THE POOR WHIFFLETIT.

And the Low Down Trick by Which It Is Subdued.

Seating bimself at a restaurant table, a Chicago man said: "Walter, what kind of fish have

"Oh," said the waiter, "all kinds

whitefish, bluefish, graylings, sea bass, weakfish, perch"-"Pshaw!" yawned the customer. "Cut

that out. I'm tired of those common fishes. Ain't you got some new kind of fish-some kind I never ate before? "Well," said the walter, "the whif fletits is very fine this morning."

"What in thunder is a whiffletit?"

"Why, doesn't a fish sharp like you know what a whiffletit is? Common enough here. You see, the whiffletit lives only in circular lakes. You go out and find a circular lake and bire a boat. Then you row out all alone to the middle of the lake, about a mile or so, and anchor. Then you take an augur and bore a hole in the water and balt it by putting a piece of cheese on the edge of the hole. The whiffletit comes up to get the cheese, eats it, and it makes him swell up so that he can't back down the hole."

"Well," said the customer, breath less, "what then?" "Why," replied the walter as he

whiffletit to death. Want a few?"-Cleveland Leader.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

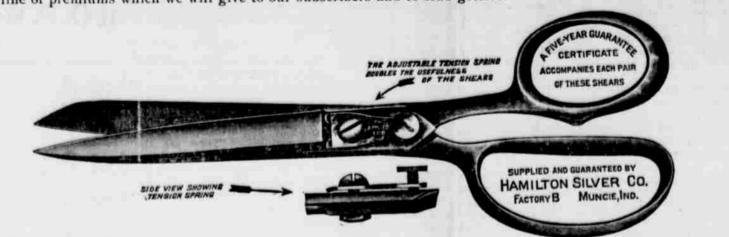
Thrilling Experience of a Cyclist on a Swiss Mountain.

A Dr. Bach was cycling down the pass near Goschenen, in Switzerland, when his brake snapped and the ma chine darted forward at terrific speed. At the foot of the mountain is a bridge spanning a deep river gorge. The physician tried to guide his flying machine on the bridge, but the front wheel struck a side wall, and he was flung over the parapet. While falling through the air he caught a chain hanging from a girder. The momentum of his body, suddenly arrested, nearly wrenched his grip loose, but he was a strong man and kept his hold. While swinging in midair suspended over the raging river and unable to improve his perilous position an automobile came chugging down the pass. The hapless man shouted for help, but he could not be seen from the bridge, and his cries were drowned by the noise of the motor and the sound of the river. A few minutes after the automobile had passed a carriage drove across the bridge. Again he cried out for help, but in vain. The awful strain on arms and fingers was becoming intolerable, and the doctor was about to drop into the torrent to an inevitable death when two peasants came by and saw him. They flung a noose over him and pulled him up. He fainted and was ill for a long time.-Strand Magazine.

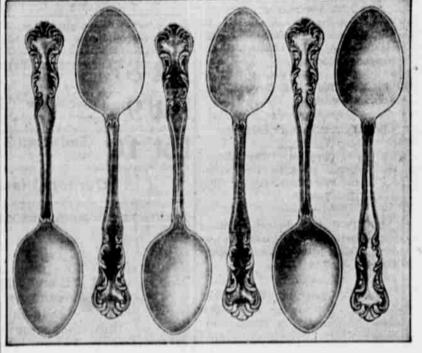
Couldn't Remember His Star. As illustrative of the fits of abstrac tion to which some men are subject in an extraordinary degree, Sir Henry Irving was fond of relating a story of his former manager, Charles Dillon. Some years after "The Bells" had made Irving famous he chanced to meet Dillon and was outspoken in his



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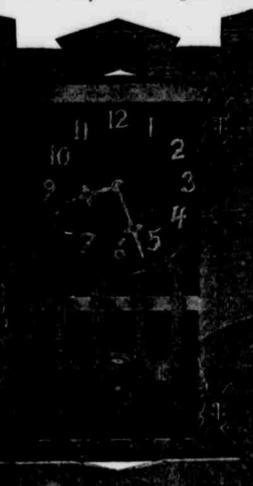


