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There was but one man alive who understood the mechanism of the Kozzoo clock, and that was Martin Sontagh, its maker, and he was dumb.

The remarkable feature of this clock was the separating, at noon and at midnight, of its face into two parts, allowing a cock to come forth, amid an insane din of hammers, wheels and springs.

"Lutherans, look to yourselves!" Now, all at once, the mighty thing was stilled. It was exactly as though it were making the mute declaration: "I move not again by the breath of a hair."

Now it is really worth while, I ask you, to endure all this on account of a woman? To the Roznosites it was an indubitable fact that the stopping of the clock had directly to do with the whims of a capricious girl, else why could it not have stopped yesterday, or Elizabeth sent back the ring tomorrow?

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When ran as follows: "That the sacredness of the holy institution of matrimony be preserved, and to ward from us the wrath to come, we do hereby ordain that the girl, who has held this ring in so light a case, but all in vain, for seven years remain unmarried; she shall also, if it is repeatedly set forth that in all cases of dispute, where the knowledge of time was a necessity, the law decreed that that of the Kozzoo clock should be accepted as the standard."

The very next day Paul Sontagh and Miskolci began to set on foot the most earnest measures to obtain a reversal of the ecclesiastical decision. They even finally reached, with their petition, the very steps of the throne itself, but all in vain.

They had at last relinquished all hope when one day it came to pass that, on meeting old Martin Sontagh in the street, Janos Gothard, Sr., not only did not return his greeting, but pointedly turned away his head.

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A CHALLENGE. Drop your dusty beads awhile, Flowers rich and rare, And meet my smile And find you're not fair.

Things below and things above, Challenge not my lady love, Unless you have the power To change her into a dove.

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"You dirty blackguard!" he screamed. "I'll teach yer to chuck my booze overboard! Report me, is it? You dirty rag! Shure 'n' you'll never live to see the super again!"

"All this time the train had been gainin' headway down that hill, 'n' we were fairly sittin', the old mogavil swayin' to 'n' fro as we swung around curves. The space between the boiler 'n' the side of the cab was so narrow I couldn't turn Conroy off me, 'n' I didn't dare let loose of him for fear that he'd get hold of my throat.

"Well, yes," he said, taking a chew of his neighbor's tobacco. "I had one excitin' trip. It was long back '88 when I was on the 607—a good old mogavil she were, too. Just out the shop, where they'd been overhaulin' 'n' had the airbrakes put on her.

"I left the other end of the division on a right after pay day 'n' my regular fireman had reported ill. I'd seen him the night before, 'n' he'd looked 'n' actin' queer. I'd been told he'd been taken ill. They used to have a great trick done that after they'd got their moon. I had a fellow by the name of Conroy in his place, 'n' we hadn't got far very far when I came to the conclusion that he was a mite under the weather, too, 'n' he couldn't make the old 607 steam now.

"We flashed by in a staccato half way down the hill, goin' so fast that I thought as how that dispatcher in Jersey City would giggle with delight if he saw me. I figured that the freight was makin' toward Chicago. I racked my brain to think what to do. As the light of that station flashed through the cab I spied the engineer's valve 'n' the airbrake. I figured that how I could reach it with my right foot, using my toe as a hook, 'n' jerk the valve around to the 'mergency notch 'n' stop that train with a bang that would make Joe Hoffman 'n' his crew in the caboose think we'd run into a stone wall. I wriggled 'n' got my leg loose from under Conroy, 'n' with a mighty effort give him a raise 'n' kicked out at that valve. As luck would have it, my foot just caught the valve in the rebound 'n' jerked it around in the 'mergency, 'n' say, you would have thought we had been hoisted. The jar broke both our hats.

"We caught 'n' held on for the return trip with about 13 cars piled high with the air, which was a pretty good string of airbrake cars for those days. I'll never forget the way the train felt. I think what a stop you could make on short notice with them, 'n' how you could turn things over in the caboose. Old Joe Hoffman was our conductor, 'n' he was an awful man to swear 'n' talk 'n' rant 'n' rave if everything didn't come his way.

"We hadn't moved out very far along the meaders when I saw as how I'd have to do some talk 'n' figure to get that train stoppin' at the station. I'd got a little gear 'n' I'd got her down a notch or two, 'n' she'd kick up her heels 'n' lay right down for want of wind. Conroy, instead of sleepin' while he was off duty, had gone out 'n' put on some finger 'n' toe.

"You can just guess I was mad clean through, 'n' I thought to myself as how I would get Mr. Conroy about 30 days in which to rest 'n' prapend his little railroad career soon as we got home. I'd been told that the first water tank, about 40 miles out, we had used up just 2 hours 'n' 15 minutes. The regular run time was only 1 hour 'n' 45 minutes, so you see we'd lost a couple of hours 'n' a couple of miles 'n' with light train, the outlook was that we'd never make the heavier grades on the western end unless Conroy took a brace. While I was onn around Hoffman came runnin' up cussin' 'n' rantin' 'n' ravin'.

"Blankety blank blank, you, what the blank's matter widjer? I wantter git home in time for church Sunday. Here's a message from Jersey which says as how if yer don't hurry up they'll take yer off here at the nex' plug 'n' give us a respectable man."

"As this was only about midnight Tuesday night his speech got my dander up, 'n' I told him as how he 'n' Jerry could both go to the devil 'n' never sets. But I climbed up on the tank, 'n' maybe I didn't get that fireman a settin' out.

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hogged in public as a thief. There is now doubt that the man who had the truth. After this, although the public were every now and then keyed up to great expectations by some reported find, no further veins were discovered until 1859, when a Russian nobleman found a rich deposit in the Blue mountains. The British government again became fearful of the consequence of such news upon a colony of convicts and ordered the matter suppressed. Yet sufficient people had heard of it to keep the story alive and give credence to such rumors as arose from time to time. So matters drifted on. Time and time again business, shepherds, convicts, surveyors, picked up small nuggets and brought them to the centers of population, but at that day people were nothing like so keen on gold mining as they subsequently became, and the subject of gold in Australia was not pursued as one would expect it to be.

The discovery of gold in California changed all that. Those rich fields, panning out their golden store and filling the coffers of lucky individuals and governments at a rate never dreamed of, awakened a thirst for prospecting all the world over. In every part of the earth men went out with pick and pan, hoping to come across the precious metal.

When the news of California's fortune reached Australia, many took ship to America's shores, and among these was Hammond Hargreaves, an Englishman, native of Gosport, who had emigrated to New South Wales in 1832. In Australia he engaged in farming without much profit and was among the first to rush for California.

On reaching the arid region the first thing that struck him was the similarity of the geological formation in California and Bathurst, Australia, and there and there he made up his mind to inquire into the subject should he ever return to Australia. He worked for something a year or two in California and then set sail for New South Wales. Returning, he, of course, carried in his mind the thought that perhaps there might be gold in Bathurst, and when he landed he set to work to make a thorough search.

Before this, however, he had made the acquaintance of William and James Toms and J. H. O. Lister, who were anxious to prospect for gold. Hargreaves taught them how to use pick and pan, the dish and the cradle—in fact, gave them a practical if rough education into the mysteries of gold and gold bearing rocks and gravel. These men struck out, and in April, 1851, the three parties returned to their old master, and, in their pockets they carried gold to the amount of four ounces. Hargreaves, knowing the ropes, took this gold and full directions to the proper quarter. The news went forth, the rush began, rich finds were made, and Hargreaves was hailed as the discoverer of gold in Australia. In reality he had won the title, for it was his knowledge that first educated the Tomses and Lister, and it was his knowledge again that sent them in the right direction.

Hargreaves was presented to Queen Victoria in 1851 as the sole discoverer of the Australian goldfields. He made much of it in England. He died in 1891.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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INDIANS AS MAGICIANS.

