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Scientific Miscellany.

ORAB POWDER—AN ENGLISH FISH STORY.—AIR PRESSURE AND WELLS.—A FIRE LOCATOR.—A HORIZONTAL LINE FOR MARINERS.—ASTHMA FROM A BEE'S POISON.—ORIGIN OF DIAMONDS.—PHOSPHORESCENCE OF CERTAIN SULPHIDES.

It appears that the curious remedies of a century or two ago are still retained in some parts of the earth. A Russian journal mentions that the inhabitants of a malarial locality in the Government of Kharkov have in recent years used powdered crabs with great success in fevers, and that this powder has been adopted in preference to quinine. A teaspoonful is generally sufficient to cure the intermittent fever, a second dose being required only in obstinate cases. The powder is prepared by pouring ordinary whiskey on live crabs until they are put to sleep, when they are put on a bread pan in a hot oven, thoroughly dried, pulverized, and passed through a fine sieve.

An extraordinary account comes from Devonshire of a chub, found in a muddy pool, that had evidently pushed its way when young into a cage-like space formed by the roots of a tree, and, being unable to escape, had grown into the shape of its close-fitting prison. Lack of room had caused the tail to develop only to the extent of a little deformed stump. The back fin also had vanished, and the whole fish had been distorted into the gnarled and twisted form of the recent cage, being hideous in appearance, yet seemingly strong and hearty. It is difficult to imagine how a fish could get food for years under such conditions.

Sudden and great fluctuations in the level of water in wells in stormy weather, closely corresponding to the fluctuations in wind velocity recorded by Professor Langley, have been observed by Dr. Romei Martini. This explains the popular tradition that bad weather may be predicted from the sudden rise and fall of wells. Curiously, however, small and rapid changes of barometer are more certain to affect wells than large changes.

After several years of trial, pulleys covered with papiermache are gaining in favor among British machinists. The topscope is a novel apparatus used in Vienna for locating fires. It consists of a good telescope solidly attached to graduated horizontal and vertical scales, which always give the same numbers when the instrument is focused upon the same object. An index of the whole city having been made, it is easy to determine the exact spot at which the telescope is pointed. The apparatus must necessarily be placed in an elevated position commanding an unobstructed view of the area to be watched, and in this case the tower of St.

Stephen's Cathedral, which is over 500 feet high, is used, giving—with the favorable atmospheric conditions that prevail—complete oversight of the entire city. When a fire is seen, a few seconds suffice for pointing the telescope toward it and looking up on the index the numbers read from the scales. The central station is then signaled, and it is often possible to give the exact house and number, while the usual box signals indicate only a box that may be several blocks from the fire.

In sextant observations on shipboard, it is often difficult to make measurements from the horizon, and various unsatisfactory attempts have been made to substitute some mechanical or other means of determining the horizontal or vertical. A novel plan—claimed to have been put to practical use on land and sea—has been suggested in France by Rear-Admiral Fleurbaey. It consists in adding to the ordinary sextant a horizontal gyroscope, which is placed in front of the telescope and behind the small mirror, and contains in its upper part two small plano-convex lenses, placed at a distance apart equal to their focal length. On the plane faces of the lenses are engraved two lines parallel to the equator of the gyroscope. The gyroscope is rotated 80 to 100 turns a second, and the horizontal is obtained by observing the position of the figures described by these lines as the lenses revolve.

A singular effect of a bee sting is related by an English astronomer. The sting was not painful, but in about fifteen minutes the face of the victim, a lady, became violently flushed, and blains or white blisters appeared all over her body, arms and legs; and then, more curiously still, she developed a sharp attack of asthma! This yielded to home remedies, and the blisters turned from white to red, disappearing in a few hours.

The diamonds of the Kimberley diamonds "pipes," in the theory of Prof. William Crookes, have crystallized out of molten iron containing dissolved carbon and at sufficient depth in the earth to give great pressure. Water reaching the iron generated gas that bored out the pipes, and at the subsidence of the great-rush magma in which rocks, minerals, iron oxide, shale, petroleum and diamonds are churned together in a veritable witch's cauldron. It may be, Prof. Crookes concludes, that each of these volcanic pipes is the vent for its own special laboratory—a laboratory buried at vastly greater depths than we have reached or are likely to reach—where the temperature is comparable with that of the electric furnace; where the pressure is fiercer than in our puny laboratories and the melting point higher; where no oxygen is present, and where masses of carbon-saturated iron have taken centuries, perhaps thousands of years, to cool to the solidifying point. Such being the conditions, the wonder is, not that diamonds are found as big as one's fist, but that they are not found as big as one's head.

A strongly phosphorescent strontium sulphide has been investigated by Prof. Mourello, of Madrid. The pure compound shows no phosphorescence, the presence of a small quantity of alkali seeming to be necessary, and a trace of substrate of bismuth an advantage. After cooling from a higher temperature very slowly, the substance is made strongly phosphorescent by even a very little light. Pulverization destroys this property, which may be restored by long heating with starch.

The longevity of astronomers has often been noted. A French compiler finds that Fontenelle lived to 100, Caroline Herschel to 98, Cassini to 97, Sir Edward Sabine to 94, Moirau to 93, Santini and Sharpe to ninety-one. Yates, Airy, Humboldt, Robinson and Long reached ninety. The long list of those who lived to be eighty includes Halley, Newton, Herschel, Kant and Roger Bacon.

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kind that has much faith and thinks that the great fathers in Washington will reward lieutenants who pass high exams and have ideas on women. He paid his one call and retired. The brevet bachelor is peculiar to the service. His wife is back east, visiting her family. He differs from the real article only in that he is ineligible. He was devoted to Miss Spencer, but he did not count. There was also the contract surgeon. Of course he was only a contract surgeon. Still he was tall and blond and had a beguiling southern drawl. He fell in love with Miss Spencer.