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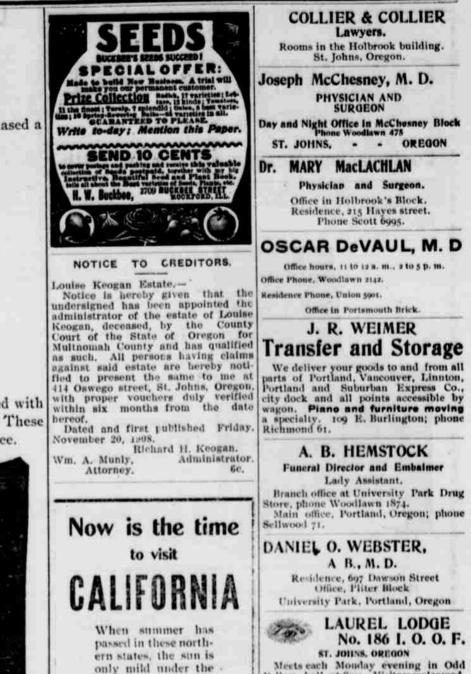
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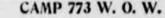


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Dillon looked him over, finally re marking that he had no recollection of him. Irving reminded him of the tour they had made together and mentioned his name. Dillon thought for awhile, and, recognition appearing to dawn upon him, he extended his hand. "Irving? Ob, yes. I remember the name," he declared reminiscently "And what are you doing now, Irving?"-Chleago Record-Herald.

A Poet's Breakfast.

George Meredith and Rossetti were to take up house together, but it occurred to the former to go and see what the house was like first. He arrived at noon. Rossetti was not up. But on the table was his breakfastsix eggs on as many slices of bacon The repast had been waiting some time. The eggs were draining out their lifeblood on the congulating bacon Rossetti came in in a dressing gown, otherwise just as he had got out of bed. He sat down and "devoured the plat like an ogre." Meredith sent him a check for the quarter's rent next day. but he and the poet never kept house together.

An Incident of Travel.

In Nuremberg, having occasion to ask my way, I said in my best Melsterschaft to a gentleman passing:

"Koennen sie mir viellelcht sagen wie man nach das Deutschen museum geht?"

Imagine my mortification when he replied: "I am going that way, I will show you."

We walked on, and, learning that I was an American and had traveled in England, he said:

"I am professor of English here. That is why I speak English so well. But I didn't been in England already once yet."-Lippincott's.

Unlucky For His Side.

"So you cling to that childish super stition about thirteen being unlucky," said the traveler.

"Yes," answered the other. "Can't get away from it." "But see how completely it is dis-

proved. This glorious country started with thirteen colonies." "Very true. But I am an English-

man."-Washington Star.

Innocent.

Mrs. Knicker-How did you know your husband was working down in the office? Mrs. Youngbride-I telephoned, and central said, "Busy."-New York Sun.

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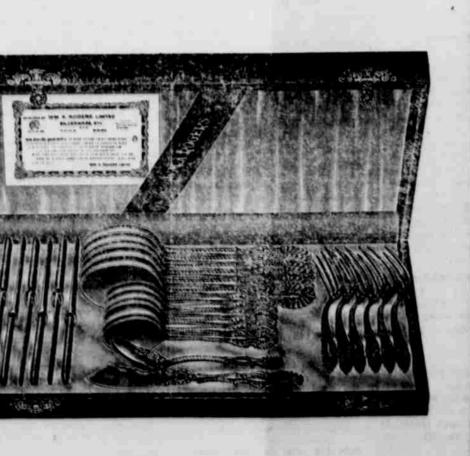


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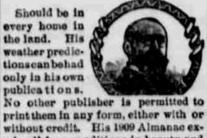
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