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## The New Novelties

Maude Adams has been selected by Charles Frohman for the role of "Chantecler" in the American production of the play and Chantecler novelties so popular in Paris are now the rage in America.

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### HIBERNATING ANIMALS.

The Lethargy of Winter and the Awakening in Spring. The sleep of hibernating animals is a very different matter from the sleep of repose. It is a complete suspension of all vital functions. Respiration can no longer be detected. A torpid bat when taken from its bed will leave a sign of two or three days being left alone, again to all appearances cease to breathe.

Submerged in water, a temperature slightly below that of his own, the hedgehog continues to live, but cannot suffer neither inconvenience nor harm. Inclosed in an air-tight capsule, his atmosphere undergoes a change so slight that it is scarcely perceptible, if at all.

But circulation does not cease. The irritability of the muscles of the heart increases, and this without the stimulation of oxygen, although much more slowly, the heart continues to beat. In the absence of the fresh air drawn into the lungs in times of activity, uncleaned and uninvigorated and venous blood passes on to fill the whole system of circulation.

A profound lethargy ensues, distinguishable from death only by the slight beating of the heart. The waste is very small. The fat accumulated during the plenty of summer and autumn supplies all expenditure until the coming of spring, when earlier or later the hibernating animal, having no capital in reserve, begins to suffer the pangs of hunger. In response to the demand respiration very slowly increases. His oxidized blood flows more quickly, and his energy returns.

Then the bat flies forth once more from the hollow tree in the wood to find the warm dusk teeming with insect life, and the hedgehog comes, it may be, from the cavity under the gnarled roots below to find beetles, worms and slugs once more among the spring grass.

Hibernation has saved both from death by starvation, but if their nooks had not been snug and wisely chosen they would not have been preserved from death by frost.

The hibernating animal also must be secure and free from intrusion, for the hibernating animal cannot bear to be suddenly roused. Even the intervals to feed, when in deep sleep must be carried indoors to the warmer temperature of a room or revived by the heat of the hand passing through the nest. He then wakes refreshed and full of activity, but he does not survive too hasty an awakening.—Harper's Weekly.

### Effects of Air.

Attention has been called to some curious effects of rarefied and of condensed air on human respiration. On high mountains some persons experience distressing shortness of breath, one result of which is that they are unable to whistle. Precisely the same effect is sometimes produced by the condensed air in caissons and diving bells. Laborers working in compressed air frequently find, however, that their powers of exertion are increased as long as the atmospheric pressure is not more than double that of ordinary air, but beyond that point unpleasant effects are experienced after the men have left the working shafts and returned into the open air. On the other hand, high atmospheric pressure in the case of persons not doing manual labor has been found to act as a mental stimulant, increasing the impulse to talk.—Harper's Weekly.

### Casting Sleighbells.

A question frequently asked is in regard to the method of producing sleighbells containing iron balls larger than the opening in the bells. Previous to making a cast the maker of sleighbells puts an iron ball inside a sand core, just the shape of the inside of the bell. This sand core, with the jinglet inside, is placed in the mold of the outside and the melted metal poured in, which fills up the space between the core and mold. The hot metal burns the core so that it can be shaken out, leaving the ball within the shell. Ball valves, swivel joints and many other articles are cast in the same manner.

### A Courtier's Retort.

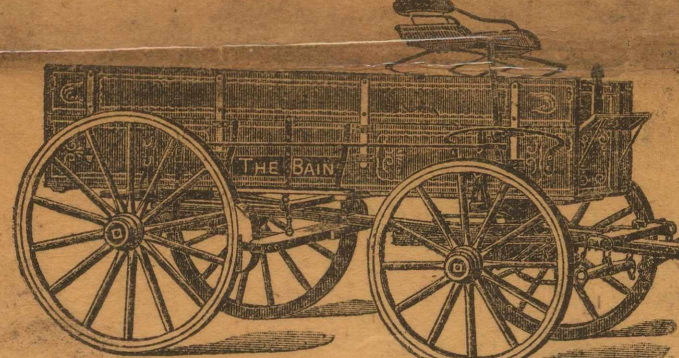
Queen Boss had a pretty wit, they say, which she was by no means loath to exercise upon her subjects. She got the worst of it in one verbal duel at least. Observing in the garden a courtier to whom she had promised promotion that had not yet been realized, her majesty thrust her head out of the window and called to him:

"What does a man think of, Sir Edward, when he thinks of nothing?"