A WIFE'S SISTER.

Army wives generally have unmarried sisters. These sisters always come out to visit them, and the rest goes by itself. Mrs. Lorillard had an unmarried sister. She was very attractive. She was far more attractive than Mrs. Lorillard could have been. The girl's name was Spencer—May Spencer. She was 18 years old, if you took her word for it, and she was blond and pink and white and plump. She came from some place in Ohio, and she visited the Lorillards at Stanton, which is in New Mexico, 100 miles from the railroad, across Dead Man's valley—there is always a Dead Man's valley—and some steep hills and a lava bed a mile wide. If you have never seen a lava bed, you cannot appreciate that. You might try to imagine the ocean lashed into fury by a simoom, then fancy its great waves and billows and swells changing suddenly to dark gray brownstone at the height of the storm, and you may form a vague idea of what the lava bed between Port Stanton and the railroad is like.

It frightened Miss Spencer badly. The ambulance went slipping, and sliding, and coasting, and thumping, and bounding over the one passable part in a way that only an ambulance conducted by a driver who has spent his life on Arizona and New Mexico roads could possibly stand. It put all the laws of centripetal force and of equilibrium at naught. It and the four mules were laws unto themselves.

Miss Spencer was not accustomed to that sort of thing. She stood it as long as she could, and then she told Major Roche, in whose charge she was traveling, that she meant to get out and walk. She had bothered the major a good deal already, and was getting tired, so he did not say anything, but simply told the driver to "slow up" and let Miss Spencer get out by herself. She fell behind after a moment, and the ambulance went relentlessly on, cracking, flapping its canvas, clanking its chains, its brake squeaking shrilly. And as it disappeared, sometimes lost to sight in a great hollow, sometimes tolling up a smooth face of lava, Miss Spencer felt herself abandoned indeed in a New Mexico desert under that terrible midsummer sun. The heat was fiery, scorching, parching. The sky was like hot blue glass. She wondered why, when the lava was hot enough to burn her feet through the soles of her shoes it did not melt or grow soft. She kept on walking because she was afraid to stop. Twice she slipped and fell and cut her hands. Under the porous, piled up rock, rabbits and owls and quail were hidden; there were snakes, too, and lizards. At first she was frightened when they scurried to her, but soon, with her head ringing and her eyes dazed with congested blood and her mouth open and as dry as flour, she did not even notice them.

She reached the end of the huge rock river at last and found the ambulance waiting. The driver was asleep, and the major was drinking beer. He offered her some, and when she had drunk it she held out her broad little foot. "My shoes are all out to pieces, and they were new and awfully heavy." "You should have kept still," he answered.

Now Miss Spencer wanted sympathy, and when she didn't get it she took a dislike to the major, and because she disliked him she eventually made him sorry. For the first fortnight of her visit she was not pretty. She was sunburned from her passage of the lava sea. Her face was red and swollen, then blotchy and lastly peely. After that she returned to the normal pink and white. She was the only girl at the post, and there were a bachelor, a brevet bachelor, a young contract surgeon and Major Roche's son. The bachelor officer was studious—a

third, and though he was far from welcome he never guessed it. Now it may seem incredible, but it is true, that though this went on without a pause for ten solid months Randolph still modestly doubted if he were loved and dared not voice his passion. Mrs. Lorillard began to think that she had done quite all that the family could expect of her, and she grew hopeless and weary, moreover, of boarding free two hungry young people. She told Miss Spencer as gently as possible that she might go the next time the ambulance went over to Carthage, which was the railroad station. Miss Spencer told Randolph she was going—and wept. And he consoled her from afar and actually thought she was weeping at leaving her little nephew and niece and her sister. There are men like that.

The ambulance went a week later to carry Major Roche and Teddy Roche to the railroad. Teddy was offered a position at Tucson and was going to take it. The major had government business at Carthage. The Carthage road is a branch. It joins the main line of the A., T. and S. F. at a station called San Antonio. The major would chaperon the young woman to Carthage; thence she would go to the main line and east and Teddy to the main line and west. Only Teddy and May compromised. They both went to Socorro, which is on the main line, a very little northeast of San Antonio. The contract doctor and Miss Spencer had a harrowing parting. The latter lost her temper over his procrastination and burst into tears. It nearly broke his heart and entirely silenced his tongue. After she was gone, helplessly gone, he determined to reveal the secret of his heart by letter. But being named Custis Randolph he put off doing it. Instead he swung in his hammock all day and thought of her blue eyes and pretty face and guileless smile and regretted his erstwhile constant companion. The ambulance would return, empty of its lovely load, in five days. He knew that. He would write when it returned. So on the afternoon of the fifth day he sat still swinging in the hammock and smoking a pipe, the ashes whereof bespattered his coat, when the four mules and the ambulance rattled into the post. They stopped at the major's quarter in a cloud of dust, and two men and a woman alighted. There was no doubt about who the woman was. In his delight Randolph lost his head. He strode down the broad walk to the Roches'. Miss Spencer was still standing by the ambulance, hunting—with the driver's help—for something under one of the seats. The major and Teddy had gone indoors. "Why, Miss May," said Randolph, and this time there was no drawl, "how delightful! What brings you back?" "Oh, my husband. Teddy and I got married in Socorro and joined the dear old major again in Carthage the same day." "How delightful!" Randolph repeated weakly. "Well, Teddy seemed to think so, but the dear, sweet old major didn't. Anyway, you know, he was so horrid about my shoes on the Bad Lands that day." She smiled demurely. And that was all any one ever knew about it.—Guendolen Overton in Argonaut.

