

LINCOLN'S PLUG HAT.

A VERITABLE "JOINT OF STEOPEPIE" WITH ROMANTIC BRIM.

It Served as a Title Rack and at One Time Was the Postoffice of New Salem—Its Liveliest Experience Was When It Served as a Football For Ladies.

There are enough of funny incidents reported of Mr. Lincoln's hat to make it "fabled in song and illumined in story." For example, it served as a football on the night of his election to the presidency, when the ladies at the old homestead testified their glee over his good fortune.

A few of our ladies went over and helped Mrs. Lincoln prepare a little supper for the friends of Mr. Lincoln, who had been invited to hear the returns.

Every half hour or so would pass around coffee and cakes. About 1 o'clock in the morning enough had been learned to warrant the belief that the rail splitter had been elected.

It was all the more so, for as I was concerned, for originally I had been a Seward woman. While the convention was in session in Chicago we were waiting to hear the news.

As if not content with his 6 feet 4 or 5 inches of giant stature, Lincoln had his own historic hat made fully a foot high, with a brim almost as big as a southern sombrero.

Representative Springer, who haills from Lincoln's old home, knew the hat well, and in speaking of it recently said: "Mr. Lincoln's high hat was the most indispensable thing of his whole outfit."

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Flecky Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the distinguished traveler who has started upon another journey, although she is now 60 years old, is at present crossing this country on her way to Vancouver.

A Decided Disadvantage. Teacher—Now do you see the difference between animal instinct and human reason? Bright Boy—Yes'm. If we had instinct, we'd know everything we needed to do without learning it, but we've got reason and have to study ourselves 'mos' blind or be a fool.—Good News.

CONCERNING DREAMS.

They Occupy Only a Few Seconds and Are Affected by Events.

Doctors assert that dreams occupy a few seconds only—at most the space of about three minutes. This statement is startling to those who have not noticed for themselves what part time plays in such a connection.

Are dreams affected by the events of our waking hours? Is the question that has been asked ever and over again, but the result of observation leads one to believe in such being the case or not, according to the importance with which we treat them.

To one woman the exercise of hospitality means the entire surrender of her mental domain to all the worries, real or imaginary, consequent upon the preparations for the contemplated entertainment.

There have been striking instances of the brain's power to solve difficult questions during sleep. A case in point is that of a lawyer engaged in a criminal defense.

When exercising the imaginative faculty to any great extent, the dreams will always preserve the general character of the waking hours.

As a continent Africa is the home of a vigorous race of mankind, which, while resisting assimilation with European civilization, defies permanent conquest.

To Keep One's Youth. A distinguished English scientist, Mr. William Kinnear, in a magazine article insists that the secret of perennial youth is to be found in the use of distilled water and phosphoric acid.

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The homely luxury, gingerbread, has been popular ever since the fourteenth century. It was then made and sold in Paris.

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THE LAWYER OF TODAY.

He Is Gradually Becoming More and More of a Specialist.

"There is as much learning here in the legal profession as ever, but it is not an exhibition," said a Philadelphia lawyer. "In the first place, the courts will not condone it as a display."

"Today the practice of law, like other professions, is becoming more and more specialized. A law office is simply a business office, as you may discover by visiting some of the handsome new office buildings down town."

As to young lawyers, however talented they may be, if without social or political prestige, their struggle to advance in the profession is sure to be a hard one.

Another lawyer, older than the other, said: "Progress in the legal profession? Progress is hardly a term to apply to law, for it is founded on precedents, something the other of the law."

The fashionable impetus which it has expected the patronage of the Princess of Wales would give to the occupation of trained nursing in England has not been realized.

A story heard recently accentuates the need of all this. It was related of an English peeress, who, wishing to master the duties of a trained nurse, procured admission to a hospital for such instruction.

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The early traditions concerning the city of Damascus are curious and interesting, even though untrustworthy and contradictory.

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METEMPSYCHOSIS.

It is a poor little timid mink.

That of all kind fates it would seem the best To read Round the slender white throat of sweet Marie.

This instructive imagination—for we are not concerned with mere reminiscence or imagination—has resulted in the creation of the past and there in the discoveries of the man of science, is the highest of human faculties.

Next to the man who invented or discovered fire, the greatest benefactor of the human race will be the man who abolishes smoke.

"Wanted, with a view to matrimony, a young lady to match a bonnet trimmed with green, which I won the other day in a raffle for charitable purposes."

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Advertisement for Swift's Specific, a tested remedy for all Blood and Skin Diseases. Includes text: "A reliable cure for Contagious Eruptions, Scabies, Itch, Eczema, and Skin Cancer."

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Advertisement for Albany Nurseries, featuring Hardy Flowering Shrubs and Roses, Small Fruit Plants, and Grape Vines. Includes text: "ALBANY NURSERIES. Stock Guaranteed True to Name and Free from Insect Pests."

Advertisement for Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, featuring the Steamer 'Homer' between Yaquina and San Francisco, and East and South routes via The Shasta Route.

Advertisement for Krause Bros. City Shoe Store, featuring the latest styles and lowest prices for boots and shoes. Includes text: "KRAUSE BROS. City Shoe Store. Leaders in Latest Styles and Lowest Prices."

Advertisement for Pioneer Bakery and Coffee Saloon, featuring a wide variety of baked goods and coffee service. Includes text: "PIIONEER BAKERY. COFFEE SALOON. Modes & Hall, Proprietors."

Advertisement for E. B. Horning's Grocery, Little Bargain House, featuring a large selection of groceries and household goods. Includes text: "E. B. HORNING'S GROCERY. LITTLE BARGAIN HOUSE. GOOD DINNER."

Advertisement for Benton County Abstract Co., providing complete sets of abstracts and title insurance services. Includes text: "Benton County ABSTRACT CO. Complete Set of Abstracts of Benton County."

Advertisement for C.A. Snow & Co. Patent Office, featuring patent services and the Smith Premier typewriter. Includes text: "C.A. SNOW & CO. PATENTS. THE Smith Premier TYPE-WRITER."

Advertisement for Ferry's Seeds, featuring a variety of agricultural seeds and farming equipment. Includes text: "FERRY'S SEEDS. The sower has no second chance. If you would at first succeed, be sure and start with FERRY'S SEEDS."