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Just about enough rain for the present, Mr. Weatherman. Give us a little warm sunshine.

In the spring the school boy's fancy turns from books to thoughts of bait.

The city man who hires some boy to run his lawnmower is frequently the fellow who talks the most about what an easy life the farmer leads.

Traders, shippers as well, have a well-grounded suspicion that what the cattle market needs is a tonic in the way of light receipts.

Are the scientists just envious of Dr. Friedman, discoverer of an alleged cure for tuberculosis, or is he a Dr. Cook in the medical profession?

The sugar interests are given three years to adjust themselves to the free sugar provisions of the new tariff bill.

Making a meat animal too fat is poor business policy, says President Waters of the Kansas Agricultural College.

Pastures in the big grazing country in Kansas are holding practically as many cattle as a year ago.

With Boehler pitching superb ball, holding the opposing batters at his mercy in all but the ninth inning.

STANDING OF TEAMS WESTERN LEAGUE

THE NEW NET RATE LAW. The committee appointed by the secretaries of the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Agriculture to draw up regulations for the enforcement of the new Net Weight Law announces that it is ready to receive recommendations and suggestions in writing.

KANSAS FARMERS PERTURBED. Topeka dispatch to the Philadelphia North American: Kansas farmers are much perturbed, astounded and discouraged.

Other Results Yesterday. Omaha, 12; Denver, 3; Des Moines, 6; Wichita, 1; Lincoln, 4; Sioux City, 9.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 5; Detroit, 4; Cleveland, 7; New York, 2; St. Louis, 7; Washington, 2.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Milwaukee, 11; St. Paul, 1; Louisville, 8-3; Indianapolis, 0-5; Columbus, 4; Toledo, 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. No games scheduled in the National League yesterday.

What are you going to do with your idle hours this winter? says one paper. The man whose farm work is systematized has gone.



Daddy's Bedtime Story — How Peter Had His Leg Mended.

ADDY held up a warning finger as Jack and Evelyn chased one another around the room. "Be careful," said he, "or you'll fall over something and get hurt. Then it may be with you like it was with Humpty Dumpty—all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't make Humpty Dumpty well again."

IN WOMAN'S REALM. LEARN TO KEEP ACCOUNTS. Lady Esther is responsible for a school at Charing Cross road, London, in which seventy women are to be taught how to keep accounts.

EXPECTS THE HOOP SKIRT. Mrs. Minnie S. Jones of Chicago, says that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is out of her reckoning if she thinks that women are going into trousers very soon.

WANT CLEAN BREAD. The Housewives' League of New York, of which Mrs. Julian Heath is the president, is planning to compel the bakers to adopt more sanitary measures.

PIONEER WOMEN PHYSICIAN. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Keller, who died recently at the age of 76 in Boston, was for several years a member of the Board of Education, and before that had been connected with the Philadelphia hospitals for many years.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Water in which rice has been cooked makes an excellent starch for lingerie.

Supposed to Need Only One. A newly married couple left the office of Probate Judge D. A. McCannless in Wichita a few days ago.

Signs of the Times. Commenting on the fact that the Royal Geographical Society's recent session was distinguished by the remarkable lectures on economic geography, delivered by Miss Ellen Churchill Semple of Chicago University, an English review says: "Miss Semple is one of the greatest authorities on anthropo-geography. It is satisfactory to know that a woman by her research work, should be so successful a pioneer in a new and most important branch of geographical science."

The Dead Past. A young man was complaining to an experienced man of affairs the other day about an old grievance he had against somebody. "Forget it," said the older man. "The past is mighty dead. I have noticed that men who are always bemoaning their past mistakes or bemoaning over what they have done don't get very far. They overlook their present opportunities."

WANT LARGE SUM FROM TUNIS

Sons of Gen. Ben Alad Are Suing Small Country for the Recovery of \$73,000,000.

A case has begun before the civil tribunal of Tunis which the sons of the late Gen. Ben Alad (or Ayed) are suing the defendant, the government of the regency, for a fantastic sum of money, something like \$73,000,000.