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"Oh, you mistake," said the baron. "I am not appointed there. I find out different. I be appointed United States Marshal." The reporter did not print this story, and a few weeks afterwards found the baron stopping at a boarding house and asked him when he was going to start for the place where he was to be marshal. "I be appointed deputy in few days," said the baron. And thus a little light dawned on the reporter's brain, and he half way regarded the baron as an office-seeker. A week or two later the reporter asked the baron about the deputy marshalship, and the baron replied: "I be appointed in a few days now. I be appointed the agent at the Paquis Indian reservation. Mr. Blank's secretary tell me that Mr. Blank lay my case before the President, and the President he recommend," etc.

The baron and the reporter would meet every day almost, and the baron would always be ready with "I be appointed" to some old office or other "in a day or two," or "in a short while." Then the baron began to keep silent about his appointment and the reporter heard not a word from him for a couple of weeks. "How is the baron getting on?" he asked of a friend one day. "Why, I thought you'd heard. He has been appointed as a laborer in the Interior Department at \$600 a year and is rolling maps in the Secretary's office."

The baron has decided that any office will fill the bill just now.—Washington Post.

AN UGLY PAIR.

EXPERIENCE OF AN OLD SOLDIER WITH TWO UGLY SISTERS IN KENTUCKY.

When you want to hear good stories you must join a group of veterans. The best time is to find a dozen or two of them gathered around a big heating stove in a post room, when the weather is cold and the wind whistles. These conditions recall old days when comforts of any kind were all but unknown. Then one of them will thaw out, and tell of a story, not necessarily of the hair-bread escape, for the

veteran is rather modest in this direction, but a story filled with humor and of a novel kind. At the George Thomas Post some time since some of "the boys" grew reminiscent. One of them had alluded to a beauty show then in progress. This led another to remark that there would be no entries if it was for ugly women. "And that reminds me," said a third, "of a little incident that happened when we were in Eastern Kentucky after Humphrey Marshall. Or maybe he was after us. I'm not certain. Anyhow, we had passed through a country where the women were proverbially ugly. We had passed hundreds during the day, and generally they called us Yanks, or any old name to make us mad. But we never minded 'em. It pleased 'em and didn't hurt us. "But some of the boys got rattled after a while and concluded to fire a volley back when the chance came, as it soon did. At a farm house of considerable pretension, as far as style and size was concerned, was a girl leaning her chin on her hands, her hands on an old swinging gate. "Go it, Yanks, or ol' Humphrey will kitch youns," she shouted. She was the ugliest woman you ever saw. Towzled hair and dirty red at that, gingham-Mother Hubbard, snub nosed and barefooted. Oh, she was a picture. Johnny Dill, of our company, stepped out of the ranks and surveyed her. "Say," he said, "if you'll find me an uglier woman than you are, I'll give you this five dollar bill." "Just then her sister put her head out of the window and made some remark. "For Lord sake," said Johnny, "there she is. You get the money. "And he went and left the five on the gate post."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

UNINTENTIONAL KINDNESS. A WAITER'S SEEMINGLY TERRIBLE BLUNDER THAT PLEASED A YOUNG LADY.

There is a certain young man who is just at present ruminating over the truism that you can never tell about women. He came to New York a few years ago from a Western city more noted for its piety than anything else, and has been of late living at an up-town hotel. Oddly enough, the early piety instilled in him was not lasting; he has slipped from grace at divers times, and in a certain way cultivated a taste for a cup that cheers. There arrived at his hotel recently a little party from his home city. The party consisted of an old gentleman, his wife and their daughter. The old man was a friend of the young man's father, and the young man had a slight acquaintance with both father and daughter. The elderly man asked the younger one to dine with him in the evening, and the invitation was accepted. When the dinner hour rolled around the little party strolled into the dining room. They found the room to be overflowing, and it was impossible to get four seats together. After some delay it was arranged that the elderly couple should sit at one table and the young man and daughter sit at another. This man had acquired a habit of prefaceing a dinner with a cocktail. He knew well the feeling of his host on the subject, but he wanted the cocktail badly. He knew the waiter also, and calling him over told him quietly to bring a cocktail in a teacup. The waiter smiled knowingly and went off. Shortly he returned with a teacup, and the young man alone knew it contained a cheering mixture of whiskey and bitters. The waiter was in his day and generation a wise man. He had seen this particular man drink in the house under all conditions, but never by stealth. He set his gigantic brain to work, and he evolved the idea that secrecy was for the benefit of the girl, and so he set the cup down directly in front of her and smiled with a self-satisfied smirk at the man. The man glowered and choked, but could say nothing. The girl looked suspiciously at the cup, and then picked it up and smelled it. Then a great light came into her face and she fairly beamed. She raised the cup to her lips and pausing, smiled across at the man, and said softly: "It was so kind of you! Just what I wanted. No one but you would have thought of it. Positively, you are a genius," and while the mellow liquid flowed down the girl's throat the man sat and blinked and blinked. Now he thinks the younger generation of that village is not so bad after all, and he is talking of making a long-postponed visit to his home.—New York Tribune.

AN ARROGANT FATHER HUMBLING BY HIS TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SON.