"Of a woman's promise, your majesty," was Sir Edward's response.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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### WHEN JENNY LIND SANG.

A Nightingale That Charmed Hearts as Well as Ears.

Nothing in Richard Hoffman's musical recollections in Scribner's is more charming than his description of Jenny Lind. "She would trip on and on," he says, "as if in an ecstasy of delight at the opportunity of singing, bowing and smiling to her audience and giving every one present a flattering sense of contributing in a measure toward the success of the evening. She had three or four songs which showed the wonderful compass and power of her voice, and one or more of these were called for at every concert—a Swedish echo song in which she would echo her own voice by a sort of ventriloquism that was quite marvelous and another in which she made a remarkable diminuendo, reaching a pianissimo as faint as a sigh, but with a carrying power that made it distinctly audible at the most extreme limits of Castle Garden or Tipler hall, where the later concerts were given.

"This was a fine building situated at Broadway and Bond street and just finished in time for the second series of concerts. The hall had fine acoustic advantages, and it was a great loss to the city when it was destroyed by fire a few years later. The Winter Garden was afterward built on the same site.

"One of the most haunting things to me was her singing of Taubert's bird song, 'I Know Not Why I Am Singing.' Her shake was the finest I ever heard, so close and even as to be altogether perfect. Her voice, which she said herself was naturally stiff and stubborn, she had educated and practiced into such a degree of perfection that her roulades and cadenzas were unparalleled in their execution.

"In her sacred songs she rose to the sublime, and on one occasion as she finished singing the aria 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth' I recollect that Daniel Webster, who was seated in the center of the balcony, rose from his seat and made her a profound bow. Her rapt expression of face and never ending volume of voice made her appear like some inspired seraph delivering a divine message.

"She was indebted to Sir George Smart, with whom she had studied in England, for all the traditional renderings of oratorio parts, he being at that time the greatest living authority in this school of music, but her vocal training was done under Manuel Garcia in Paris."

### Active at 87.

This would be unusual news if men and women would keep themselves free from rheumatism and all aches and pains as well as keeping their muscles and joints limber with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Sold by all druggists.

### HEROIC TREATMENT.

The Chinese Doctor's Methods Were Severe, but Efficacious.

This is the Chinese medical treatment which a missionary undertook to try upon a patient who was nearly dead from a severe case of cholera. The patient was lying in the street, he was carried into a house, where a doctor soon visited him. "He made me sit up in bed, placing near me a large basin filled with water, in which he put a thick piece of ice to reduce it to freezing point. Then, stripping me to the waist, he made me stretch my neck over the basin while he continued to pour the water on my neck with a cup. The pain caused by those nerves which take their rise from the 'pia mater' was so great and so insufferable that it seemed to me unequalled, but he said it would staunch the blood and restore me to my senses, which was actually the case, for in a short time my sight became clear and my mind resumed its powers. He next bound my head with a band drawn tight by two men, who held the ends while he struck the intermediate parts vigorously with a piece of wood, which shook my head violently and gave me dreadful pain. This, he said, was to settle the brain, which he supposed had been displaced, and it is true that after the second operation my head felt more free.