The claim has been heard of at intervals for the last half century, is briefly as follows: In 1856 Emperor Napoleon III. was asked to arbitrate between the bey of Tunis and his favorite, Gen. Mahmud Ben Alad. The bey accused the general of robbing the public treasury.

Napoleon III. consented to be umpire and appointed Gen. Ben Alad to refund to the Tunisian government the sum of a half million sterling. As for the final settlement of accounts between the general and the government, that was a matter which the arbitrator left to the Tunis courts to decide.

The general retired to Constantine without calling for a settlement of accounts and nothing was heard of the affair until 1886, when one of his sons sued the Tunis government before the Seine tribunal for one and a half million sterling.

The case was next heard of four years ago, when the claim had risen to \$60,000,000. Now it is \$73,000,000.

HAS SENT PHOTOS BY WIRE. French Inventor Succeeds in What a Few Years Ago Was Considered Impossible.

M. Edouard Belin, a French inventor, has succeeded in telegraphing a photograph from Bordeaux to Paris in the record time of four minutes.

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ROYALTY AT VARIETY SHOW. King of Saxony Establishes Precedent by Appearing in State, Accompanied by Staff.

The rivalry between Dresden and Leipzig, the two chief cities of the kingdom of Saxony, has existed for a long time. Dresden, the court or residence town, and Leipzig, the business center of the country, are less than 100 miles apart, and each place is ambitious to rank first in importance.

Libraries in Street Cars. A strong light is thrown on the difference between street railway travel in this country and England by the recent proposal to place small libraries in the English tram cars.

Power Accorded Municipality. A municipality has power to fix by ordinance the weight of the standard loaf of bread to be sold, under a decision by the Supreme court of the United States in a suit to test the constitutionality of an ordinance of Chicago. The law prohibits the sale of bread not up to the standard weight of a loaf or of a specified fractional part of a loaf, although it may produce some inconvenience, and the Supreme court decides that this is not an arbitrary or unreasonable exercise of the police power.

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ORDERS WERE ORDERS TO HIM

German Soldier Had Been Accused to Obey Implicitly, and Did So in This Case.

There seem to be some characteristics which Germans and Chinese hold in common. Many are familiar with the story of the Chinese servant who threw the broom down the back stairs every morning at ten o'clock because his mistress had done so when she first instructed him in his duties.

Recently a young German in Munich, fresh from his service in the army, where he had been taught to obey orders implicitly, got employment with a baker who owned a dog, for which neither he nor his wife had any great love. As the time approached for the renewal of the dog license, amounting to 9 marks (\$2.25), there was some discussion in the family as to whether it would not be better to have the dog killed. The baker, however, instructed the new assistant to take 9 marks to the excise office and bring back the dog license. At the same time, the wife, not knowing what her husband had done, told the young man to take the dog to the animals' home and have him killed; she gave him a mark (25 cents) for the fee and 12 cents for himself, because he appeared to be rather fond of the dog.

The valiant soldier reported himself later in the day minus the nine marks and dog, but proudly showed that he had executed both commissions faithfully by producing the license for the dog and a receipt for the money he had paid for having him killed.

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When John Anderson, at the age of forty, married Miss Lucy Page, aged twenty-five, the gossipers shook their heads and smiled. Fifteen years' difference in the age of husband and wife is not an insurmountable barrier, other things being equal. But Anderson was a bookish man whose sole hobby was botany, and Miss Page was the only daughter of a worldly mother who had suddenly been reduced from affluence to poverty.

For a year they lived happily, traveling as the needs of the encyclopedia dictated. They learned the habits of the rarer orchids in South America and studied the hardy mosses in Labrador. The volume on Alpine plants was to be the chef d'oeuvre of the great work, and thus their second summer found them in Switzerland. And here it was that the inevitable occurred. Lucy Anderson's emotional nature, which had concentrated itself upon flowers, found its attraction in Hubert Trench.

