall. Dalut accordingly stole the key from her father's neck while he slept, the lower unlocked the gates, the sea rushed in and overwhelmed the city and its inhabitants, including the princess. Only the king escaped. The Breton peasants say that the spirits of the drowned still haunt the spot, and the bells of the submerged city are often heard ringing at low tide."

An Indian Race.

A good story of Indian racing was told the other day. Sometimes, as at a steepslope meeting in the Bombay presidency—a meeting by the way, much affected by the military—three horses had been weighed out to run in a certain race, but each jockey had instructions that he "need not try too much." They were started. At the second fence the leading horse ran out, so was consequently "pulled up." A little further on the jockey of the second named "slip off," so leaving the third rider in a quagmire as to how he was going "to lose." After going as slowly as he could, possibly do to make any show, he "show," he managed to drop his weight, then he got some weights out of his pockets and left those on the road. He was disqualified for short weight, with the result that nobody won the race.—Times of India.

Hand to God.

The Doctor—Quack saying that, about trying at the bottom of a well.

The Lawyer—You wouldn't think so if you knew the amount of pumping you lawyers experience have to do to get at it.—London Int-Buz.

Sutton County Estray.

Reported as an stray for the benefit of Sutton county, by W. F. Luckie, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, on the 17th day of August 1895, the following described animal to-wit: One brown horse, 3 years old, unbroken, branded A B on left jaw.

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Some Gigantic Jumps Taken by These Monsters of the Deep.

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"The mate was the first to regain his senses and gave the command 'stern all.' Just as we were ready to spring overboard the boat shot back several feet, and the next second the gigantic animal dived into the ocean, just grazing us, leaving completely passed over the boat in the biggest leap I ever heard of."

Such gigantic jumps are rare. A singular one was recorded by Dr. Hall, who at the time was a midshipman on the ship Leander. They were lying in the harbor of Bermuda when all hands were attracted by the appearance of a very large whale that suddenly appeared in the harbor and seemed very much alarmed by the shallow water, floundering about violently. The young midshipman joined a boat's crew that started in pursuit, and just as they were about to strike the whale disappeared, sinking out of sight, leaving a deep whirlpool around which the boat shot. Before it stopped up came the whale, leaving in all probability struck flat bottom, and went into the air like a rocket.

"So complete was this enormous leap," says Dr. Hall, "that for an instant we saw him fairly up in the air, in a horizontal position, at a distance of at least 20 perpendicular feet over our heads. While in his progress upward, there was in his spring some tons of the vivacity with which a trout or salmon shoots out of the water, but he fell back again in the sea like a huge log thrown on its broadside and with such a thundering crash as made all hands stare with astonishment and the boldest hold his breath for a time. Had the whale taken his leap one minute sooner he would have fallen jump on the boat."

Comparatively few people have seen a large whale, but we can imagine what an object an animal 70 feet long and weighing as many tons would make flying through the air.

Within a week of the writing of the present article I was drifting along the shores of Santa Catalina island, southern California, when a 60 foot whale almost cleared the water about 1,000 yards from the boat. I was about to ask the boatman what rock it was when the great head descended and the tail rose into the air as the monster dived.

Mr. Seersby, the famous whaler, chronicles a number of incidents of jumping among whales, some leaving the water completely and rising 20 or more feet into the air.—Philadelphia Times.

Where Our Presidents Are Buried. George Washington is buried at Mount Vernon, Va.; John Adams at Quincy, Mass.; Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Va.; James Madison at Montpelier, Va.; James Monroe at Richmond; John Quincy Adams at Quincy, Mass.; Andrew Jackson at Nashville; Martin Van Buren at Kinderhook, N. Y.; William Henry Harrison at North Bend, O.; John Tyler at Richmond; James K. Polk at Nashville; Zachary Taylor at Louisville; Millard Fillmore at Buffalo; Franklin Pierce at Concord, N. H.; James Buchanan near Lancaster, Pa.; Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Ills.; Andrew Johnson at Greenville, Tenn.; Ulysses S. Grant at Riverside park, New York; Rutherford B. Hayes at Columbus, O.; James A. Garfield at Cleveland; Chester A. Arthur at Albany.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Divorce In Turkey. A writer in The Fortnightly points out that divorce is more common among the Turks than in the United States, and that when a Turkish wife is divorced her husband has to restore every piaster of her dowry.

Power of the Eye. An eye can threaten like a loaded and leveled gun or can insult like hissing or kicking, or, in its altered mood, by beams of kindness it can make the heart dance with joy.—Emerson's "Conduct of Life."

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HANDSHAKING IN ENGLAND.