Some Stories of the Remarkable Cleverness of the Aricreans. "The greatest magicians I have ever seen," said Dr. Washington Matthews of the army, "the most expert in legendarium, were the Aricrean Indians, who in my time—in 1865—lived at Fort Berthold, in what is now North Dakota. In the autumn of that year, when the harvest was done and before they went out upon their winter hunt, weeks and months were spent in ceremonies of all kinds, picturesque and symbolic dances, the celebrations and anniversaries of secret societies, etc., among not only the men, but the women and the little children.

"Events of this kind occurred every day and every night. They had in the center of their village a great medicine lodge, probably 90 feet in diameter, circular in plan. In it they had performances every night, and we idle white men, who had nothing else to do, visited these performances more regularly than we would visit the theaters in a city. It was a place of resort with every night. Part of the lodge was fenced off for the audience and the rest reserved

No man has a monopoly of truth and right living marked to his credit; no matter where he lives or what he believes, or what he don't believe. There is yet more to be learned than has thus far been found out; and in the matter of living rightly there is much improvement needed all around.

There is more or less of both the saint and the sinner in the make up of every individual. And no man can come within sight of perfection who cherishes the notion that he is exactly right in what he does, and in what he believes.

As a rule the observations of the clergymen of various denominations throughout the country, in relation to Colonel Ingersoll, the departed agnostic, have been commendable in tone. They seem to have acted upon the well sustained belief that Colonel Ingersoll was honest in his convictions and upon the knowledge that his moral character was above reproach; thus granting—so far as it was consistent for them to go—the opponent of some of the creeds of Christianity what justly belonged to him, without indulging in uncharitable criticism. The exceptions to the rule noted served to exhibit rather conspicuously more of the spirit of bigotry and prejudice than of intellectual and ethical culture.

The editor of the INDEPENDENT acknowledges with thanks the receipt of "Pennsylvania Laws for 1899," a substantial volume, from Hon. H. H. Petheroff, of this borough.

There were 6,000 cases of typhoid fever in Philadelphia, with 677 deaths, between January 1 and May 10, of this year. It is claimed that the spread of the disease was due to impure water.

Colonel Hawkins, of the Pennsylvania Regiment, died on July 18 on board the transport Senator en route to San Francisco with his regiment from Manila. Apoplexy was the cause of his death.

The annual report of Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, for the past year, is authority for the statement that 2,000,000 people in Pennsylvania hold life insurance policies amounting to \$760,706,565. In one sense, at least, many Pennsylvanians have made preparations for death.

Here is a bit of interesting reading, and we presume it is true: "J. R. Shoemaker, aged 102, and Mrs. Irene Poling, aged 95, have just been married in Barbour county, W. Va. Both have gray-haired children. They were sweethearts seventy-five years ago."

THIRTY cases of yellow fever and ten deaths from that disease in two days, is the startling report recently emanating from the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia. The health authorities have taken steps to battle with the scourge, and it is believed that they will be able to handle it successfully.

It is announced from Washington that Major General Nelson A. Miles is to be placed in command of the army in reality and he will be given complete authority over all the military movements of the nation's soldiers. This statement will further strengthen the opinion of some of the great editors in Philadelphia and New York that they are running the Administration at Washington, and that they are voicing the "will of the people."

It is in season to note that Uncle Sam can now use to advantage those who were very eager in times past to "plunge the nation into war," and who have thus far been quiet content not to personally engage in the conflict. If battles were to be fought by those who talk the most about fighting, and who are quick to arouse public discontent in the name of patriotism, there would be no need of future Peace Conferences at the Hague, or anywhere else.

Dr. D. G. BRINTON, the distinguished physician and scientist of Philadelphia, died Monday morning at Atlantic City, whither he had gone in the hope of improving his health. Dr. Brinton was an ethnologist of world-wide reputation. In 1884 he was appointed professor of ethnology in the Academy of Natural Sciences and in 1886 was elected to the chair of linguistics and archeology in the University of Pennsylvania. He recently presented to the University his large collection of manuscripts and rare volumes bearing upon the early history of this continent.

A fast passenger train ran into the debris of a wrecked freight train on the Erie railroad, between Lackawaxen and Shohola, Saturday night. The engineer and fireman were killed and eighteen trainmen and passengers were injured.

COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMPTON, of Upper Merion, is a candidate for re-nomination, subject to Republican rules. He has well demonstrated his fitness to discharge the duties pertaining to the office he now holds, and he will be renominated by his party and re-elected by the people.

The work of the Peace Conference at the Hague is completed, and it would not be fair to assume that what has been accomplished will pass for naught in the future in the matter of bringing about a disarmament of the powers, and the settlement of questions at issue by arbitration and not by murderous methods. The moral effect of the Conference must prove beneficial. The net results of the Conference have been—the indorsement of arbitration by sixteen states, the prohibition of balloon projectiles by seventeen, the prohibition of asphyxiating gases by sixteen and the prohibition of explosive bullets by fifteen.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, '99.—There has been a lot of silly talk about this country having become frightened by the belligerent attitude of the Canadians, and granted concessions in order to settle the Alaska boundary dispute. Nobody in Washington has been the least bit frightened by the talk about war indulged in by Canadian officials, and they would not have been frightened even had Canada possessed the authority to make war, about which its officials talked so glibly, and most important of all, no concession whatever has been made. The proposition made by Secretary Hay, which is now being considered by the British government, to allow Canada the free use of a U. S. port on the Lynn canal, in order to secure a temporary agreement upon a boundary line, is not a new one. It was submitted by this Government to the Joint High Commission during its sitting in Washington last winter, and was rejected, the Canadians demanding, and the U. S. Commissioners refusing the outright cession of the port. Nobody can say, of course, that the proposition is going to be accepted by Great Britain, but indications are pointing that way.

Owing to the fact that the Governor of Louisiana has not sent an official report of the recent lynching of five Italians in that State, which was asked for by Secretary Hay as soon as the diplomatic representative of Italy filed a protest at the Department of State, no answer has been made to that protest. The Italian embassy is also waiting for a report from Italian consular officials, who have been ordered to investigate the lynching. Upon the nature of these reports will depend whether indemnity will be demanded by Spain, as was done in the New Orleans cases some years ago; also whether this government will pay, if the demand is made.

General Miles seems to agree with the President that a civilian Secretary of War is apt to make a better official than a military man, although the most he would say was that some of the best Secretaries of War had never had any military training. General Miles was asked what he thought of Secretary Alger's successor, who was in Washington this week arranging to take charge of the War Department Tuesday, August 1, and he said in reply: "I have met Mr. Root several times in New York and my slight acquaintance with him has been most pleasant. He is a man of unquestionable ability, and there is no question that he will make an excellent Secretary of War."

This week's Cabinet meeting was a sort of good-bye affair all around. General Alger bade farewell to the President and members of the cabinet and there was a tacit understanding, although no actual agreement, that the cabinet would not meet again until September, unless called together by some exigency.

A Chinaman now enjoys the distinction of being enrolled among Uncle Sam's pensioners. His name is Ah Yu and he served as a landsman with Dewey, on the Olympia. He has just been granted a pension of \$30 a month, for disability caused by consumption.

According to a report just received by the Department of State from the U. S. Consul at Dawson City, last year's gold product of the Klondyke region has been greatly exaggerated. The report says: "Instead of \$20,000,000 which was reported as the probable output for this district for the past twelve months, I am informed that \$10,000,000 will fully cover the product. Reports from Alaska indicate that more gold will be found there than will ever come out of this district. Very little prospecting was done here last winter. The miners simply ate up their grub and waited for some one else to report discoveries

of gold. If the indications are good they go on a stampede, dig a hole or two, and if they cannot find pay dirt at once they say the creek is not good and return." The report warns everybody that it is useless to mail papers and magazines to persons at Dawson City unless letter postage is paid on them. Nothing but first-class mail is carried.