"It is an everlasting and incontrovertible fact," remarked the under-sized man, "that pride goes before a fall. I used to have some doubts on the subject, but they have all been swept away by the events of this afternoon." "It was a sudden conversion?" "Yes; but it was a complete one. I am not in the habit of gloating over the misfortunes of others, but I must confess that a great wave of satisfaction went over me when I saw the proud structure of self-esteem which Loftins has been rearing all these years totter and tumble to the dust." "Has he met with difficulty?" "Yes. And it did me good to see the way he got red in the face and then turned pale when he realized his position." "He has a haughty manner. You see, he is a self-made man, and, as a consequence, takes especial pride in his success. Reverses cannot fail to go hard with him." "This one did." "You were with him when the blow fell. And instead of sympathizing with him you turn around and exalt in his misery." "Well, if you want to put it in that kind of language, it's what I'm doing. He had been talking loud and had half succeeded in convincing me that I didn't know much, and that what I did know wasn't of any account. He had been laying down the law on every question that came up for conversation, and showing me where all the theories I had ever formed about anything from politics to boiling an egg were totally wrong. Then came the crash, the awful instant in which what seemed to be a tower of strength proved as flimsy and perishable as the decoration on a wedding cake!" "The blow came in the shape of a telegram?" "No. It was delivered by one of his own family. He had just settled back in his chair, with his thumbs in the armholes of his vest, to enjoy my silent embarrassment, when his 12-year-old son came into the room with a lot of things he wanted his father to tell him about the siege of Troy, the battle of Thermopylae and how to extract the cube root."—Washington Star.

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PUBLIC SERVANTS AND THEIR MASTERS.

False or imperfect conceptions as to the relationship existing between public servants and their masters, the people, give rise to misconceptions as to the correct nature of mutual obligations to be discharged, and to corresponding derelictions, on the part of both servant and master.

We have been taught to regard the will of the people, the masters, as supreme, as all potent in formulating, regulating, and executing the governmental affairs of the nation, and it is quite a popular sentiment to esteem the masters as being above criticism, to look upon them rather as infallible arbiters than as representing at times uncertain, though forcible, factors in national existence.

An unbiased observation of things political as they exist, as they have existed from time to time, must persuade the impartial student of human affairs to maintain that: Failure, incompetency, and dishonesty in the administration of public offices rest fully as much, if not more, with the masters than with the servants.

Let us see: A majority political party elects public officers to serve the whole people. But is it not true that the officials thus chosen have been educated in a large measure to religiously regard their party as the people? Is it not true that they have been taught, all along the line of practical politics, to substantially serve their party, first; to monopolize patriotic purposes, in pretension at least, for the glory of their party, first? Is it not true that public questions, including those of far-reaching economic importance, are very frequently determined not with special regard for the general public good, but upon the basis of party expediency?

Public servants are just what their masters make them, and if the real relationship which should exist between public servants and the people as a whole is obstructed from view, and therefore disregarded, the masters are to blame as well as the servants, and more so.

The Philadelphia Inquirer of recent date contained a portrait and sketch of Hon. B. W. Dambly, editor of the Skippack Transcript, and prospectively a candidate for State Senator to succeed Mr. Saylor. We wish neighbor Dambly further success in the realm of politics and statesmanship. We conjecture, however, that Mr. Dambly will finally conclude to ask his former constituents to return him to the House at Harrisburg, and that his request will be granted.

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Masters as well as servants have highly important duties to perform, in the discharge of which the common good of all must be regarded as paramount. The real upholders of the nation will never be found among those who persist in making as little effort as possible along the line of correct practical example, and in creating a lot of noise with their mouths in highfalutin, condemnatory speeches, after the primary meetings and elections have been held.

Masters should also acutely remember that their servants must not be condemned without sufficient cause. A popular fad, hatched in prejudice and developed amid the miasma of poisonous and erroneous notions, has destroyed the public career of more than one conscientious, clear-headed statesman. And in this work of destruction the masters clearly cheated themselves! Approval as well as condemnation must be based upon sufficient reason; if not so based, approbation is but rapid flattery; condemnation, cruelty.

It is within the power of the people, the masters, to be right or wrong, to be just or unjust, to be wise or otherwise, prudently economical or wastefully extravagant, and as the people are so will be their servants; no better, no worse.

The Republican State Convention will be held at Harrisburg to-day. It is generally expected that James A. Beacom will be nominated for State Treasurer, and Levi G. McCauley for Auditor General.

Yes, Brother Roberts, the drift of your argument is plain. With silver 40 to 1, as you put it, the credit of the government certainly practically goes bail for the difference. Don't you think the government is doing more than enough now with a depreciated currency without asking Uncle Sam to over-reach his credit? Certainly you do.

WITH wheat selling at \$1.06, and as high as \$1.17 per bushel, it is in place to anticipate a particularly interesting Thanksgiving Day, 1897, for the farmers of the United States. Everybody rejoices that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon the agriculturists, the basic supporters of every industry in existence.

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Their money goes for the training and maintenance of a host of fighters. The United States believes a mind taught to think is better than a body taught to fight. Its money goes for the preservation of the public school system. The sudden rise of this country among the nations of the world seems to indicate that the latter is the best policy.

Politics and Prosperity.

From the Philadelphia Times. However much it may be considered a reproach upon the intelligence of the people, the rule is inexorable that the party under whose power national prosperity is attained is certain to be credited with the achievement, and to be invincible until some form of reaction shall come. Cleveland was called to the Presidency in 1893 just when the policy of the Republican party was about to reach its climax in the misfortunes it brought upon the people. His election had no more to do with the financial and industrial depression that followed than had the waxing and waning of the moon, but it was under his administration that paralysis and distress came, and he and his party were held responsible for it, resulting in their disastrous defeat from year to year.

The Wilson tariff had just about as much to do with the distressed condition of our manufacturing interests as the ebb and flow of the tide. It was liberally protective in every feature where protection was reasonably required, and the measure of protection it gave exceeded that ever asked for by the manufacturers of this country before the war, when our industries were struggling in swaddling clothes, but it was under the Wilson tariff that the hum of the spindle was silent and the rude music of our forges ceased, and that single fact unsupported by logic made the argument that had defeated the monopoly tariff of 1890 by over a million, return to even a higher monopoly tariff in 1897.