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"On my first visit to England," says a man who is a persistent traveler, "I was given letters of introduction to a family living in the suburbs of Liverpool, which, on the day following my arrival in that city, I took occasion to present. I found the family, which consisted of a mother, her two daughters and a young lady friend, most charming. They were expecting me, their relatives in America having written them that I was coming, and I spent a most delightful hour in their home. At the same time I could not but feel that there was a certain something in the atmosphere of the call which was not quite right. Either I had done something which I ought not or I had left unperformed something which I ought to have done.

"As I brought my call to a close this feeling grew stronger, and as I bade the young ladies good day and bowed myself out of the drawing room I was decidedly uncomfortable. To add to my uneasiness my hostess followed me down the entire length of the long hall so closely that I almost thought that, in spite of the excellent recommendations I had brought, she feared I might carry away with me some of the exquisite brie-a-brac with which the house was adorned. When I reached the door and extended my hand toward the knob to open it, to my surprise she grasped my outstretched hand and gave it a hearty shake before letting me go out. Even then I did not realize the situation, and it was not until months afterward, when I had become very intimate in this family, that they told me 'how strange' they thought it that day because I did not shake hands with them all as they came into the room and again as I went out.

"Fortunately for me at the very first house I visited after this a very bright woman, who was also staying at the same place, took compassion on my American ignorance and very delicately set me right in this matter.

"The breakfast room was generally the meeting place in the morning, and unless we were very early the hostess was there before us, seated at the head of the table. Etiquette demanded that we shake hands with her first and then with such others of the party as were there before us. Those who came later saluted us in turn, so that when the party was all assembled we had shaken hands with each other. At night, when we prepared to go to bed, the process was reversed, and the hand of the hostess was the last we grasped before we took our candles and wound our way up the old old stone stairs to bed.

"Then all through the day it always seemed to me as if we indulged in a dissipation of handshaking on every possible occasion, which had a tendency toward evening, when the neighbors were likely to call, to develop into a regular orgy. I remember one evening in particular. We were out in the garden enjoying that hour of perfect twilight which has no counterpart in this country when a party of six from a neighboring house strolled in merely to exchange a friendly greeting. Of course we shook hands all round when they came, and for some reason, I forget what now, I began to keep count of how many times I shook on this occasion. I know they did not remain more than 15 minutes, but I think they made one false start, and then at last I know we walked down to the gate with them. Even then, however, when, after they had gone and I reckoned up and found that in that one short call of a quarter of an hour's duration I had shaken hands 24 times, I could not understand it, nor have I ever been able to do so since. I can only think that, in the general excitement, I became confused and shook hands with several of my own party or possibly two or three times with myself and did not know the difference."—New York Times.

Fares For Milk Cans and Corpses. Many persons are not aware that passenger conductors collect fare for cans of milk as for passengers. Tickets are issued and collected in very much the same manner as for persons, each ticket being good between the stations mentioned for a certain number of gallons. Another fact unknown to the generality of people is that a corpse ticket is issued at the same rates as for a person, but that no corpse will be carried at regular single fare rates unless accompanied by somebody who will take charge of it in case of accident.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Troubled by a Poor Memory. "Oh, dear," sighed Mrs. Tibbetts, "you've no idea what it is to be troubled with a poor memory." "Does your memory trouble you?" the caller sympathetically asked. "Oh, no—not mine." Mrs. Tibbetts explained; "my husband's. He forgets every errand I send him on."—Rockland (Me.) Tribune.

BUYING A SLAVE.

It is a Great Luxury When It Can Be Done In This Way.

Somebody once asked Governor Oglesby how it happened that he, though a Kentuckian, had grown up an abolitionist.

"One of the principal causes," he answered, "was a negro whom we called Uncle Tim. He was a slave who had descended from my grandfather to my father and was the only one in the family. My father died when I was a small boy, and we became embarrassed, and in order to divide up what little there was left Uncle Tim had to be sold. I well remember him as he stood up on a box ready for the sale. He was a powerful man, far above the average height, with a manly bearing, a fine face and a skin as black as ebony. He had always been very fond of us children, and I thought almost as much of him as if he had been my own father. As he stood waiting he implored, with tears streaming from his eyes, a brother of my father to buy him. That was impossible, and observing his dejection and surmising its cause I said: "'Uncle Tim, I am going to work to earn money, and when I get enough I will buy you and set you free.'

"His face lighted up with pride and pleasure as I said this, but it was immediately followed by a look of despair. He came down, lifted me up in his arms and said sadly: 'Thanks, Marse Dick. You are a poor orphan and won't never be rich enough to buy Uncle Tim.' He was sold, and, being past his prime, only brought some \$400.

"I moved to Illinois in time. I struggled. I went back to Kentucky and grew no richer. I used to see Uncle Tim occasionally, and I always assured him that some day I would buy him. He always seemed to listen to me gratefully, but apparently had no hope of success. In 1849 I went to California, and after much effort I made a few thousand dollars and then returned to fulfill my promise. I sent the money to my brother, and Uncle Tim was purchased and freed.