The annual report of the Secret Service, just submitted to Secretary Gage, contains some interesting facts. 679 persons were arrested for making or passing counterfeit money. 218 of them were convicted and 293 are awaiting trial. 433 of those arrested were native Americans, which shows that foreigners do not monopolize the business. \$55,689 in counterfeit notes and \$20,778.96 in coin was captured. The total number of plates for counterfeiting captured was 267, which included the "Hancock" and "Windom" silver certificates, for which officials had been vainly seeking for eight years, and the famous "Monroe" \$100 silver certificate. 22 dies for striking gold and silver coins and 413 molds for spurious coins were also captured, being the largest number ever taken in a single year.

France managed to get its reciprocity treaty signed before the time bell, provided by the Dingley law, under which it was negotiated, was rung, but it was a close shave. The President and Mrs. McKinley will not return to Washington before September, unless something unexpected happens, to compel the President to do so.

A GOOD BEGINNING.
From the Providence Journal.

No disappointment at the meagreness of the results of the Peace Conference should be allowed to obscure the great significance and importance of the arbitration arrangement. That alone is worth all that the Conference has cost in money, time and mental effort. It marks the beginning of a reform which will now the great majority of the practical statesmen and the governing classes of the civilized world have considered impossible. It is hardly three years since England's Chief Justice, in a public speech in this country, emphatically declared that the adjustment of international differences by an international tribunal was a dream rather than an object of practical achievement.

The scheme now formulated puts an end to that low view of human nature and national prejudices, and, whether or not it ever amounts to much in itself, it will certainly give encouragement to other efforts in the same direction. If the International Court to be established should not arbitrate successfully a single dispute, it will have great value as a step in a direction whither other and perhaps longer steps will now ultimately follow.

No War With Canada.
From the Philadelphia Times.

If there are any who lie awake at nights or fret over their business during the day, lest an eruption should come between England and the United States, they must be to the class of people who hunt trouble and always get plenty of it. There is a dispute between Canada and the United States as to the Alaska boundary, and some of the Canadian officials, as petty officials always do, fired themselves off through their hats and talked about war with the United States, but Canada isn't England and England bosses the job. All the bluster that all the Canadian officials could pour out wouldn't disturb the relations between England and the United States for a moment. We don't know anything about the Alaska dispute and don't care. Like all governments, we doubtless claim everything we want, and England does the same; but when it comes down to meeting the issue face to face, neither England nor the United States would entertain the question of going to war with each other. If they can't agree they will arbitrate, and the chances are ten to one that they will agree on just about what is right, as neither wants to cheat the other. It is safe to dismiss all ideas of war, either in the near future or in the long future, between the two great civilized governments of the world, whose duties, interests and sympathies are so closely akin.

Peach Crop a Failure in Pennsylvania.
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Martin says that from reports received from the peach growing counties of the State the peach crop this year will be almost an entire failure. The spring and summer have been especially hard on the tender peach trees, and the harvest will be small. He received a letter from a peach grower telling him he expected to gather about 2,000 bushels. Yesterday Mr. Martin received word that a violent hail storm had stripped every tree of the ripening fruit. The peach orchards from Waynesboro to the Susquehanna are an entire failure. The orchard of the Carlisle Peach Land Company, containing 11,000 trees, does not contain a single peach, and the same report comes from all the big orchards along the South Mountain.

There were 5920 suicides in this country during the past year, compared with 6600 during the previous year. At the same time there was a falling off of nearly 50 per cent in the number of reported embezzlements.

A Cow's Long Fast.
Albert Faust, a well-known farmer near Lynnport, Lehigh county, is the owner of a fine herd of Jersey cows. Some time ago one of the animals, and one of the most valuable of the herd, disappeared so suddenly that it was believed that she had been stolen in broad daylight. The other morning a son of Mr. Faust found the poor brute wedged behind a lot of straw and the wall of the straw shed. She was nearly exhausted, not having had a particle of food or water during her imprisonment of eight days.

A Matter of \$20,000,000.
John J. Quinlan, chief inspector of the Contract Labor Bureau, has testified before the sub-committee of the Industrial Commission, now sitting in New York, that the money taken out of this country by immigrants from the Old World, who come here as "birds of passage," is not less, in his opinion, than \$20,000,000 annually. He said that in six years the bureau had sent back 6,000 contract laborers with hardly any convictions of contractors, and he thinks any persons coming to this country on any sort of suggestion that they may obtain employment should be classed as contract laborers, and deported. He would except only such as came to work for near relatives.

The Largest Flag.
The largest flag in the world is to be exhibited under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was made during the Spanish-American war by Miss Josephine Mulford, of Madison, N. J. There are 325,000 stitches in the flag, one for each soldier and sailor engaged in the war. The flag is 100 feet long and 65 feet wide, and the blue ground measures 40 x 35 feet. The stripes are five feet wide and each star is 2 1/2 feet in diameter. There is also a sentimental interest connected with several of the stars of the flag, as they were made at places in the various States which are associated with the great events of American history.

Lightning Destroys the Tower of a Church.
One of the first lightning bolts of the terrific storm in Philadelphia last Thursday evening found its mark in the tower of the Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, at Twenty-fifth and Brown streets. There was a deafening crash of thunder and the next instant the whole tower was ablaze. When it set the lightning must have set the fire to the tower through its whole length, from top to base. The church was damaged to the extent of \$5,000.

Finger Nails.
The-Bills says the average time taken for each finger nail to grow its full length is about four and one-half months, and at this rate a man of 70 years would have renewed his nails 137 times. Taking the length of each nail at half an inch, he would have grown 7 feet 9 inches of nail on each finger, and on all his fingers and thumbs an aggregate length of 77 feet 6 inches.

This Bet Went by Default.
Sir John Slade, a very small man, bet \$5,000 that he could carry a friend who weighed about five times as much as himself a distance of 200 yards. The day came and a large assembly of men and women gathered to witness the remarkable deed. Sir John told his friend to remove his clothes—that he had agreed to carry the man, not the garments. Of course the friend refused and lost the money.

Fines for Fence Posts.
On the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, discarded locomotive fins are being utilized as fence posts. About half of the wooden fence posts are destroyed by fire, so that the new iron posts present great advantages. It is said that two workmen can turn out fifty posts per day. The total cost of the new posts is about 15 cents each, counting only labor and the value of the tubes for scrap iron.

Regarding Human Hair.
According to an authority on the subject, something like five tons of hair are required annually by London merchants, and, although samples arrive from various parts of the world, the bulk is chiefly French or Italian grown. Naturally the tresses of novices who take the veil figure largely in the hair harvest. Some little time ago a convent is said to have sold over a ton of hair for \$2,000, while a single convent near Tours recently dispatched as much as eighty pounds of hair to a Parisian hairdresser, which would be worth almost as many sovereigns. A merchant revealed the fact recently that \$25.50 was an average price for a British girl's head of hair.

Came Down "Like a Lady."
"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and come down stairs like a lady."

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Eleven different fats in emulsions have been tested to determine whether they would alloy cough and increase weight. The effects with cod liver oil proved to be variable. The best results were given by beef fat, olive, peanut and coconut oil, and the experimenter has concluded that a mixture of these four fats, with the addition of a little clover oil, is much superior to cod liver oil.

How, Indeed?
"Did you see anything of a stray pig along the road?" asked the farmer of an Irishman who was passing.
"Begorry," replied the son of Erin, "an' how would I be afther knowin' a strath pig from no other pig?"—Chicago News.

PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST.
At Munich there is a hospital which is entirely supported by the sale of old steel pens and nibs collected from all parts of Germany. They are made into watch springs, knives and razors.

In the heart of George Vanderbilt's estate, near Asheville, is a plot owned by an old negro who lives there and it is said. He says that he has been bothered all his life by bad neighbors, and now that he has a good one he will not move.

A committee representing practically all the big lumber manufacturers of the Northwest has decided on a raise of \$1 per thousand in the price of lumber. The committee's action is final. On July 30 prices were raised 50 cents a thousand.

