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The women will of course be glad to paint their faces to match their new hair and gowns, but some careless people will appear in public without dyeing their hands to correspond.

Oriental skirts are now being shown in Paris, and it remains to be seen whether Father will put them on mornings by mistake.

Hoboes hiking in California broke into a bath house at San Diego. It is strange what risks some people will run.

The world's greatest cannon is to be located at the entrance of the Panama Canal, not excepting even Uncle Joe.

STAR TO ENTERTAIN.

Baker and Elgin Initiatory Teams Will Put on Degree Work.

Eastern Star members are busy today making preparations to entertain a large number of their members from Baker and Elgin here Wednesday. The Baker chapter will come in full strength and put on the ritualistic work, while Elgin's chapter will confine its work to the floral degree. The local chapter has the largest class to initiate that has ever been put through at one time in the history of Eastern Oregon and with the big banquet which is now in preparation every member of the Star is busy today.

TALK ON "CHURCH BABIES."

Evangelist Cairns Hits the People Who Join the Church And Don't Progress.

Yesterday was a great day for the Baptist congregation. All the services were well attended and at the evening services the church auditorium was crowded to the doors. At the morning service Rev. Cairns, the evangelist, created considerable laughter as he described "Church Babies," those people who join the church but never grow up." He said, "There is nothing that causes a pastor more trouble than these grown people who join the church but whose skin is as thin as a baby's. They are constantly having their feelings hurt. The pastor must rock and rock the cradle to keep them from howling. They need a first class spanking. A real Christian will have a skin like an alligator's hide and nothing will hurt their feelings."

At the afternoon service a goodly crowd of men assembled to hear Mr. Cairns talk to men only on the theme, "Four Forths a Man."

At the evening service he pled with men and women to break with sin and turn to God. At the close of the service several adults took the hand of the evangelist as an evidence of their determination to live for Christ. To-night Mr. Cairns will speak on the subject, "La Grande Hypocrites." On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock Mr. Cairns will deliver Bible lectures at the church. All are cordially invited.

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The Scrap Book

Not So Slow After All. At one time a German university developed the mania for conferring honorary degrees, and a Scottish doctor named MacTavish, who had obtained his degree by diligent labor, became disgusted. He sent a polite letter to the faculty, asking them to bestow a degree upon his servant. The doctor was a great man, and the jocose nature of the request was not suspected, so the parchment was accordingly sent him.

After acknowledging its receipt, the physician added that, since they were so kind as to give his servant a degree, it would add to his obligation if they would confer one upon his favorite horse. But the faculty, the joke once fairly scented, rose to the occasion. "We are obliged," they wrote, "respectfully to decline granting so distinguished a favor. We have searched all college records for a precedent, but the only one we have found is the fact that some years ago a degree was conferred upon an ass named MacTavish."—Lippincott's.

Service. The sweetest lives are those to duty wed. Whose deeds, both great and small, Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread, Where love ennobles all. The world may sound no trumpet, ring a bell; The book of life the shining record tells. Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes, After its own life working. A child's kiss Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad! A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong; Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense. Of service which thou renderest. —Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Got Real Nippy. Before the passage of the present strict banking laws in one of our newer states starting a bank was a comparatively simple proposition. The surprisingly small amount of capital needed is well illustrated by the story a prosperous country town banker told on himself when asked how he happened to enter the banking business: "Well," he said, "I didn't have much else to do, so I rented an empty store building and named 'bank' on the window. The first day I was open for business a man came in and deposited \$100 with me, the second day another man dropped in and deposited \$250, and so, by George, along about the third day I got confidence enough in the bank to put in \$100 myself!—Everybody's.

Between Two Baths. A Missouri official returned in very moderate circumstances to his home town after a long career in office. His fellow townsmen thought to buy a house and present it to him.

The Missouri statesman was noted for his ability to keep on the fence. He never took a positive stand on anything, but fended one way and then another and compromised by remaining on the tight wire.

The committee went to look at a house. It was a good house, with plenty of rooms and two bathrooms. All were pleased except one man, who said nothing.

"How about it, Bill?" the other committee men asked. "Do you think this house is all right?"

"None," replied Bill. "It's insanitary."