Had there been no change whatever in the tariff policy of the government the country would have regained a high measure of prosperity during the present year. We have for the first time in the last six years, had a broad, substantial foundation for national prosperity in abundant crops and high prices for agricultural products. When the agricultural interests of the country are prosperous the whole nation must share that prosperity, but when they are sorely depressed as they were several years, it is not possible for prosperous industry and trade in other channels. This year we have the second crop unusually large in volume and commanding full remunerative prices. With this sure foundation of national prosperity we should have had a season of business and industrial advancement with or without the passage of the new tariff, but it is none the less the truth that public sentiment in business circles awaited the enactment of the new tariff to inaugurate an era of general business confidence, and to that extent chiefly has the tariff added the present tide of prosperity.

Neither party was wholly responsible for the terrible depression of the last four years, nor is either party wholly responsible for the dawn of prosperity that is upon us, but the party under which disaster comes is certain to suffer defeat, and the party under which prosperity comes is certain to maintain success.

EDITORIAL SCINTILLATIONS. From where we stand it looks as if Brother Hama had rigged up a Chilkoot Pass for the Ohio Democrats.—Chicago News.

Secretary Sherman will neither die nor resign to please his critics. He proposes to uphold the traditions of Ohio.—Dallas News.

It has taken Weyer a long time to convince Spain that he is a failure. The rest of us realized it some time ago.—Chicago Post.

The best time for a public official to deny an interview is before he submits to it.—Chicago Times-Herald.

In looking the field carefully over it will be discovered that the calamity crop is the only one that is notably short.—Detroit Free Press.

The fact that Mr. Platt has no time to go fishing may be construed as a confession that he has not a Matt Quay cinch on New York.—Washington Post.

General Coxy insists that if he must keep off the grass the safest place for him is the middle of the road.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Senator Stewart climbs into the prosperity band wagon, but he wants it understood he isn't one of the hornblowers.—Chicago Tribune.

There seem to be more things in that tariff bill than Mr. Dingley ever dreamed of in his philosophy. Chicago Record.

In addition to their other crops, the farmers are raising lots of mortgages this year.—New York Mail and Express.

Electric Power at Richmond, Va. A project for utilizing the immense water power at Richmond, Va., for the production of electricity is now assuming definite shape. It is believed that when the enterprise is established it will do more for the material development of Richmond than all the other enterprises attempted. There is more than 10,000 undeveloped horse power in the James river at this point, which if converted into electric power would be of great benefit, not only to present manufacturers, but would also tend to bring other manufacturers to the city.

CARRIED OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

BOAT WITH THREE MEN BECAME UN-MANAGEABLE AND UPSET. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., August 22.—Frank Weber, of Buffalo; Warren Bush, 22 years old, of Chicago, a former employe of the United States Express Company, and Charles Glanzer, 29 years of Chicago, employed by the United States Express Company, who have been camping on the banks of the Niagara river, for the past week, with several companions, to-day hired a small boat at La Salle and started to row across the Niagara river to the Canadian shore. In the heavy current their boat became unmanageable and upset. The men were seen by a number of people on shore struggling in the water, but before assistance could reach them all three were carried over the falls on the Canadian side. There is little probability of the bodies being recovered for some weeks.

His Dream Came True. AND THE JOKERS WHO BROUGHT IT ABOUT WERE OUT \$12. From the Atlanta Constitution.

An old Georgia dandy had a dream, and in that dream he saw an iron vessel at the roots of a dead oak tree, and the vessel was filled with silver dollars. He had great faith in dreams, and he communicated this one to his wife, who in turn told it to her neighbors. It got to the ears of two practical jokers about town, who placed a dozen dollars in such a receptacle as the old man's dream had pictured, and buried it beneath "a dead oak tree."

Then one night when the old man went to digging around the dead trees in the vicinity they secreted themselves and watched him at his work. Finally he came to the tree where the dollars were, and presently unearthed them, and at the sight of the silver he fell on his knees and returned thanks to heaven.

Then the young men presented themselves; had a good laugh and explained matters. They had had their fun out of the old man, and now they wanted their money.

"Dat's all right, gent'lmen," he said, "I'er come heah en claim whut de Law say, but I dreamed it, en I digged it, en damn ef I ain't gwine ter hol' it!" He was in earnest. He squared himself, spit on his hands and swung his ax in a threatening manner.

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Your Baby. Requires constant attention. The Home Doctor furnishes common sense advice of the highest medical authority on the care and feeding of infants. Medical advice free, but we have no medicine to sell.

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No matter what the outcome of the coal miners' strike may be the strikers thus far deserve commendation for their peaceable management of it.—Chicago Times-Herald.

If the slump continues we will soon have free silver without the consent of other nations or any additional legislation.—Washington Post.

Work That Pays. Is that offered in another column by the Chautauque Nursery Co., Geneva, N. Y., to teachers, canvassers, anyone wishing employment. Would advise writing them. S3ym.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

While some of the weather wise ones were about to begin... Predicting the advent of a drought...

Trinity Sunday School, of this borough, will hold its annual outing, or celebration, at Sanatoga Park next Saturday.

As previously announced, the Lutheran Sunday School, of Trappe, will go on an excursion to Fairmount Park next Saturday.

In my veins," said the mosquito proudly, "flows some of the best blood of the best families of New Jersey."

The Human Band of Roversford will furnish the music at the Almshouse picnic on Saturday, September 4.

The annual picnic of the Lower Providence Alumni was held on Worrall's island, near this borough, Saturday.

Rev. S. O. Perry, of Eagleville, conducted religious services at the Aged Woman's Home, Norristown, Sunday afternoon.

Judge Endlich, of Berks county, refused to naturalize a number of applicants on Saturday because they could neither read nor write the English language.

It is stated that the furnaces of the Allentown Iron Company will be started up on September 1.

It is estimated that there will be a yield of 600,000 bushels of wheat from the 1,700 farms in Clearfield county this year.

