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The East Oregonian.

A Water Lily at Evening.

Sleep, lily on the lake. Without one troubled dream Thy lashed robes to break. Until the morning beam Shall open thy glad heart again. To live its life apart from pain.

Nat Ruggles' Charge.

"Don't you think I can manage to get through?" asked a man in the undress uniform of a United States Army officer. "I think I kin," answered his companion.

Weighing the Thanksgiving Turkey.

"Here, sir! Please take this bird around to Albro's, and see how much it weighs." The idea of what would the folks over the way say, to see the "Professor" walking out with a big turkey under his arm!

A Light in the Window.

Off the coast of one of the Orkney Islands, stood a lonely rock, against which in stormy nights the boats of returning fishermen often struck and were lost.

A Fascinating Scoundrel.

The arrest of John Bagges Hooper, alias Maj. John Thomas and Charles Chapman, at St. John, N. B., the other day, for forgery, brings up the career of a remarkable swindler.

An Army of Ants.

Mr. Bolt gives the following graphic account of the excitement caused by a marching column of Eciton in the prairie forests of Nicaragua: "My attention was generally first called to them by the twittering of small birds belonging to different species."

Shoeing Horses and Shoeing Persons.

Historians inform us that the favorite horses of the Roman Emperor Nero and his wife were shod with silver and gold.

Nevertheless, I must take the risk.

My wife, whom I have not seen for two years, is lying at the point of death within a hundred miles of me, and I must see her at all hazards.

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As many banks as she had spun before.

As many banks as she had spun before, and one over, to buy her nightgown, and from that time to this, for fifty years, through youth, maturity and old age, she has turned night into day, and in the snow-storms of winter, through driving mists, deceptive moonlight and solemn darkness, that northern harbor has never once been without the light of her candle.

How many lives she saved by this candle.

How many lives she saved by this candle, she would never know, but she would like to know the number of the boatmen, steadily as constant care could make it. Always brighter when daylight waned, the fishermen had only to keep it constantly in the view and were safe: there was but one chance of disaster.

But what of the boatman and boat.

But what of the boatman and boat, the poor woman thought? Do they pay the poor woman? No; they are very poor; but poor or rich, they know better than to let the boatman get the best of it.

Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes employs no hair-dresser to artistically braid her front hair and puff the remainder on top of her head. She seems to have a fine suit of hair, which is neatly arranged in a coil at the back of her head.

Society in Ireland.

No one can go into society as represented in the country houses of Ireland without being struck by the singular absence of veneer which he will find there.

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Cap'n, you'd ought ter hev an escort of at least twenty men, if you will go," remarked the guide. "Twenty men!" queried the officer. "Why, there are only sixty men at the post. Not one can be spared, for the post is likely to be attacked at any time."

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The Advantages of Early Poverty.

It is far from being always a disadvantage to young men that they should commence life in poverty. In explanation of this the *Chronicle* writes on the plain.

Dr. King's favorite.

Dr. King's favorite, the Duke of Buckingham, had his diamonds tucked loosely on, and when he chose to shake off a few on the ground, he never took them back again.

Favors.

In the following address, which we find in an exchange, we think the writer considerably strains his point, and yet there are suggestions which few can ponder without profit.

A South Specie.

Way down south in Georgia, they are complaining of a rat which has developed alarming propensities. They call him the war rat, saying he came with the invading army years ago.

A STRANGE HISTORY.

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When Mr. Archibald Forbes met Sir Samuel Baker.

When Mr. Archibald Forbes met Sir Samuel Baker and his wife on their return from Africa, the clever correspondent made the singular observation that Sir Samuel, who had lived on oatmeal and water for months, took exception to the style in which the first fried sole he had eaten for many years was cooked.

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