"A third operation was now performed, during which he made me, still stripped to the waist, walk in the open air supported by two persons, and while thus walking he unexpectedly threw a basin of freezing cold water over my breast. As this caused me to draw my breath with great vehemence and as my chest had been injured by the fall, it may easily be imagined what were my sufferings under this affliction, but I was consoled by the information that if any rib had been dislocated this sudden and hard breathing would restore it to its natural position. The next proceeding was not less painful and extravagant. The operator made me sit on the ground and, assisted by two men, held a cloth upon my mouth and nose till I was almost suffocated. 'This,' said the Chinese Aesculapius, 'by causing a violent heaving of the chest will force back any rib that may have been dislocated.' The wound in my head not being deep, he healed it by stuffing it with burned cotton. He then ordered that I should continue to walk much, supported by two persons; that I should not sit long or be allowed to sleep till 10 o'clock at night, at which time I should eat a little thin rice soup. He assured me that these walks in the open air while fasting would prevent the blood from settling upon the chest, where it might corrupt. These remedies, though barbarous and excruciating, cured me so completely that in seven days I was able to resume my journey.—London Lancet.

The Tourist in Japan. All Japanese inns of course charge a great deal more to the globe trotting European tourist who does not speak the language since he or she is not content to travel strictly a la Japanese and worries the entire household with a variety of strange demands—extra quilts to sleep on (because they find the floor hard), an improvised pillow, special food (the ordinary guest takes what is given him and at the hour that the host pleases and is thankful), knives, forks and spoons (because he has neglected to practice eating his food with chopsticks), a bath with fresh water in it (because he will not follow the custom of entering the bath as soon as he arrives, thus getting the opportunity of first bath and half a dozen other requirements.—Exchange.

New York's Obelisk. The obelisk in Central park, New York city, is a granite monolith presented to the city, through the department of state, by the late Ismail Pasha, khedive of Egypt, in 1877. It was brought to this country by Lieutenant Commander Gorringe, U. S. N., and placed in position Jan. 22, 1881, the entire expense of removal and erection (\$103,732) having been borne by the late William H. Vanderbilt. Its height from apex to base is 69 feet 2 inches and its weight about 220 tons, or 440,000 pounds. It is sixth in size of the famous monoliths of Egypt and is one of two obelisks erected at Heliopolis by Thothmes III. (1600 B. C.) and removed to Alexandria by Augustus about 23 B. C., or, as some authorities say, by Ramesses II.

Who Told the Fib? The bell rang, and the occupier of the apartment started to the window to see who the visitor might be. To his annoyance he saw a persistent creditor who had evidently called again for payment of his long outstanding account. The impatient one instantly called to his youthful son and said: "Tommy, go to the door at once. I don't want to see that man. Tell him I'm not at home." "Oh, papa, I thought you never told fibs!" remarked Tommy. "I don't say my boy. It's you that's going to tell one. Now run off."—Exchange.

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RESERVE POWER.

Value of a Surplus of Energy In the Battle of Life

In every department of life physical, mental and moral reserves are of incalculable value.

No life can be vigorous if it is not kept fresh, responsive, by great physical and mental reserves.

Great business men accomplish marvels with their reserves. Many of them work but a few hours a day, but they have such tremendous physical reserves and so much stored up mental energy that they are able to accomplish wonders in a short time because of their ability to work with great intensity and powerful concentration.

People who keep their physical and mental surplus drawn down very low by working a great many hours and almost never taking vacations, who do not fill their reserve reservoir by frequent vacations and by a lot of recreation and play, do not work with anything like the freshness and mental vigor of those who work fewer hours and constantly accumulate great reserve power.

There comes into every life worth while a time when success will turn upon the reserve power. It is then a question of how long your stored up energy will enable you to hold out.

The Tree Moved.

M. Thonar during his explorations in South Africa had occasion to apprehend an attack from hostile natives.

"Once a sentinel slept leaning on his gun," he wrote, "I woke him and warned him that one of the least dangers of such a sleep was and kill him with his own gun.

Time to Quit.

"How's farming, old man?" asked the windmill salesman on the station platform at Goose-neck Junction.

"Gone to the dogs," sighed the big freckled chap with the yellow valise. "I just plumb give up and am going to town.

"Yes, but I tried to get even. I started a frog farm, and the frogs swallowed all of his snails."