Utopia is now known to be located at Orsa, in Sweden. The community has, in course of a generation, sold \$4,600,000 worth of trees, and by means of judicious replanting has provided for a similar income every thirty or forty years.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
In pursuance of an act of assembly approved March 17, 1898, and supplementary acts thereto, the treasurer of Montgomery county will meet the taxpayers of said county at the following named times and places for the purpose of receiving the State and County taxes for the year 1899, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Township of Lower Salford, West district, at the public house of R. Bengoy, Thursday, August 3, from 8 to 11.
Township of Lower Salford, East district, at the public house of A. S. Kline, Thursday, August 3, from 1 to 4.
Township of Franconia, West district, at the public house of Henry Frederick, Friday, August 4, from 8 to 12.
Township of Franconia, East district, and Telford borough, at the public house of Charles Gerhard, Friday, August 4, from 1 to 2.30.
Township of Pottsgrove, Lower, at the public house of J. W. Giddis, Monday, August 7, from 10 to 12.
Township of Pottsgrove, Upper, at the public house of Samuel Geiger, Monday, August 7, from 12 to 2.
Borough of Pottstown, Second and Third wards, at the public house of Mary O'Brien, Tuesday, August 8, from 8 to 4.
Borough of Pottstown, Fourth and Fifth wards, at the public house of Michael K. Schady, Wednesday, August 9, from 8 to 12.
Borough of Pottstown, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maurice Gilbert, Thursday, August 10, from 10 to 12.
Borough of Pottstown, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the public house of John H. Brundinger, Friday, August 11, from 9 to 4.
Township of Pottsgrove, Ninth ward, at the public house of Jacob Sneli, Monday, August 14, from 10 to 12.
Borough of Pottstown, West ward, at the public house of Mrs. Elizabeth Shuler, Tuesday, August 15, from 7 to 9.
Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of J. W. Giddis, Wednesday, August 16, from 9 to 12.
Borough of Ambler, at the public house of W. H. C. Blackburn, Wednesday, August 16, from 10 to 12.
Borough of Souderton, at the public house of Henry Freed, Thursday, August 17, from 9 to 3.
Borough of Souderton, at the public house of J. W. Giddis, Thursday, August 17, from 9 to 12.
Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied by postage for reply, and in all cases, location of property, whether township or borough, must be definitely given.

INQUIRIES relative to taxes, received after September 10, will not be answered. The tax collector will be present on or before September 15, 1899, will be given on the basis of a collection, when 2 per cent will be added for collection, as per act of assembly.

HENRY W. HALL, LOWELL, Montgomery County Treasurer's Office, Norristown.

Something New!—The Best and Easiest Running Washing Machine

In the market: washboard rubbing power. A trial given. For sale by S. S. GRIFFIN, 5-11 Mont Clare, Monig. Co. Pa.

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Collegeville Greenhouses
PRICE LIST.
CELERY PLANTS, ETC.

Owing to extreme dry weather, we have only a limited quantity of Celery Plants to offer this season. Prices, in consequence, have advanced slightly over rates quoted in Spring price list.

Fresh Turnip, Ruta Baga and Winter Radish Seeds. Use Slug Shot for cabbage worms, 50c. for 25c. Beans can be planted safely until August 15. Plant Peas after August 1st for fall use.

Bargains in Palms, Rubbers, etc. To make room for our fall plants, we offer a choice lot of Palms, Rubber Trees, Pine Trees, etc., at reduced rates, until August 1st.

Horace Rimby, Seedsman, Florist & Vegetable Plant Grower, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

I CAN'T SEE--As well as I should, is a complaint you hear not only from older people, but from the young as well.

J. D. Sallade, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN, 16 East Main St., NORRISTOWN, PA.

HAMMOCK SALE. We are having a cut price sale of Hammocks at from 60 cents to \$2.50 each.

WINDOW SCREENS, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, and 50c.

Doors Complete, with Hinges, Hook and Knob, \$1.00. These goods were bought and are being sold at old prices.

N. H. Benjamin & Co., 207 Bridge Street, PHOENIXVILLE, PA.

NEW LOT OF Lawns, Organdies, Dimities

Men's Furnishing Goods. White Laundry shirts, 75c and \$1 each.

MORGAN WRIGHT, Keystone Dry Goods Store, Main St., Opposite Public Square, NORRISTOWN, PA.

Abreast the Times. FRANKLIN SHOES FOR MEN AND BOYS.

H. E. Elston, 58 and 60 East Main Street, NORRISTOWN, PA.

H. L. NYCE, 6 E. MAIN ST., Norristown, Pa. MEN'S, \$2.00. BOYS', \$1.50.

Straw Hats! Cool heads are covered with Straw Hats in Hot Weather. All Prices and Styles. Carry a large stock of UP-TO-DATE HEADWEAR.

L. M. LOWNES, Main St.—5 Doors below Mill St.—Norristown. IF YOU WANT TO BE RELIEVED OF YOUR CORNS AND BUNIONS, USE SURE CORN CURE, 10 CENTS PER BOTTLE.

SOLD AT Culbert's : Drug : Store, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

In Hats IS WORTH FOLLOWING. IT WILL LEAD YOU DIRECT TO OUR STORE. As Manufacturers and wholesalers we can give you the best hats for the least money.

TRACEY, the Hatter, 263 High St., Pottstown. 38 Main St., Norristown. NEW ARRIVALS AT ROBINSON'S, Buckwalter's Block, Royersford, Pa.

GENUINE BARGAINS. Children's Fanny Hats in white ground, ruffles on collar, front and cuffs in blue and pink, very pretty, 24c.

SPECIAL SUMMER SALES! Embroideries 3 1/2 in. for 15c per yard; good edges and many styles to select from.

Deering Harvesting Machinery, Hench and Dromgold Farm Implements, Light and Klondike Bicycles.

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TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 1899

John H. Bartman is authorized to collect amounts due The Independent and receive the names of new subscribers.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Episcopal service at St. James, Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 8.30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Oaks Station. Rev. B. J. Douglas, rector. On and after Sunday, June 4, morning services will be held (D. V.) in Union Church, Westcott, after services there, to begin at 10.30.

Antonian services throughout the year at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. Sunday school at St. Paul's at 8.30.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. No preaching on Sundays, August 6 and 13, when the pastor will be absent on his vacation. Sunday school at the usual hour, 8.45 a. m. Preaching services will be resumed on August 20.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. D. C. Kauff, pastor. Sunday school, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, Friday, at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening, at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting, Thursday at 8 p. m.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe. Services next Sunday evening at 7.45. Sunday school at 9 o'clock.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. August 13, morning services will be held in the old church.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday school, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church, Preaching services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., every Sunday. Rev. Wm. Carlson, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shannonsville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7.30. Bible school, Sundays, at 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesdays at 7.30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Trinity Church—Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 8 o'clock, and the C. E. monthly business meeting at 9 p. m. Saturday, services preparatory to Holy Communion at 2.30 p. m. Sunday: Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching and Holy Communion at 10 o'clock; the Junior C. E. prayer service at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, leader Miss Mabel Bickel, at 8 o'clock.

The pastor will preach in the Skippackville church at 2.30 o'clock, and in Tronbridge chapel at 7.30 o'clock.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Why not—Put the driving course—Over in the grove

—In shape, as in the days of yore?—Something should be done to divert fast driving from Main street.

—When the iron cage arrives our High Constable intends to increase his vigilance.

—F. C. Prizer, of this borough, is rebuilding and enlarging his greenhouse.

—Excursion of Trinity Sunday school, this borough, to Chestnut Hill Park to-day.

—Augustus Lutheran Sunday school, of Trappe, will picnic at Chestnut Hill Park on Saturday August 26.

—The Perkiomen men nigh bank full Sunday morning, owing to the heavy rain up north Saturday evening.

—Caught between the bumpers while coupling cars at Allentown, Tuesday, freight conductor George Andreas was squeezed to death.