It was a commonplace affair, and, since both were persons of some character, the awakening came slowly. Anderson was taken with the younger man when the three met at the Hotel Anglaise in Zwingli. The professor intended to spend three months there, under the shadow of the frowning Col Saint-Jean, where rare species of the edelweiss flourish. Trench was a resident at the hotel, whither he had come to ward off a threatened pulmonary attack.

"Trench, I want you to take care of Mrs. Anderson while I am gathering my specimens," said Anderson frankly.



His Clothes Were in Rags.

ly, "You two young people will amuse each other, and she cannot fairly be tied perpetually to an old foggy like me."

So he left them there and went away, and let half way up the ascent he found what he was seeking, hidden in a tiny nook in the side of the Col. He hurried back with it triumphantly, eager to display his trophy.

There was a little window in the hut, and the professor, childlike as he was in many particulars, halted outside and peered in. It was his intention to fling his nosebag at his wife's feet. What he saw, however, arrested his attention. Trench was kneeling before Mrs. Anderson, who was seated in the little wooden chair. His head was raised and his bent, and his tears fell on his face.

"I love you, Lucy," he said. "So I shall go away and never see you again. I am not ashamed of my love for you, though I tried to hide it. But before I go tell me that you will always love me."

"I shall—always love you," Professor Anderson heard his wife answer.

Half an hour later he came nodding around to the entrance to find his wife and Trench, seated apart, talking with reckless glibness. The professor showed them his specimens and seemed in a boisterous good humor. They congratulated him heartily. Then, at his suggestion, they roped themselves together for a descent.

The descent of the Col is harder than the climb. One false step in the icy slopes and the lives of all are endangered. The professor went first, Trench following him, and Mrs. Anderson bringing up the rear. Cautiously they proceeded until they reached the declivity where the Col falls in a sheer precipice to the hotel, a thousand feet below. Then Trench felt the rope tighten and was flung to his knees. He heard a cry from above. Next moment he became aware that the three were clutching for life at the slippery walls. And Anderson's legs dangled over the precipitous edge.

After five minutes they knew the issue. If the professor's dead weight did not drag them down they two could win to safety. With him, poised over the abyss, unable to move, held only by the rope, death from the cold would be inevitable. There was but one chance of safety, and that for two, not three.

ONE OF NATURE'S MARVELS

Transformation of Reptiles from Water Dwellers to the Amphibian Stage is a Striking One.

Every one is familiar with the annual transformation of tadpoles into frogs. Little fishlike creatures, with fringed gills protruding from the sides of the neck, and a swimming tail, suddenly change into land animals, different in shape and color, and, breathing air by means of their lungs.

Newts and salamanders go through a similar change, which, however, is a little less striking because the tail, although it loses its swimming web, persists in the adult condition. The Mexican axolotl, of which there are always a number of examples in the reptile house at the London Zoological Gardens, is a very large newt, black in color, with a pair of long-fringed gills at each side and a swimming tail, the web of which runs along the back toward the head. It lives entirely in water, and breeds freely in a condition which represents the larval stage of common newts.

This axolotl was for a long time believed to represent a type of amphibian which had not yet acquired the adult stage. More than 50 years ago, at the Jardin des Plantes, in Paris, it was reported that some of the axolotls had become transferred into a well-known Mexican salamander known as Amblystoma, and which was a typical land animal, without gills, with a lizard-like tail and terrestrial habit. The evidence was definite.

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GRAVE POST FOUND

Marker at Burial Place of Illinois Pioneer Uncovered.

One Present at Ceremony Tells of Weird Rites of Fox Indians in Placing Memorial Over Grave of Col. George Davenport.

Rock Island, Ill.—An old cedar post placed at the head of the grave of a murdered Illinois pioneer by friendly Fox Indians, who mourned the settler's death, has been uncovered in a heap of rusty legal papers in the office of an attorney here. Though worn-eaten and partially decayed at the ends, the unique grave marker still shows weird traces that once were crude sketches symbolical of grief and battlefield achievements.