Mayor Weidel, of Reading, has appointed sixty six policemen from a crowd of about 1,000 applicants.

In the seven and a half months of this year thirty-four persons have been declared insane by commissions appointed by the Montgomery county court.

Enos Beyer, aged 61 years died Friday afternoon at the residence of his brother, Lewis C. Beyer, in Worcester township.

Among those who were awarded prizes at the Mt. Gretna fair was F. G. Bean, Fairview Village, for poultry.

There are 17,000,000 cows in this country. It is estimated that 5,000,000 of them, whose annual product is valued at \$150,000,000, produce milk for direct consumption.

A peculiar kind of worm is attacking the spruce trees in Allentown. In less than a week's time every vestige of green is stripped from the trees.

Squire B. F. Tyson, of Worcester, is being referred to as a candidate for Director of the Poor, subject to Republican rules.

John Connell, an employe of the Seranton Gas and Water Company, a few days ago sat on a rattlesnake near the Stafford Meadow Brook. He succeeded in killing the reptile, but not until after it had coiled around his leg. It measured four feet in length and had eleven rattles.

The annual picnic of St. James' Sunday School, Evansburg, will be held in the church grove on Saturday of this week. A short service will be held at eleven after which dinner will be provided. Ice cream and other things will also be on sale. All are invited.

Philadelphia Markets. Winter bran, \$1.15 @ 1.25; flour \$3.75 to \$5.00; rye flour, \$3.00; wheat, 1.05 @ 1.10; corn, 39c; oats, 27c; butter, 16 to 18c; poultry, live, 9 1/2 @ 10c, dressed, 10 @ 10 1/2c; turkey, 60 @ 70c, mixed, 50 @ 60c; straw, 50 @ 55c; beef cattle 4 1/2 @ 5c; sheep, 3 @ 4c; lambs, 4 @ 5c; hogs, western, 5 1/2 @ 6c.

Ironbridge: There will be no preaching until further notice is given. Sunday School and C. E. as usual.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Morning service at Union Church, Wetherill Corners, near Shannonsville, has been resumed for the summer and fall at 10.30 o'clock. Service in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Trappe United Evangelical church—Services next Sunday at 2.30 p. m. Sunday school at 1.30 p. m. On September 2 the Young People's Temperance Society will meet at 7.45 in the church. All are invited to attend.

S. S. Assembly at Ringing Rocks Park.

The third annual session of the Pennsylvania Sunday School Assembly began at Ringing Rocks Park Monday morning, and will continue until Friday (tomorrow) morning.

Killed by a Runaway Horse.

A fatal runaway accident occurred at Parkerford, Chester county, Tuesday. A team of horses took fright at a railroad train and dashed down the public street.

Convention of Sunday Schools.

The convention at Perkiomen Seminary Thursday of Sunday schools belonging to the Schwenkfeld denomination was largely attended.

Victim of a Trolley Accident Dead.

William Andren, a Swede, died Saturday night at Charity Hospital from the effects of injuries received in the collision of trolley cars near Jeffersonville ten days ago, in which a dozen persons were more or less hurt.

Dedication of the New School Building at Mont Clare.

The new school building at Mont Clare, Upper Providence township, will be dedicated next Monday, August 30, at 2.30 p. m.

The Sunday School of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, will convene the children to the scene of their days' outing will leave the church grounds at eight o'clock.

Trinity S. S. Will Picnic at Sanatoga.

The Sunday School of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, will picnic at Sanatoga Park next Saturday, August 28.

Runaway Accident.

Mr. Wm. Shearer, of Eagleville, was engaged yesterday morning in driving a new horse. The animal did some rearing and plunging and these antics served to frighten a horse belonging to Benjamin Kugler who was driving after it.

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Faithful Servant of Uncle Sam.

The Skipack Transcript says: Few people know that Joseph C. Lenhart, of Centre Square, who carries the mails between that place and Belfry, has been serving in that capacity for at least 26 years.

The Real Estate Market.

Improvement in business circles, due in a large measure to the increased demand for farm products, with a corresponding increase in prices, will favorably affect the real estate market.

Forged an Endorsement.

P. S. Garman, a well-known farmer of Upper Hanover, is a fugitive, and his absence is believed to be due partly to the fact that he had forged the name of his father, Francis Garman, as the endorser to a note which he gave to County Treasurer D. K. Graber, of Pennsburg, in payment for a horse.

Bridges in Boroughs.

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Artesian Wells.

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John Yokas, 13 years old, an Austrian whose parents reside at Port Kennedy, met with a terrible accident on Sunday morning.

34th Anniversary.

The 34th anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 31, 1897.

W. C. T. U.

The next regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Krusen on Thursday, September 2, at 2.30 p. m.

A Large Egg Plant.

Frank Ruth, who conducts the farm of restaurateur George Smith, in the western end of the borough, exhibited recently an egg plant of his own raising that measured 22 inches in circumference.

Sold at Public Sale.

Last Saturday afternoon at public auction S. R. Snipe sold for H. W. Kratz Esq., executor, the house and lot in Evansburg belonging to the estate of the late Catharine Force, to Miss Mary Force, of that village, for \$775.

Methacton Literary Society.

The Methacton Literary Society of Lower Providence will hold their next regular meeting on Saturday evening, August 28, when the following program will be presented:

Home Missionary Society.

One aim of the Home Missionary Society is to procure suitable homes for the destitute children. In addition to the 4,000 for whom they have already procured homes in the past sixty years and the 300 who are now comfortably placed in homes, they have at the present time under their care, awaiting home, about thirty boys and girls ranging in age from three to twelve years.

Triennial Assessment.

The triennial assessment of all the property in the state will be made by the Port Kennedy assessors for the first time in the history of the state.