—After undergoing repairs the Mingo cranery is again in operation. See notice in another column.

—The School Board of Trappe has adopted the Cyre Reader for use in the schools of that borough next term.

—A. D. Reif is about to have a barn built on his farm in this borough. The contract was awarded to Daniel Shuler of Trappe, Monday.

—5000 sheaves of oats were recently cut from eight acres of Wm. Prizer's farm, this borough.

—The United Evangelical Sunday school of Trappe, will picnic at Sanatoga Park, Saturday, August 12.

—William Merkel announces in another column that he has succeeded J. F. Hilck in the barbering business, this borough. See adv.

—Owing to increasing business the Artie King Refrigerator Company, of Linfield, will erect another storage house.

—A Knights of the Golden Eagle lodge will be organized at Tylerport, this county.

—Large quantities of Indian relics were found while making excavations for the extension of the Sellersville water works.

—Miss Effie Hatfield, of Gratersford, was admitted to Charity Hospital Friday afternoon for medical treatment.

—James Q. Atkinson, of Three Tuns, this county, raised this season 9814 quarts of gooseberries, which netted him \$700.

—F. J. Farrell, of Upper Merion, has a curiosity in the shape of a chicken with four feet.

—Iron Castle, No. 62, K. G. E., of Conshohocken, will trolley to Shaw's pavilion, this borough, tomorrow (Friday) evening.

—The new screw works at Norristown will be ready to start about September 1. The plant is now being equipped with machinery. Nearly two hundred hands will be employed.

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—The third annual Schwenkfelder Sunday school convention will be held Thursday, August 17, at Perkiomen Seminary, Pottsville. A lengthy program will be presented.

—Swallowed Indigo Blue. Recently, during the temporary absence of the family from the room a two-year old child of James Kepler, living near Gilbertsville, swallowed a quantity of indigo blue. The child's condition is critical.

—Cemetery Wall. The work of enclosing the enlarged cemetery of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, with a substantial stone wall, is well under way. The wall will be surmounted with a coping of Wyoming blue stone.

—A Gift. Rev. W. J. Purkis, of Ursinus, has presented the M. E. church of Evansburg with a large hanging lamp, that is now suspended from the ceiling in front of the pulpit. The gift is both useful and ornamental; and is much appreciated.

—More Houses Needed. More houses are needed in Phoenixville, and it is reported that the Phoenixville Industrial Association is making arrangements with a firm of Philadelphia builders to erect one hundred dwellings as soon as possible.

—Contract for a Church Building. The contract was let Saturday for the building of a church at Spring City for the Evangelical Association congregation. It will be a church of brick and frame, 40 by 65 feet in dimensions and will seat 400 persons.

—A Veteran Dead. Lawrence W. Kepner, aged 64 years, died in Pottsville, Saturday. He was a veteran soldier and served in Co. A, Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania; Scott Legion, and was a member of Richards Post and the United Veteran Legion.

—Steam Heat. Last week the Roberts Machine Company, of this borough, erected a Roberts steam heater in the Franklin school building of Spring City. A number of Roberts heaters have been in successful operation in that borough for a number of years past.

—A Home Struck by Lightning. A lightning bolt that struck the home of Geo. Kibbelsch, at Amber, Tuesday night, tore the plaster from the wall over a couch on which he was lying, and passed down the chimney within a few inches of his head. He had a narrow escape.

—Benjamin Alderfer Dead. Benjamin Alderfer, of Lederach, died Monday afternoon, and adds one to the Exeter wreck fatalities, making the total number thirty. His legs were crushed in the wreck, and this, together with internal injuries, was responsible for his death. He was 69 years old and father of a large family.

—A Trolley Project. The Trappe and Limerick Street Railway Company, of Montgomery county, capital \$30,000, was chartered at Harrisburg last week. The directors are Dr. S. B. Horning and Abram K. Hunsicker of Lower Providence, and George W. Zimmerman, Esq., of this borough; H. F. Hunsicker, Ironbridge, and E. G. Brownback, Trappe. The financing of that portion of the pike between Trappe and Sanatoga, now on foot, is a part of the plan that contemplates the building of a trolley line from this borough to Sanatoga. It is hoped that the projectors of the enterprise will succeed.

—A Breakdown. Monday afternoon there was considerable commotion on Main street due to fast driving and the breaking down of a vehicle. A. Walt and Charles Shaffer Jr., of Royersford, came down the hill toward the railroad at a rapid pace. Nearly opposite this office their horse trotted sharply to one side and a front wheel was dislodged by colliding with a telegraph pole. The horse dragged the damaged wagon and the men over the railroad crossing and down the grade until the occupants were thrown out upon the hard road and the horse was halted. Messrs Walt and Shaffer were considerably out and bruised though not seriously injured. The accident was the result of fast and reckless driving. That is the opinion of those who saw the team going down the grade and the vehicle collide with the telegraph pole.

—During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diphtheria was one of the most troublesome diseases the army had to contend with. In many instances it became chronic and the old soldiers still suffer from it. Dr. David Taylor of Wind Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and says he never found anything that would give him such quick relief. It is for sale by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist.

Enjoying Camp Life.

The male employees of the Quaker City Shirt Factory, of Norristown, are enjoying camp life on Himes' meadow, along the Perkiomen creek. Their camp has been named after their manager, Harry B. Tyson.

Barn Destroyed.

The barn of James B. Dallman, of Lower Merion, was burned to the ground Monday night. Loss about \$2000. Fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin. Insured in the Montgomery Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

New Building Under Way.

A building to be of stone and wood 18 x 28 feet and two stories high, is being built on H. H. Reikens' land, at the east end of Perkiomen Bridge. When completed the building will be used as a real estate office, by Baldwin Bros.

Fell From a Freight Car.

Harry Grater, of Linfield, fell from the top of a freight car, near the P. & R. freight depot at Royersford, Monday. He received a deep gash on the forehead, a badly cut nose and contusions of the left hand, which require medical treatment.

In Camp.

Saturday the Phoenix Hose and Hook and Ladder Company of Phoenixville, went into camp on the Perkiomen, near Ironbridge, and will spend three weeks under tents. The company has cooks and full cooking outfits and will spend the time fishing and boating.

The Holy Communion.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in Trinity church, this borough, this coming Sunday morning, August 6th, at 10 o'clock, at which service the quarterly offerings for benevolence will also be lifted. Saturday afternoon, August 5th, at 2.30 o'clock, preparatory services will be held.

Buildings for Spring City and Royersford.

Architect J. Vincent Poley of Royersford has just completed plans and specifications for a handsome store and dwelling for Mr. J. S. Howder of Spring City. He has also furnished plans and specifications for the new brass foundry, soon to be erected in Royersford, which makes the twentieth public works for that thriving manufacturing town.

Arm Broken by a Kicking Horse.

Last Thursday Bartley Meyers, residing west of Trappe in Upper Providence township, was driving down the hill near Samuel Markley's lot, on his way to Royersford when the under strap holding the shafts in place broke, and the horse did some high and vicious kicking. Mr. Meyers left arm received the force of one of the kicks and was fractured. A part of the wagon top was broken and splintered by the heels of the horse. The animal was finally controlled and the injury to Royersford completed, where the fractured arm was attended to by Dr. Vaughn.

Howard Gordon Gone.

Howard E. Gordon, a well known and popular resident of Norristown for many years, died Friday, after an illness of three days from rheumatism, aged 53 years. He was a poet, a musician, a composer, a mimic and entertainer. During the last year of the civil war he served in Company I, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Regiment, and sustained a bullet wound in the head from which he suffered at intervals until the end of his journey. Hundreds of people, young and old, regret the untimely death of this subject in life was to entertain and please others and make them happy. He was a special favorite among the children.

Echo Meeting.