"Well, you got satisfaction anyway, old man."

A Beef Ham.

Sir Walter Scott wrote little about meat and drink, but his description in "Waverley" of a Scotch breakfast is memorable, says the London Chronicle.

Town lots in Sonora are for sale by the Martin Commission Co.

His Hard Luck. His horse went dead, and his mule went lame, and he lost six cows in a poker game; then a hurricane came on a summer's day and blew the house where he lived away, and the earthquake came when that was gone and swallowed the land.

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How would you like to be able to load a car of fat cows or calves or sheep or goats at Sonora Saturday and unload them in Kansas City Monday.

Alvin and Hayden Tillman of Fort Worth, who are spending their vacation on the ranch in Menard county, were in Sonora this week visiting their sister Mrs. J. S. Allison.

Floyd Estes and Lum Heflin have bought the Lindsay blacksmith shop on the Allison corner. The boys are handy and good workers and would like a share of your business.

Good rains fell in some parts of the Sonora country Friday. The precipitation at Sonora, however, was only 16 hundredths of an inch. Just enough to lay the dust.

Mrs. E. A. Stephenson who has been visiting her daughters Mesdames W. G. Muster and J. W. Sampson of Houston, for the past few weeks arrived home Wednesday accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Muster and granddaughter Miss Turney.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Simonds of Edwards county, were in Sonora Tuesday, visiting Mrs. Simond's sister Mrs. Mark Taliaferro. Mr. Simonds has a fourteen section ranch and is putting a sheep and goat proof fence around it and will divide it into five or six pastures.

Start now, build up, avoid double taxes, buy a lot and a bond.

The Laziest Man in the World.

would not be contented to be kept in the house and doing nothing by rheumatism. Neither are you who are always busy and active.

Walter M. Martin, assistant cashier of the Commercial Bank of Mason, and A. L. Bierschwale a prominent real estate man also of Mason, were in Sonora several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aug Meckel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Souther and children were in Sonora Wednesday from their ranch 20 miles west of Sonora. Mr. Souther being a progressive and successful business man realizes that the advent of the Orient to Sonora will make his holdings more valuable, is not saying anything at present.

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Notice to Trespassers

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON, Sonora, Texas.

Sonora always succeeds with a united people. Get the Orient by helping the county home site.

Let us forget, remember we need all our ranchmen friends. Buy a lot and a bond.

Mrs. James Cornell and nephew Albert Seargeant, left for Brackett Sunday in the auto. Albert had the best vacation in his life and would like to live in Sonora always.

The Firemen will put on a show, in the near future.

THE TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

In the matter of County finances in the hands of J. E. Grimland, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas.

Commissioners' Court, Sutton County, Texas, in regular Quarterly Session, August Term, 1910.

WE, THE UNDER-SIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Sutton County, and the Hon. L. J. Wardlaw, County Judge of said Sutton County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1910, at a regular term of said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of J. E. Grimland, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1910, and ending on the 10th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, stating the approval of said Treasurers' Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 10th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 23, 1897.

And we, each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected all the assets in the hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Sutton County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 10th day of August, A. D. 1910, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

Table with columns: JURY FUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, GENERAL COUNTY FUND, COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND, DISTRICT SCHOOL FUND, PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND, RECAPITULATION. Rows include balance on hand, amount received since said date, amount disbursed since said date, and amount to balance.

Total Cash on hand belonging to Sutton County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us \$53,342

The bonded indebtedness of said County, we find to be as follows, to wit: Road and Bridge Bonds \$7000.00, Court House and Jail Bonds \$22000.00, Total \$29000.00

Witness our hands, officially, this 10th day of Aug 1910, L. J. Wardlaw, County Judge, W. J. Fields, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Arthur Stuart, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by L. J. Wardlaw, County Judge, and W. J. Fields, and Arthur Stuart, said Sutton County, each respectively, on this, the 10th day of Aug. A. D. 1910. J. D. LOWREY, Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas

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