"Insanitary? Why, man, you're crazy. It has good plumbing and two bath rooms."

"That's jest it," said Bill. "Them two bathrooms is what I don't like. He'd never get to take a bath with two bathrooms in the house, because he couldn't decide to use one without bein' afraid he'd hurt the feelin's of the other."—Saturday Evening Post.

His Glaring Escape. In some private theatricals in a New York mansion recently a fugitive from justice was supposed to escape from his pursuers by concealing himself under a table. The table was small, and the terrified fugitive was somewhat long.

The commander of the pursuing party rushed on the stage and fell over the legs of the man he was searching for. Picking himself up and indifferently rubbing his shins, he convulsed the audience by exclaiming in true dramatic style: "Ha, ha! The dastardly villain has studied us again!"

Making the Dumb Speak. A man had lost all power of speech for over a year, writes Sydney Holland in the London Express. His wife brought him to the London hospital to see one of our physicians, who quickly realized that there was nothing whatever the matter with him and that he was merely suffering from the reverse of faith healing—that is, "imaginary disease suffering."

In the patient's hearing he told a

student to fetch the largest forceps he could find and added, "It may hurt him, but I can remove the growth." "Now, shout out if I hurt you," said the physician as he plunged the forceps down the man's throat. "Heavens!" the patient shouted. "That's right," the physician said. "I have got it away."

The man went away not only speaking, but swearing, and it is said, but I will not vouch for the rest of the story, that his wife came back a week later and begged us to do something to the man, who talked so incessantly to make up for lost time that they were all driven wild.

OIL UPON THE WATERS.

Its Action in Calming the Billows of a Stormy Sea.

Literally as well as figuratively, to pour oil upon the troubled waters is to calm them to a degree. This has been known from time immemorial, although its scientific explanation is not any too familiar even at the present day. The secret of the phenomenon lies in the fact that oil is extremely viscous—that is to say, it is of aropy consistency, sticky and adhesive, and can be spread out into a very thin but comparatively strong sheet.

It forms a thin film between the metals and so protects them from the wear of direct contact with each other. Oil is lighter than water and when poured upon it remains upon the surface. As the surface tension of water is stronger than that of oil, the oil is immediately drawn out over the water in a very thin body, forming a sort of blanket, which presents a considerable resistance to the motions of the element beneath. The water waves still roll almost as high as before, but they are unable to break into ripples, so that the stormy sea, when covered, presents a surface of huge undulations, but smooth ones.

Ships are able to ride such waves with comparative ease. It is the waves that break that present the real danger to the mariner.—Boston Herald.

OUTER SPACE.

Showing How Far It Is From Being Empty of Matter.

"When we speak of outer space, the space between star and star, as being empty of matter, it is rather interesting to see exactly what we mean," says a writer. "We know from observations on the planets that light, in its passage across space to our earth, suffers hardly any absorption, and from this fact we can deduce conclusions respecting the density of such matter as exists in outer space."

"If the degree of rarefaction in outer space is, for example, in the neighborhood of the one hundred millionth part of an atmosphere, then the appearance of Jupiter, for instance, would be as if our atmosphere had twice its present opacity. So that such matter as exists must be in a much more rarefied state. But, after all, these terms are only comparative.

"Suppose our atmosphere were allowed to expand up to the limits of the visible universe as far as the Milky way. Then its rarefaction would be such that it would be quite impossible, by any optical means, to detect the presence of any matter. Nevertheless, there would be about 5,000 molecules per cubic centimeter through out space."

Treeless Falkland Islands.

There are no trees in the Falkland Islands, consequently the country presents a bleak appearance. In the autumn the long grass, turning somewhat grayish, imparts a disagreeable and monotonous aspect to the hillside. On the return of spring the ranchers used to have a glorious time of it in literally setting the camp on fire. This was done by simply striking a match on the saddle pommel and casting it into the midst of the withered grass. No coning was needed, as the material was withered and dry as tinder. Presently the mountain side would be fringed with one long line of raging flames and curling smoke. Thus was the pasture renewed. Although no trees grow in these islands, there is ample evidence of the land having once been thickly wooded.—Chambers' Journal.

Old Dances In Old Times.