A band of prairie brigands swooped down upon the home of Col. George Davenport, a wealthy settler who owned the island in the Mississippi on which the government arsenal is now built, and murdered him. The crime, committed July 4, 1845, is recalled by old residents in Rock Island and Davenport, Iowa, which town, by the way, is named after the victim. About the same time that one of the murderers was hanged for the bloody deed some Fox Indians, through their dealings with Davenport, had come to have a deep friendship for him, fashioned this old cedar grave post and erected it at the head of his grave.

For some years the post marked the grave of Colonel Davenport. Then his body was removed to a family lot in Chippanock cemetery, south of Rock Island, and for years the old grave post of the Indians was thought to be lost. Recently it was discovered when the dusty contents of an old law office were moved into modern quarters. The founder of the firm had been Davenport's attorney.

The weird rites with which the Indians planted the grave plot are narrated by one who was present at the ceremony and to whom, according to his statement, the facts stand out in his memory as clearly as ever.

"It was on a Friday afternoon, about the middle of the year 1845, that I went to the island where the Davenport homestead was and where Col. George had been buried. Arrived there, I beheld a band of Fox Indians, with whom he had always been very friendly, lying in a circle about his grave. In the center of the ring of prostrate Indians, the head of the grave, rose a new white cedar post.

"The ceremony began when two of the braves arose and drew weird figures upon the post. Others did the same in pairs and in turn. A third Indian, carrying a war club, advanced and drank to the health of the decedent, then walked three times around the grave, delivering himself of most earnest exhortations. This was repeated until each Indian had taken part in the ceremony. The pictures that were drawn upon the post were to represent the crowning achievements of him who drew them and at the same time were meant to display the grief of the Indians at the loss of their friend.

"Following the ceremony of planting the post a huge feast was set upon the grass. A health was drunk invoking the Great Spirit to open the doors to admit their friend Colonel Davenport. Then meat of various kinds was brought upon the table. After the dinner several Indian dances were indulged in. I left the braves as nightfall came, gathered about a camp fire, preparing further to do honor to their murdered friend."

BACK NUMBER KING PASSES

"Jake" Finds New Yorkers Don't Care for Newspapers of Past Age and Retires From Business.

New York.—"Jake, the Back Number King," has gone out of business, according to notice posted at his Park row stand. His collection of more than 35,000 back numbers of newspapers—in the accumulation of which he has spent the past twelve years, with occasional lucky sales at high prices—has sold to a paper mill for the paltry sum of \$37.50.

At back number rates Jake would have got a million dollars for the papers, he estimates, but this isn't a "back number age," he has learned. "People don't care any more for the past because they are too busy thinking of the future. I could name any sum I wanted for a copy of a newspaper three years hence, but nobody cares a rap for a paper three years old."

The highest price "Jake" ever got for a single old paper was \$70 from a banker, he says, and for a set of thirty papers once he received \$125, but as a going business the back number trade is a slow one for Park row.

WILL PROVIDE NOON NAPS

"Siesta, Inc." to Offer All Employees Place for Lunch-Hour Rest Each Day.

Berlin.—"Siesta, Incorporated," is the name of a company just organized in Berlin, which has for its purpose the providing of a place where store clerks and office employees may take a "noon siesta," or "noon nap." Clerks in Berlin get one and one-half hours for luncheon. As many live too far out to go home, they spend the time in cafes, which, however, afford no place to lie down. The new company is preparing to open a place with soft seats, where clerks may sleep at noon.

OLD CELLO PROVES A PRIZE

Philadelphia Musician Discovers a Hopeless Instrument is a Barbo and Merely Out of Repair.

Philadelphia.—Bertram A. Austin, a musician, of 4956 Rubicam avenue, Germantown, has discovered that an ancient cello, which has lain neglected in his studio for many years, is a "Barbo" and worth \$1,000.