On Friday evening of this week, August 4th, at 8 o'clock, there will be held in Bomberger Memorial Hall a Christian Endeavor Echo Meeting, under the auspices of the Schuylkill Valley Christian Endeavor Union. At this meeting a number of persons from this county and elsewhere who attended the late International Christian Endeavor Convention held at Detroit, Wisconsin, will be present to tell some of the good things they have heard and of the mighty inspirations received. An interesting and profitable time may be expected. The public generally is cordially invited to be present.

Many Persons Injured in a Run-away Trolley Car.

Last Saturday evening a trolley car on the electric road between Phoenixville and Spring City, not under sufficient control of the driver, dashed down the incline on Walnut street, Spring City, with frightful velocity, while those who crowded the car were greatly terrified. The car left the track at Main street, tore away fences and awnings and crashed into James Noble's grocery store. Thirty persons were more or less seriously injured, but all are expected to recover. The physicians of Spring City and Royersford were summoned, and the injured were given every attention possible. Many houses along Main street were converted into temporary hospitals, and hundreds of willing hands did all in their power to relieve the suffering of the injured.

\$100 REWARD.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, Dr. J. C. HENNEY, P. O. Box 263, Little Rock, Ark.

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Death.

Mrs. Kate West, of West Point, died July 27, aged 48 years. The funeral was held Tuesday from the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Lower Providence. Interment in Lower Providence Baptist cemetery.

Under Treatment to Escape Hydrophobia.

Benjamin Kemp, miller at Leibert's flour roller mills, below Palm, in Upper Hanover, this county, and Miller Schultz, nearby, who were bitten by a fox hound supposed to be mad, are now under treatment at Mrs. Washington Leidy, of Falkner Swamp.

A Coming Benefit to Trolley Employees.

Manager A. G. Davids, of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company, has decided to give the employees of the road a benefit on Wednesday, August 16. A committee has been appointed to make the day a successful one for those interested. They have decided to have music, dancing, and various games in this borough.

At the Almshouse.

A regular meeting of the Directors of the Poor was held at the Almshouse last Thursday. Orders granted: \$2883.52. Number of inmates 115 male, 40 female. During the past month there were four deaths in the institution: William Anterton, aged 68, of Conshohocken; Mrs. Kate Ochs, aged 50, of Towamensing; Martin Graff, aged 80, of Schwenksville, and Chas. Miller, aged 88, of Pottsville.

For the Benefit of Superannuated Employees.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has decided to establish a pension fund for the benefit of its superannuated employees. It is understood that 70 years has been fixed as the age for compulsory retirement, and that employees who have been in the service thirty years, but have not attained that age, will be entitled to the benefit of the fund.

Annual Alumni Meeting.

The fourth annual meeting of the Montgomery County Alumni Association at Sanatoga Park, last Thursday, was attended by several hundred persons from various sections of the county. The exercises of the day proved to be of an entertaining character. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. A. Longacre, Norristown; First Vice President, Joseph S. Kratz, Norristown; Second Vice President, Dr. Warren Z. Anders, Worcester; Secretary, Miss Frances G. Moser, Colgateville; Treasurer, Ralph L. Johnson, Lower Providence; Board of Managers—Miss Alice Swan, Bridgeport; Wm. E. Kulp, Plymouth; Miss Clara Griffith, Conshohocken; Elizabeth K. Ware, Pottsville; Miss Fannie Myers, Cheltenham; David Longacre, Norristown; Chester L. Kratz, Lower Providence; Samuel Anderson, Towamensing; Howard H. Seipt, Worcester; Oscar Hunsicker, Upper Providence; Miss Sarah Hunsicker, Skippack; Upper Providence carried off the honors for attendance, having thirty-five present out of a membership of sixty-five.

Three Accidents Within an Hour.

Last Saturday forenoon three accidents occurred on Main street, near Glenwood avenue, within an hour. Emanuel Ritter, an employe of Capt. H. H. Fetterolf, was hauling a large box in an express wagon. Emanuel was seated on the box when it tilted and fell from the wagon. Both the box, weighing with its contents about 300 pounds, and the young man, reached the side of the street about the same time, and Emanuel had a narrow escape from serious injury. He held to the reins and controlled the horse. A few minutes later John Beeler, dealer in ice, was in the act of crossing the trolley tracks when a front wheel of his wagon collapsed, all the spokes separating from the hub. While he was waiting for repairs, Henry Yost Jr., with his coach, brought two gentlemen (campers) from Philadelphia up to the ice wagon to obtain a supply of ice. One of the men, in the act of jumping from the coach, was caught on the projecting iron to support a lamp, and very painfully injured. He was taken to Dr. Krusen's, where he was temporarily overcome with pain. The Dr. not being at home the unfortunate man received surgical treatment at the hands of Dr. S. B. Horning at Culbert's drug store.

YERKES AND VICINITY.

Miss Katharine Davis, of Worcester, visited her uncle Mr. Davis Raudenbush and family, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid and Miss Hendren, of Roxborough, visited friends in Yerkes Saturday and Sunday.

The Upper Providence Alumni Association picnic Saturday, Aug. 5, on Clamer's Island, Colgateville.

Mrs. Rebecca Long is visiting at Mr. J. G. Detwiler's this week.

The potato crop is unusually large in this section of the county this year, but Springbrook must take a back seat. Web is ahead this year.

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PERSONAL.

Misses Beula and Effie Auger Bates, of Allentown, are the guests of S. S. Auger and family.

Miss Bertha Ludwig and Miss Nellie Morrow, of Philadelphia, were the guests of the Misses Clamer, last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moser and daughters, of Port Kennedy, were the guests of E. S. Moser and family, Sunday.

Mr. Frank Johnson, of Philadelphia, visited friends in Colgateville last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkle and daughter of Allentown, Mr. William Johnson and Mr. Mrs. John Bergey and children, of Philadelphia, were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Koons.

Miss Helen March and the Misses Mollie and Eleanor Yeakle, of Norristown, are among the guests at Prospect Terrace.

Miss Emma Wenzel was the guest of Miss Laura Koons last week.

Miss Mabel Bickel has lately returned from her visit to Pottsville.

Miss Grace Gristock is spending two weeks at Ocean City.

Mrs. Della Miller, accompanied by her children, Helen and Ernest, have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Miller, of Limerick.

Mrs. A. J. Barrow and Miss Grace Barrow are taking some needed rest and change at Atlantic City.

Miss Mame Alexander, of Philadelphia, is visiting her cousin Miss Tillie Gristock.

Miss Ida Boyer of Philadelphia is the guest of Miss Anna Hunsicker.

Mrs. Miller of Conshohocken is a visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Haltemauer.

Miss Goodman and sister, of Reading, and Mr. Goodman of Philadelphia, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Goodman, Sunday.

Miss Lottie Brunner is visiting Mrs. Lysinger of Pawling.

Mrs. Mary Hackman, of Philadelphia, is visiting her father, Jacob Brunner, this borough.

Residents of Ironbridge Visit Campers.

A party from this place visited the Royersford campers last Wednesday evening and were royally entertained by the young men in selections on the gramophone, piano, recitations, and songs, and a general view of the mysteries of camp life. The merry party consisted of Israel Hunsberger and wife and son Ralph, George Schlotterer and wife and son George, Ella and Russell Sell, Misses Mame Tyson, Cora Hunsicker, Mame Undercoffer, and Annie Undercoffer.

A large party of friends from Royersford visited Camp No. 2 during the evening and heard a portion of the excellent entertainment given at Camp No. 1 by members of both camps. The young men are excellent housekeepers, and very few improvements could be suggested by the young ladies. Later in the evening George Schlotterer and wife received callers from Jeffersonville, who were Misses Miriam and Florence Yonker and Carrie Woodley of Philadelphia, and Chas. Weber of Jeffersonville.