In Edward Scott's "Dancing in All Ages" are some curious details about the dances of old England.

"Joan Sanderston" was a "jolly dance" in Mr. Scott's definition, for before it was ended each lady had kissed all the gentlemen twice, and each man had been equally enterprising. Mary Stuart danced the "Volta," though "not so high and so disposedly" as Elizabeth. In King Charles's time people danced "Trenchmore," the "Cushion Dance," "Omnium Gatherum" and "Holte cum Tolve."

"All in a Garden Green," "Gathering of Peasocks," "Lumps of Pudding," "Under and Over," "The Bath," "The Slaughter House" and "Have at Thy Coat, Old Woman," are dances not quite so old.



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Compound Division.

A Berlin chauffeur named Paul Kugelmann found \$5,500 in notes and gold in his taxicab. No one came forward to claim the money, and the chauffeur, setting aside temptation, reported the matter to the police.

This huge sum remained, according to German law, in the police's keeping for a year, after which the finder could claim the fruits of his good fortune. But when Paul Kugelmann presented his claim he was told that various other claims would have to be settled first. Since the money had been found in Berlin, the Berlin municipality was to receive \$1,500. Because the absent-minded fare halled the chauffeur in the suburb of Wilmersdorf, the Wilmersdorf municipality claimed another \$1,500. The municipality of Charlottenburg, not to be outdone, demanded a similar sum, as Kugelmann lived within its limits.

And while the disgusted chauffeur was reckoning up the balance his employer came forward and asserted that the whole \$5,500 belonged to him, because the automobile in which it had been found was his property.—London Answers.

True Economy.

A certain old housewife believed in "having clothes appropriate to occasions," and she boasted that she could "ret more wear out of a dress" than any one else. When a garment was past its first, second and third stages of usefulness for public wear it was relegated to certain seasons of domestic stress, from which it passed eventually to the ragbag. One gown long dear to her heart had reached this last stage, and she acknowledged it one day to the village seamstress.

"Don't seem as if I'd had half the good I expected to out of it," she said wistfully. "It isn't but eight years since I had it made up. Two years I wore it Sundays, the next two sewing circle afternoons, next two when I went errands to the village, and these last two round the house common. But now"—and she regarded the bundle sorrowfully before stuffing it into the yawning bag—"now 'tisn't even fit to bang out washing in on Mondays!"—Exchange.

Band Dance Tomorrow Night.

All is in readiness for the bandmen's dance which is scheduled for tomorrow night. Professor David Haines has had several practices for this affair and all indications point to a large attendance. In fact every body is going to make one of La Grande summer diversions, namely a well trained band, possible. The music is to be of the very best and the floor is perfect.

Wilson and Pinchot Speak Again.

South Bethlehem, Pa., April 20.—Secretary of Labor Wilson and Gifford Pinchot, Progressive, were scheduled as the feature of tonight's chautauqua meeting. Secretary Wilson will defend the Administration legislative program, and Pinchot will explain and defend the principles of the Progressive party.

Missouri Drainage Delegates Leave.

St. Louis, April 20.—Missouri's delegation to the fourth annual Drainage Congress at Savannah, Ga., April 22 to 25, will leave St. Louis late today. With 2,439,600 acres of rich swamp land in the state, the delegation is strong for drainage and reclamation.

William Knight Dead.

Death yesterday summoned William Knight, for some time an employe of the Palmer mill, and who with his family lived near the mill. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Henry & Carr chapel.

LECTURE SERIES OPENED.

First Number to Non-Catholics Heard Last Evening.

Father Brady opened the course of lectures for non-Catholics at the Catholic church last night and in spite of threatening weather a large assemblage of non-Catholics listened to a masterly discourse on the subject of "The Deathless Church of Christ." Tonight Father Brady will speak on "The Church of Christ, the Citadel of Spiritual Power." He invited all persons to ask whatever questions they chose pertaining to the Catholic religion.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Miss Mabel Wallace of Lethridge Alberta, Canada, is visiting at the home of E. J. Bartmess.

Mrs. Jim Mills sister to W. D. Grandy, arrived this morning from her home near Montreal, Canada, to visit for some time. Her father has not been well for some time and this is the occasion for her coming.

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