About four years ago one of Mr. Austin's pupils brought a disreputable-looking cello into the studio which he said he had picked up in a pawnshop. He tested it and discovered that the bass had a rich tone, while the treble was decidedly squeaky.

He threw it to one side as hopeless, and for months it lay in the junk heap. Several times he tried to dispose of it in trade, but nobody wanted the old instrument when they heard the sad lament of the treble.

T. A. Daly, widely known poet and humorist, took an interest in the instrument because of its ancient appearance, and advised Mr. Austin to take it to William Moening, a skillful "doctor" of sick musical instruments. Mr. Austin acted on this advice. He was astounded when Moening showed him this inscription inside the case, "J. Barbo, pere: Paris, 1790."

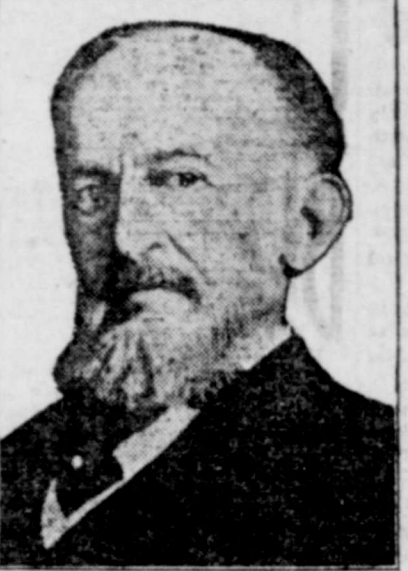
Mr. Moening found that the treble soundpost was three inches out of place, being close against the bass bar. He repaired this difficulty and all of the rare sweetness of tone has been restored to the instrument.

Barbo was one of the most famous makers of violins and cellos of the eighteenth century.

STRAUS, OIL MAN'S NEIGHBOR

Former American Ambassador to Turkey Buys a Farm Near Tarrytown, N. Y.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Oscar S. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey and recently the progressive candidate for governor of New York state, is to establish himself here as a close neighbor to John D. Rockefeller.



Oscar S. Straus.

He has bought the Horton farm, between here and Pleasantville, which is one of the oldest estates in this section. It consists of about eighty acres, for which Mr. Straus is said to have paid \$55,000. Mr. Straus said he was going to build a simple summer home.

HEN LAYS RECTANGULAR EGGS

Wilkesbarre Man Says the Square Ones are Bigger and Better Than the Round Ones.

Wilkesbarre.—Port Northrup, who lives in Towanda township and is one of the oldest farmers in Luzerne county, is the proud possessor of a hen that lays square eggs. The chicken has so far laid eight of them, and they are all built on the lines of a rectangle.

This fowl lays an egg three and a quarter inches long and almost square, the four sides running from an inch and one-quarter to an inch and one-eighth in width. The ends of the eggs instead of bulging out are depressed and they will naturally not roll off the table.

Northrup is now figuring on the possibility of developing a strain of square egg layers. He says that the square egg is bigger and better than the round ones, and that for shipping and storage purposes it has many advantages.

What caused the hen to change her method of construction of eggs is a problem that Northrup has been unable to solve.

TWO GOWNS IN TEN YEARS

Woman Seeking Separation Says Husband Did Not Provide for Her Properly.

White Plains, N. Y.—Testimony was heard by Justice Tompkins in the supreme court at White Plains in the separation action started by Mrs. Elsie C. Toussaint against Alfred E. Toussaint, formerly of Ardsley on the Hudson.

Mrs. Toussaint testified that in ten years her husband had bought her only one suit, two pairs of shoes and a gown costing \$75.

Mr. Toussaint denied all of his wife's charges.

Every Policeman His Rival. Chicago.—Anthony Comstock has a rival in every member of the police force here. Detective Fred Hirsch has ordered the removal of Paul Chabas' painting "September Morn" from shop windows, and art lovers are up in arms.