"I was standing in front of the porch of my brother's house some days later when Uncle Tim came out of a piece of woods a little distance away and approached along the pathway. It was a striking picture, such as I never before witnessed. He was a giant in stature. His abundant gray hair was thrown back on his shoulders; his face was ashen, reminding one of the statue of Moses by Michael Angelo. His countenance was aglow and shone as if lighted by the very presence of the Holy Ghost. When he caught sight of me, he stopped, threw back his head, raised his arms far above him and exclaimed: 'My God! My God! Has the little orphan boy lived to buy and set me free?' Then he put his arms about me and tried to lift me as in the old days, but he had grown too weak, and I had grown too large. 'You can't lift me any more, Uncle Tim,' I said. 'No,' he answered in a sad tone, and then, with exulting air, he shouted as if he had raised his face toward the sky: 'Halleluiah! Halleluiah! I've free.'"—Chicago Letter in Boston Advertiser.

Where the Two Adams Were Born. Mr. Isaac Hull Adams of Quincy, a grandson of President John Adams, has made public an interesting fact in regard to the birthplace of the two Presidents Adams. In a letter to William G. Spear, the librarian of the Quincy Historical society, Mr. Adams says: "John Adams, my grandfather, was born in the smaller house and in the front chamber nearest the street (not in the lower room), over the common parlor.

"John Quincy Adams was born in the larger house in the east front chamber nearest the smaller house. I was born in the same chamber in the smaller house in which John Adams came into the world and have often been told this by my father and mother."

The two old houses are situated at South Quincy, a few minutes' walk from the Quincy Adams station. The smaller house, in which John Adams was born, is situated on Franklin street and is the right hand house in all pictures taken with a front view.

The larger house is situated at the corner of Franklin street and Independence avenue. There has never before been an absolute certainty as to which house John Adams was born in, and the public letter of his grandson will be of considerable historical interest.—Boston Journal.

Pay of Italian Naval Officers. Pay in the Italian navy is very small. A rear admiral gets but \$1,500 a year, a first captain but \$1,480, a lieutenant but \$760 a year, and the admiral himself has only \$3,000 a year.

The New Woman. "Do you think the new woman has come to stay?" "Judging from the pace she shows, I think she has come to go."—Boston Courier.

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REFORM IN PENMANSHIP.

Probably all who have had a common school education remember vividly the agonies they suffered during the half hour a day devoted to making pothooks and copying unmeaning phrases in their writing books. The same number of unfortunate realize with equal vividness how widely different their own present chirography is from the flowing copy plate which they tried to imitate, with more or less success, in their youthful days.

The penmanship of the world has always been far short of the ideal copybook standard, but since the general introduction of the typewriting machine it has grown from bad to worse. The part of the community who have university educations are worse off in this regard than the common school graduates, for the reason that if they ever did write a half way decent hand as the result of their teacher's strenuous efforts it was completely ruined when they began to take notes of lectures at college.

The world moves, and now the educational experts have arrived at the conclusion that the whole system of instruction in writing is wrong; that the beautiful and elaborate curly-escapes and intricate shading of the old copy plate system are not only useless and difficult to acquire, but that, in the generality of cases, they are really unreadable. Every one has received numbers of letters written by some so called first class penman, which are beautiful to look at in the regularity of their strokes and curves, but extremely hard to read. The school-teachers have come to a realizing sense of a fact that the first purpose of handwriting is to be legible and not artistically beautiful, and that the same amount of time formerly spent in elaborating shading and curves, if spent in practicing the modern perpendicular hand, will give four times better results in the way of a mastery of the art, greater freedom in writing and the acquisition of a style which will be legible, even if it departs from regularity.

The same gradual transition has taken place in the art of lettering as practiced by draftsmen. Twenty years ago draftsmen and engineers learned elaborate lettering, the rustic style, the old English and many others, and many weary hours were spent in the drafting room putting these varied hieroglyphics on the drawings. The doctrine that simplicity and utility are the highest form of beauty has made headway among the draftsmen, as elsewhere. The first reform was in the substitution of plain block lettering of the old style. The making of block lettering, however, is a slow task, and much valuable time was wasted. The next reform was the introduction of the German "rundschrift," which is a species of froelhand work done with a special pen which shades broadly and almost automatically. The "rundschrift" may be put on a drawing with great rapidity, but it requires considerable skill to do it well, and the result of poor or mediocre work is painful to the eye.

The whole subject of lettering has now become a lost art. The draftsman of today doesn't ink his fingers and break his back at anything of the kind. He buys a box of assorted printed letters on paper or cloth, with well gummed backs, and when his drawing is done ticks the back of a sufficient number of these letters and affixes them to his drawing after the manner of the humble postage stamp.—New York Tribune.