On Sunday afternoon while Geo. Schlotterer and Charles Wenig were holding the fort at Perkiomen Junction, they were suddenly surprised by a rear advance upon the fort by the forces of the enemy. But as the loaded carriage contained no more dangerous occupants than Messrs. Charles and Norwood Weber and Mrs. Hannah Weber and Mrs. Schlotterer, the fort was surrendered unconditionally, and its workings fully explained, while the visitors were initiated into the mysteries of camp life.

While hearts well lighted with gratitude, they departed, leaving behind their ammunition, which, upon examination, was found to consist of harmless bombs in the shape of apples, pears and plums, sandwiches, and cakes of sponge, preserves, candy, etc. Suspicious minds had been running. The place was warmly commended through a newspaper by some freshly boiled sweet corn. The only explosive handled was a bottle of Hires root beer. The two gentlemen never winced at the force of the explosion and proved their soldierly qualities in being able to approach quite close to it.

Charles Smith, son of Norman Smith, was drowned in Hoy's Run, which empties into the Schuylkill a short distance above Valley Forge, on Friday afternoon. He, in company with his father and two other boys, had gone down that way to pick blackberries. As it was very warm Charles was anxious to go in swimming, but the other boys proposed to pick blackberries first. Charles became separated from the rest of the boys and joined two or three others from the Forge, who decided at once to take a swim. He removed his clothing and jumped into the water, and, as the boys aver, did not come to the surface, as they waited some time for him to "come up;" as he did not, they ran to their homes. Shortly after his comrades returned, and finding Charles' clothes, suspected at once he had been drowned. The place where the drowning occurred is where the Run empties into the Schuylkill, and in some places it is twelve, fifteen and twenty feet deep, the bottom of the run covered with treacherous sand. The body was recovered by Daniel Kightler, section foreman of the P. & R. Road, after grappling for it a short time in the same spot he had made the fatal plunge. He is the third one to drown here in a short time. Charles was eleven years old, his father residing in the tenant house on the Wetherill Bridge Farm, in Lower Providence township, near by Pawling's Bridge. The family are proscribed and occurred. He was buried at the Lower Providence Presbyterian church on Tuesday last.

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Dr. Cressman has resolved himself into a band of white caps and will hood-doo that fellow the next time he knocks that boy down.

"Squire George Bartholomew of Colgateville, Rev. Mr. Howe and wife, and Mr. Rittenhouse and wife, of Norristown, attended church at Green Tree on Sunday.

A married lady lost her engagement ring last week, and now the atmosphere is laden with suspicious thoughts of her neighbors' honesty. It is (the ring) nearby or at a distance. "Thou art so near and yet so far." The lady in question sent her little girl, in company with a friend's little girl, who was visiting her, to the store to purchase a few articles, coming away forgetting the pocketbook and leaving it lay on the counter. The ring was supposed to be in the pocketbook, or at least there is where she most generally kept it; but on examining the pocketbook the ring was gone. Now it is proposed to call on a fortune teller and have that ring located. Try a hood-doo

and gained God's displeasure by invading the priest's office, attempting to burn incense himself on God's altar, showing no doubt a pretended extraordinary zeal and affection for being marvelously helped, until he was strong enough to rule. He died as a result of his sin and disobedience. Rev. Mr. Meyers read quotations from Dr. Dowe's exegesis of passages of the doctrine taught by him, of his interpretation of the Book of Job, how God, being a good God, could visit such terrible afflictions upon him and take his family from him, and his cattle, camels and herds. In this case it was permissible as a trial, faith and trust. Rev. Meyers met the many arguments by saying God visited these afflictions on his people for their disciplining. Many citations from Scriptural texts: 2d Kings 6: 18; 15: 3; 2d Chron. 21: 14; 16: 18; Deut. 28: 58, 61; Job 1st chap. 1: 24, 24: 35; 1: 11. A point among the many good ones advanced by the speaker was that the Hebrew verb in the case cannot be made out in the permissive sense, as is argued by those whose only duty it is to criticize the Scriptures and change the meaning to suit their case. There was a very loud attendance, and the church was filled to its fullest capacity, to hear Rev. Meyers in his able defence of the Gospel Truths, as set forth in the good Old Bible, and the arguments advanced were most convincing, and he entered into the spirit of his subject with earnestness and interest. It was a most eloquent and interesting discourse, and the speaker was well equipped to defend any accusations presented.

Rev. S. O. Perry preached in the chapel at Shannonsville. Topic: "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." There was a good attendance, a good sermon, and must again say good music.

About the 18th or 19th day of July a young man and woman called on Miss Carrie Vanderville, who has charge of a restaurant at Perkiomen Junction. He introduced the young lady to his wife and desired boarding for the week. Miss Vanderville agreed to board them for one dollar per day. They remained there about two days, when they departed, taking separate trains, one for Reading and the other for Philadelphia. In the meantime Miss Vanderville, going up stairs, found her jewelry and a valuable gold watch and chain which once belonged to her father and which she values at \$150, gone also. Miss Vanderville called in the services of a detective, but so far has not yet recovered the property. The young man is well known, but the young lady, well—they were neither one married.

John U. Francis, in company with Arnold E. Hightley of Philadelphia, were out fishing on Saturday and caught about seven dozen sunfish. While sitting in the boat, Francis at the bow, Hightley at the stern, a bass playfully made two or three somersaults, jumping out the water, near-by them, and Francis thought he could catch that fish, in his effort to cast a line he gripped and fell into the water; nothing but a pair of gum boots sticking out the water marked the displacement of water his body made. The compressed air in his gum boots helped him to gain his equilibrium, and he came out wet all over—the success some people meet with, luck or no catching fish.

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FOR ALLENTOWN—Week days—8:40, 10:24 a. m.; 3:22, 6:36, 9 p. m. Sundays—8:30 a. m.; 7:45 p. m.

Trains For Weekdays.
LEAVE PHILADELPHIA—Collegeville—7:21, 9:51 a. m.; 1:36, 5:21, p. m. Sundays—7:06 a. m.; 6:21 p. m.
LEAVE BRIDGEPORT—Week days—8:11, 9:59 a. m.; 3:27, 6:04, p. m. Sundays—7:53 a. m.; 7:08 p. m.

Trains For Allentown.
LEAVE PERKINSON JUNCTION—Week days—8:38, 10:12 a. m.; 3:00, 6:23, p. m. Sundays—8:13 a. m.; 7:28 p. m.
LEAVE ALLENTOWN—Week days—4:25, 6:45, 10:50 a. m.; 4:35 p. m. Sunday—4:35 a. m.; 4:35 p. m.

ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.
IN EFFECT JULY 1, 1899.
Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street wharf and South Street wharf, for Atlantic City: Weekdays—Express, 8:00, 9:00, 10:45 a. m., 1:30, 2:40, 3:00, (3:40 sixty minute), 4:40, 4:50, (5:00 sixty minute), 5:30, 7:15 p. m. Accommodation, 6:15 a. m., 3:30, 6:30 p. m. Sundays—Express, 8:00 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 4:45, 7:15 p. m. Accommodation, 6:15 a. m., 4:45 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion, 7:00 a. m. daily and 7:30 Sundays.
Leave Atlantic City Depot: Weekdays—Express, (6:45 Mondays only), 7:00, 7:45, (7:50 from Baltic ave. station only), 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00 a. m., 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 p. m. Accommodation, 4:25, 8:00 a. m., 3:50 p. m. Sundays—Express, 8:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 8:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 p. m. Accommodation, 7:15 a. m., 4:30 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion, weekdays, 6:00 p. m. Sundays 6:10.

For Ocean City—Weekdays—8:45, 9:15 a. m., 2:15, 4:15, 5:15 p. m. Sundays—8:45, 9:15 a. m., 4:45 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion Thursday and Sunday 7:00 a. m.
For Cape May, and Seaside City—Weekdays—9:15 a. m., 2:30, 4:15 p. m. Sundays—8:45 a. m., 4:45 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion Sundays only, 7:00 a. m.

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Indian Instruments.

The only instruments known to these tribes were the drum, the rattle and a kind of fageolet.