Who is Guilty of Such Wicked Conduct?

Every night red lights are placed at different points along Main street by the Contractors Skelly & Weaver, to warn team drivers of dangerous places.

Quaker City Musicians in Town.

Last Saturday evening the Quaker City Cornet Band, of Philadelphia, excursioned to Collegeville to attend a concert.

Death.

Coras S., daughter of Samuel and Mary Zieher of Lower Providence, died last Thursday, aged six years and four months.

Kicked from a Car in Black Rock Tunnel.

Harry V. Pierce, of Bradford county, is now lying in the Phoenixville Hospital severely injured. The accident happened Saturday, and occurred in this wise.

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THE TURF.

A race between Prince M., a fast pacer owned by Charles Dettwiler, of Philadelphia, and Tom M., owned by Walter McFeat, of Spring City, is being arranged to take place early in September.

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PERSONAL.

A. H. Fetterolf, Ph. D., President of Girard College, and wife, visited relatives in this borough, Saturday.

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Misses Ida and Esther Allebach, of this borough, accompanied by their brother, Mr. Harry Allebach, visited Niagara Falls and Watkins Glen last week. They were delighted with their trip.

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John M. Vanderslice, Esq., and family, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Dr. James Hamer, this place.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunsicker, and Miss Jennie Williams, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Hunsicker, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Hunsicker, of Norristown, were the guests of Mrs. Mary Bartman, of Fifth avenue, Sunday.

A Big Cannon Casting.

At the Otis Steel Works, Cleveland, Ohio, August 4, the casting of a smooth bore gun on the methods suggested by Dr. R. J. Gatling, of Hartford, Conn., inventor of the Gatling gun, was successfully performed.

OUR NATIONAL BANKS.

A GOOD SHOWING MADE BY THE REPORT OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON, August 24.—The Treasury Department published today a comparative statement of the resources and liabilities of all the national banks in the country on July 23, compared with the last call made this year.

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July 14, 1896, individual deposits \$1,688,000,000; lawful money reserve, \$344,000,000; loans and discounts, \$1,959,000,000.

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By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county, will be exposed for sale on Friday, WEINSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1897, at 2 o'clock, on the premises, in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., a certain tract of valuable real estate: A tract of 23 acres and 13 perches and 14 acres and 60 perches in Lower Providence township, being a quarter of a mile from Providence Square. The property is within a short distance of the Germantown Pike and extending a quarter of a mile from Providence Square. The entire tract is well cultivated and under a high state of cultivation. The improvements consist of a 3-story stone dwelling house with mansard roof, containing 11 rooms with cellar kitchen and large hall; a large frame barn, 3 wagon sheds, a carriage house, a corn crib, pig pen, and grain house. There is an abundance of good spring water. There is a small strip of woods, an orchard, fruit and shade trees, grape vines, and a large truck patch. The location of this property is excellent, being in the midst of a splendid farming

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 For ALLENTOWN—Week days—9.06, 10.17 a. m.; 3.23, 5.11, 6.54 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m.; 7.42 p. m.
Trains For Collegeville.
 Leave PHILADELPHIA—Week days—7.45, 9.15 a. m.; 1.43, 4.15, 5.37 p. m. Sundays—7.30 a. m.; 6.15 p. m.
 Leave BRIDGEPORT—Week days—8.30, 9.57 a. m.; 3.30, 4.57, 6.20 p. m. Sundays—7.47 a. m.; 7.04 p. m.
 Leave PERKIOMEN JUNCTION—Week days—8.50, 10.13 a. m.; 3.00, 5.11, 6.28 p. m. Sundays—8.08 a. m.; 7.25 p. m.
 Leave ALLENTOWN—Week days—4.25, 7.15, 10.50 a. m.; 3.35 p. m. Sunday—4.35 a. m.; 4.35 p. m.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
THE BEARING YEARS OF THE PEACH AND THE APPLE.

It is seldom that an apple orchard gives a good crop of fruit two years in succession unless under skillful management, but the peach will produce an annual crop under favorable conditions. Unfortunately for peach trees, however, they are subject to so many influences that the conditions are even less favorable than for apples or pears. The peach has a large seed in proportion to pulp, and the drain on the trees when the crop is large is very severe. Peach trees, in proportion to size and age, perform more work of production than any others, and the exhaustion of the tree and surrounding soil is due to the rapid growth of new wood and the large number of seeds when a crop is very heavy. Half a century ago, when the varieties were fewer and "volunteer" trees appeared from seed thrown in out-of-the-way places, the farmer sometimes secured a desirable kind; but more frequently the fruit was lacking in quality, the trees being hardier, however, than those now in use. This is due to the fact that diseases of the trees are spread by budding from trees that are apparently healthy but which are diseased. In order to secure quality something had to be sacrificed, and it was hardiness. Formerly the peach trees lived for twenty years or more, but at the present day they begin to fail and die before the orchard is five years old.

The climate has much to do with success. There are now "peach belts," but these belts do not remain stationary. In locations where the peach once thrived the trees no longer give good results. This fact has received much attention from horticulturists, though but little light has been thrown upon it. Mr. J. F. Taylor, of Michigan, who has studied the subject carefully, concludes that exhaustion of the soil of those elements best suited for the peach is the prime cause of failure, and that when a tree bears two years abundantly in succession it must recuperate, as the strain is too severe. A dry summer, which ripens the fruit buds in early autumn, if followed by a warm October and a cold winter, is injurious. A very mild winter, which may cause the sap to flow freely, if followed by zero weather in March, is also more or less an obstruction to good results, and early blooming, followed by cold, wet weather, which is often productive of leaf curl, causes the young fruit to drop and leads to unfruitfulness. Heavy rains while the trees are in bloom, and the depositions of insects, are also detrimental, but the climate is the main cause of most failures.