An Irish Rebel. As I traveled once in the county of Kerry, in Ireland, with the White Knight and the Knight of the Glin, we called at Terenure O'Connell's, an old Irish gentleman, our common friend, who kept up the hospitality of his ancestors, and showed how they lived when Cormac MacGullean the Generous was king of Munster and archbishop of Cashel, in 912. There was no end of eating and drinking there, and the famous Dornie Falvey played on the harp. For a day and a night we sat to it by candlelight without shirts or clothes on, naked except that we had our brooches and shoes and stockings on, and I drank so much burgundy in that time that the sweat ran of a red color down my body, and my senses were so disordered that when we agreed to ride out for a couple of hours to take a little air I leaped my horse into a dreadful quarry, and in the descent was thrown into a large deep water that was in a part of the frightful bottom.—"Jim Bunkie."

Where Else Would They Go? An English proverb says, "Where the hedge is low, the sheep go over."

DUELS AMONG SHEEP.

The Bucks Fight With Gravity and to Have a Cede of Honor.

One of the amusing sights out west is the flocks of bucks on the sheep ranches in Arizona and New Mexico. There are certain regions given up to sheep raising, and one can find outfits which number as high as 50,000 sheep. These are divided into flocks, never more than 5,000 in a bunch, and while the bunches may be within a few miles of each other they are kept separate and apart and never allowed to mingle. Five thousand sheep in a bunch is about all that the genius of man or dog can handle to advantage. During certain seasons of the year the bucks are bunched together by themselves, and these are the woolly folk who furnish the entertainment. All day long they fight sham duels with each other, and every waking moment in the 24 will offer the on-looker a spectacle of full 30 of these combats raging at a time. The sheep seem to have a fashion of code and conduct these affairs of honor with a great deal of order and decorum.

They are never for blood and resemble a sparring match for points between boxers or a joust with blunted spears between knights of olden time. As you watch the flock grazing along your eye will be aroused to some buck, who suddenly ceases feeding and stands for a moment in a thoughtful attitude. It has suddenly occurred to this champion that he would enjoy a brief bunting bout, and he looks up and down the flock for an adversary.

Having selected his fellow duelist, he walks toward him with a very dignified, almost haughty, air. The buck thus honored by his notice raises his head as he is approached and looks at the other with great calmness. The particular Morino who is resolved on trouble goes quite close to the other, and in a stiff, formal way strikes him once or twice with his fore foot. This hoof maneuver would seem to be the challenge.

The buck thus tapped—and the blow is bestowed somewhere about the forelegs—bows profoundly, as if in haughty acquiescence, and begins to back slowly away. The challenger does the same. When they have separated to a distance of perhaps 20 yards, they will spring into the air once or twice in a stiff legged way, as if testing their thews. Having satisfied themselves that they are decidedly in working order, and as if with the same impulse, they lower their heads and rush at each other.

They meet half way with a crash that can be heard across the plains for a mile, and each buck is so severely jolted as to be driven backward several feet. Bowing with great deference to each other, they then retreat backward as they did before and to about the same distance and charge again. Their woolly pates will crash together a second time, after which they will retreat for a third. Before one or the other is entirely satisfied they will run some six or seven of these courses.

At last one will signify in a dignified way, and by simply turning his attention to cropping the grass, that he doesn't care for any more exercise of that sort at that time. His adversary may feel like another bump, but he never urges his wish, and if there is still any combat in him which must be worked off he hunts another sheep. Sometimes when two bucks are pulling off a duel some other buck will be attracted by the sight.

Without asking anybody's permission he will lower his head and charge with the others. Instead of a duel there will be a trio. Occasionally a fourth, even a fifth, will take part, and as many as eight bucks have been seen all hilariously charging for a common center in a fashion of a woolly Donnybrook fair.

These buck tournaments appear to afford the sheep great satisfaction. They conduct them with gravity, and as none of them ever gets hurt and all of them seem much refreshed thereby the sheep herders never interfere.—Washington Star.

African Ivory. The commodity of importance in the export trade of the Niger is ivory, although this can hardly be regarded as an increasing trade. It is mostly in the hands of Hausa (native) merchants, who convey it vast distances.

Few persons who finger their ivory handled knives at dinner think of the enormous distances that have been traversed by the smooth, pleasant feeling material, of the incalculable labor it represents and of the suffering and perchance bloodshed which have marked its transit since it fell with some mighty elephant in a remote African jungle. Some who know central Africa say that if it were not for ivory the raiding and selling of slaves would soon cease. If this be true, then this beautiful product of nature stands in the civilized world as the representative of the traffic in human flesh, which annually makes countless thousands mourn.—Chambers' Journal.

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