The drum and rattle were used in accompanying the voice, to accentuate the rhythm and to assist in interpreting the meaning of the words of the song. Shaking the rattle and beating the drum with clear, sharp strokes served not only to mark the time, but to secure the co-ordination and unity of movement of the numerous voices in the choral or to enforce precision of motion in the dance. The tremolo of the drum or rattle was to express the awe and trepidation felt when approaching the supernatural or when invoking the aid of the occult power.

The fageolet was a rather rude instrument, having a range limited to eight or ten notes in the treble clef. Owing to the lack of mechanical accuracy in the manufacture, this range varied with every instrument, as did also the quality and value of the tone relations. There seems to have been only one requirement of the maker—namely, that when the fageolet was blown with all the six, but stopped there should be strong vibrations in the tone produced. This instrument was used exclusively for solos by the young men of the tribe.—Journal of American Folk Lore.

What it Means to Walk.
The man who is content with a modest average of six miles' walking a day scarcely realizes that every 12 years he was a distance of 100 miles to girdle the earth at the equator.
Starting at this simple calculation it, he may be excused a feeling of incredulity when he learns that in walking this distance he has expended sufficient energy to raise one 18 first class battleships a foot high.
It is calculated that in walking an average mile a man uses sufficient energy to raise 17 1/2 tons to the height of a foot or, conversely, to drop a ton (on each step) to three times his own height. The mere thought of such a feat is sufficient to deter a man from taking the most modest constitutional.

This every year the man who walks six miles a day does sufficient work to raise a ton weight to a height equal roughly to 1 1/2 times that of Mont Blanc, or to raise all the gold current throughout the world a foot higher than its present level. A trip of 15 miles a day involves as much exertion as the day's work of an ordinary laborer.

A Woman's Worries.
Said a physician: "I wonder that women fail to appreciate how much nervous force as well as physical strength they consume in worrying over the little things of life. Look at the mother and housewife as she goes about her tasks and observes how often she utters an impatient exclamation, how often she sighs over her servant's shortcomings, how often she starts nervously at a noise from one of the children. And each time that she loses control over herself, her nerves, her temper, she loses just a little nervous force, just a little physical well-being, and moves a fraction of an inch farther on the path that leads to premature old age and to invalidism."

The Dean's Restriction.
If the English Ecclesiastical Gazette reports correctly, eminent English divines are not above a little fooling of a Scriptural character.
The dean of the Chapel royal was one day seated in the Synod hall, at Dublin, when a scent bottle, falling from the strangers' gallery, happened to alight upon his somewhat bald cranium. Rising from his chair, he asked permission to make a personal explanation.
"My lord primate," he said, "I am always glad to see strangers at our debates, and I feel specially honored by the presence of you here. But—here he held up the scent bottle—"let not their precious balms break my head."

Divorce by Candle.
When a Burmese husband and wife decide to separate, the woman goes out and buys two little candles of equal length, which are made especially for this use. She brings them home. She and her husband sit down on the floor, placing the candles between them, and light them simultaneously. One candle stands for her, the other for him. The one whose candle goes out first rises and goes out of the house forever, with nothing but what he or she may have on her. The one whose candle has survived the longer time, even by a second, takes everything. So the divorce and division of the property, if one can call that a division, are settled.

An Economical Cook.
A Chinaman will bake a dinner for a dozen with a mere handful of fuel. The boiler he uses is large and cone shaped, being sometimes two feet in diameter and one foot deep. If covers the fire with merely a small portion of the lower or part of the case, but the heat and flames unfold the rest. Water and rice are put at the bottom within a frame over them, and on this are placed dishes of fish, fowl and vegetables to boil. The whole is covered with a wooden cover, in the center of which is a hole about four inches in diameter, and in this another dish is often placed, the contents of which are cooked by the steam.

Striking Contradictions.
A great contrast will often be found to exist between a man's actions and their words, melancholy writers being the most jocular in society usually and humorists in theory the most lugubrious mortals in practice.
"The Comforts of Human Life," by R. Haron, was written in prison under the most distressing circumstances.
"The Miseries of Human Life," by Beresford, was, on the contrary, composed in a drawing room where the author was surrounded by the best of everything, and Burton, the author of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," was extremely facetious in conversation.

A Wise Old Gobbler.
A farmer living in Hartford county has for many years very often invited the preachers of a Sunday to take dinner with him, and of course, as all preachers are very fond of fowls, his wife would have some killed and prepared for dinner. And, strange to say, but nevertheless true, all his old gobblers and roosters by some means could tell a preacher by his looks, and just as soon as a preacher drove up to the house the old gobblers and roosters would call all their families to hide under the big barn and stay there until the preachers left. But upon one occasion two preachers drove up, and no gobblers or chickens could be found anywhere. But after dinner one of the preachers left and the old rooster came out and flopped his wings and told his family that the preachers were gone, but the old gobbler was not satisfied, and poked his head out and said, "Doubtful, doubtful, doubtful!"
That was the first time that I ever knew that any of the dumb creation could count, as the old gobbler was certain that two preachers had driven to the house.—Forest and Stream.

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The Collier, imported from South Africa. It is the best or one of the best varieties for sugar manufacture, having a very high percentage of sugar and a low percentage of glucose or uncrystallizable sugar in the juice. It does not yield seed abundantly, nor are the canes large, averaging about a pound in weight. Though slender, canes of this variety are believed to be tangled, broken or prostrated by windstorms less often than other canes. There are some who believe it to be one of the best varieties for storage.

The Amber Orange originated in a cross between Early Amber and Kansas Orange. This cane was tested for five years by the Kansas state experiment station and was considered one of the best for sugar manufacture. It does not produce seed abundantly.

The Colman, also a cross between Early Amber and Kansas Orange, is generally preferred because it produces canes of good size, not tall, with juice of good quality.

Variety 161 originated in a cross between Early Amber and Link's Hybrid. It is slender, which is a fault derived from Link's Hybrid. It ripens rather early, much earlier than Link's Hybrid. Its juice remains good ordinarily long after the canes are ripe, though standing uncut in the field. The juice has on an average a large content of sugar as the average juice of Louisiana sugar cane and much less glucose or uncrystallizable sugar.

Folger's Early is also a cross between Early Amber and Link's Hybrid. It ripens not long after Early Amber and remains good standing uncut in the field much longer than Early Amber. It yields more cane and more seed per acre than Early Amber. It is considered the best early maturing variety for general planting.

The Early Amber variety, a quick maturing cane, is liked better in the north than in the south. It is the best variety for early ripe cane or for late planting and for sections in which the growing season is very short.

Those who grow cane mainly for the seed or grain have very generally selected Kaffir corn, a non-saccharine variety of sorghum, as being the best for their purpose. The Dwarf and the Standard varieties of broom corn, also non-saccharine varieties of sorghum, have been selected by manufacturers of brooms as being decidedly superior to all others for their purpose. Those who grow sorghum for forage, for "stover" or "roughness" and also those who grow sorghum for sirup manufacture have not yet learned which kinds of sorghum are superior for their purpose.

Living Swarms on Hot Days.
When swarms on hot days, if the bees cluster on the front of the hive and hesitate to go in, do not hurry them to much. They are excited and hot and want plenty of air. Raise up the front of the hive an inch or two and shade them with a board, and when they get cooled off they will go in. Always make it comfortable for swarms. It is the only holiday they take during the entire year, says New England Homestead.

Agricultural Breeding.
The pea canning industry is of considerable importance in southern Delaware. The varieties of peas most largely used for canning are Alaska, Blue Beauty and French Cannon. Advance and Market Garden are canned to a less extent. Three general systems of sowing are in vogue among growers—broadcasting, the 18 inch drill and the wide row systems.

White of egg, milk or lime should never be used for cleaning maple sirup, and after the sirup has been drawn from the evaporator it should never be reheated, according to a sugar making correspondent of New England Homestead.

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