Trees should not be neglected, and a crop of grass may ruin a peach orchard; hence cultivation is necessary, yet it is not advisable to force young trees too rapidly in growth. As a rule the apple tree makes more growth of wood during off-bearing years than when a full crop is produced, and the peach tree also grows a larger proportion of new wood, which adds further to exhaustion. If this large amount of wood is not cut back the roots will be taxed to supply extra sap and to feed more buds and fruit than can be properly performed. Old wood that is useless also injures the tree to a certain extent. Pruning the peach tree, even cutting back severely, is usually beneficial, and thinning out the fruit, so as to prevent overproduction, will prolong its existence. If the orchard is on a field that is in clover, and plowed under, but little nitrogenous fertilizer will be required, but the orchard demands liberal applications of potash and phosphates. As much as 300 pounds of bone meal per acre is not an excess, and 200 pounds of sulphate of potash may be applied. Wood ashes is an excellent form of potash, and as ashes are rich in lime they are better than the potash salts, half a ton per acre being a moderate allowance.

It will soon be the time for seeding down fall wheat. In addition to preparing the land carefully the seed should be sown or drilled rather early than late, as it will become better rooted and more capable of enduring severe cold. At the same time too much growth is not desirable. The wheat field should be laid off so as to avoid water standing on any portion, and the ground should be deeply plowed in order to allow the water and air to penetrate the soil. If wheat grows sufficiently to cover the ground it will protect itself to a certain extent.
 Many of the hardships of farming would be overlooked if more attention could be given the crops intended for home use by the farmer. When farmers buy their strawberries, celery, cauliflower, egg plants, sweet corn, green peas, etc., they send away the cash derived from less remunerative crops, or do without the luxuries, subsisting on homely fare, of which pork and potatoes form the principal dishes. The farmer cultivates 10 acres of grain to procure the articles elsewhere that he could grow on one acre. Every dollar saved by grow-

ing at home that which is required is a dollar profit because the labor may at times cost nothing unless it can be applied. Idleness is a loss just as much as work that is done without compensation.

One of the directions in which progress has been slow among farmers is the securing of daily reports of prices of perishable products. In some sections farmers' organizations have been useful in imparting information on prices, but they are local and can only benefit a few. Any plan which may be useful in that respect will also serve to induce farmers to watch the markets more closely. Some of them ship their produce not knowing the condition of the markets and break prices unintentionally.

The maggots which annoy sheep so severely are hatched from eggs deposited in the nostrils by a fly, and the sheep use every effort possible to prevent the fly from so doing. One remedy is to put tar on the nostrils. This may be done by placing wood tar where the sheep can get at it and throwing a handful of salt on the tar, the sheep getting the tar on the nostrils while eating the salt.

Unproductive land is a tax on the farmer and reduces the receipts derived from the whole farm because labor must be bestowed upon it at the expense of some other portion. Every piece of land should be made to produce something, not by taking off a crop without adding an equivalent therefor to the land, but by first bringing the land up with manure or fertilizers and then making it pay for that which was expended upon it. The farm should not have a fertile field surrounded by poor land, but the whole should be made to produce to the highest capacity.

The grading of fruit and market produce should be a matter of careful attention by shippers, instead of being left to the merchants who handle the goods. When articles are not graded the inferior kinds reduce the prices of the whole, but by selecting the best as special lots prices may be secured that will bring more for the choice than for all. Grading produce also saves hauling and transportation expenses, as it reduces the bulk of that which is sold.

One of the mistakes frequently made is that of reducing the amount of fertilizer used on the land after the farm begins to improve. The rule should be to use as much fertilizer as possible necessary for the production of a crop in order to keep up the fertility of the soil. Every year fertilizers become lower in price, especially in phosphates, and also due to the growing of green crops for manurial purposes. If they are applied and do not give results the first year they will leave the land ready for a larger succeeding crop.

In regard to detasseling corn—that is, to break down the tassels or remove them, a practice which has been advocated, as enabling the farmer to secure larger yields—experiments show that there is nothing gained by so doing, while the labor required is an item of expense that is bestowed when the farmer can be growing green fodder of some other crop for cattle food.

Potash increases the starch and sugar in fruits, not by entering directly into the composition thereof, but by enabling the plants to appropriate more carbon and by its chemical effect in the soil. There are many processes which occur in the soil that are unknown, but experiments have long ago demonstrated the fact that in the use of potash for fruits the proportion of sugar is increased.

The excessive rainfall of last month will leave the land wet in some fields, and the cultivator should be used as soon as possible in order to allow the warm air to dry the soil and to loosen the crust if the top is baked. This is important if the field is in cabbage or turnips.

Growers who raise cucumbers for market say the first crop from a particular field is better than any subsequent one. The soil becomes filled with enemies of the crop and a change is necessary. Some growers find it advisable to take new soil every year.

Remove the earth around the trees about six or eight inches below the level of the ground and look for borers. To prevent the moths from depositing eggs on the tree (which she does at the level of the ground) paint the trunk below and above the ground with equal parts of lard oil and pine tar, adding a teaspoonful of carbolic acid to a pint of the mixture. Anoint every portion of the tree, allowing no exposure of even the least part.

Much disappointment results sometimes because the trees bought are not true to variety, and an mistake cannot be discovered until some varieties begin to bear there is a loss to the grower. It is difficult to prevent the mixture of varieties, as even the most careful nurseryman is liable to graft or bud scions on stocks, owing to defective labels or negligence of employees.

Manure should never be placed in heaps in the field before spreading, if it can be avoided, for the reason that a rain will remove some of the soluble portions and leave the field richer on those spots where the manure was placed than on others, rendering the field unsightly. It is more advantageous to spread the manure at time of hauling it to the field.

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