IS WITHOUT A FLA

Mystic Crystal Sphere Is Morgan's Gift to Museum.

Water-Pure Globe Venerated for Centuries in the Orient Now Where Visitors Gaze Into Its Liquid Depths.

New York.—The Museum of Natural History recently has acquired a "mystic crystal sphere"—a silver-mounted globe of quartz, water-pure and of wonderful symmetry. This curious bauble for centuries has been regarded with veneration and even fear by people of the far east. Unknown powers of hallucination lurk within its limpid depths, and this has been utilized by wizard and seer with no little profit in bygone days.

The crystal is the gift of J. Pierpont Morgan. Nearly five inches in diameter, it is absolutely devoid of flaw, cloud, stain or irregularity, and even the most cynical disbeliever in matters mystical cannot but admit a fascination, a subtle sense of the occult, when looking into its clear depths.

Where did it come from? What is its history? These are questions that must remain unanswered. About its glassy surface hangs strange delusions of prophecy and clairvoyance—tales of credulity and superstition that are not always scoffed at by the most scornful of scientific writers.

Fabulous are the weird stories told of its effect upon the lives of men and women. There was the young girl of San Saturn, who eloped with her sister's husband. She took a famous crystal—a family heirloom with her—and the morning after the escapade she was found lifeless on a couch with the crystal broken in a thousand pieces on the floor.

Probably the most expert crystal fashioners were the Japanese and Chinese of a thousand years ago! They had no labor-saving devices, but skill, patience and hereditary pride made up for their lack of mechanical tools.

The masses, at first rounded into globular form by chipping with small steel hammers, were subsequently ground down to an even surface with powdered garnet or emery. The last transformation polish was imparted by rubbing the surface with bamboo and with the hand, which had previously been dipped in a rough kind of rouge.

The largest and most perfect sphere known is kept in the Green Vault at Dresden. It weighs fifteen pounds and is seven inches in diameter.

The great value of the large spheres arises from the rarity of the quartz masses of desirable quality for their creation. The islands of Nippon and Fujiyama yield a superior grade of material, the fragments being uncovered in the gravel beds of ancient streams.

That the use of crystals by spiritualistic mediums is by no means of recent origin may be gathered from the observations of Garcia, a Spanish philosopher, who writes that "wise men among the natives practiced a sort of divination through the use of rock crystal and brought its influence to bear upon their crops."

BOYS BARRED AS ESCORTS

School Authorities Near Kiev Are Somewhat Strict in Matter—Teachers Also Hit.

Vienna, Austria.—The recent discussion and general opposition in Austria to coeducation in the schools and colleges of the dual monarchy has brought comparison to the working of this system of instruction in Russia.

Khorol, a town near Kiev, carries the banner for severe ordinances. Here, as in many provincial towns, boy pupils have been forbidden to go walking with the girl students in the streets, but the Khorol board of education followed this ordinance with an order prohibiting the teachers also to be seen on the streets in company with the women, on the ground that they should furnish an example of proper conduct to their pupils. At a high school party held in Khorol during the holidays the school authorities at midnight segregated the boy pupils in a locked room, dismissed the girls unescorted, and released the young men only when time enough had elapsed for the young women to reach their homes.

DAY OFF PLAN FOR DOCTORS

Berlin Physicians to Try a Scheme to Gain a Rest—Only Few Are on Duty.

Berlin.—A scheme, which has long been considered by Berlin physicians, is to be tried out, in the Moabit district, when certain doctors will be appointed to answer all calls between noon and midnight on Sunday.

It is planned to have different physicians serve each Sunday to the end that others may have a rest one day in the week. If it works out well it will probably be extended to the whole city.

Rockefeller Kin Stops at \$1 Hotel. Kansas City, Mo.—Frank S. Rockefeller, first cousin of the oil king and himself well supplied with material things, occupied a dollar room at the Sexton hotel when here on business regarding his 5,000-acre ranch near Russell, Kan. When he came to Kansas, 26 years ago, he had \$200.

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