

WHIMS OF STUDENTS.

Princeton Boys Making Pets of Reptiles of Every Description. The whims of collegians are like...

The greatest thing the Pittsburgh student did was to have snake fights on the campus, early in the summer...

ARABIAN AMULETS.

Charm Against the Evil Eye, Disease and Bad Luck. Next to a commercial grandee you...

These charms are more frequently written on paper to be folded and enclosed in amulets, which are generally square or triangular in shape...

"Tell me, Baia, what do you do when you fall ill. I suppose you call in a doctor?"

COURTSHIP IN CA.

The Eminent Practical Nature of Our Canuck Cousins. Canada may be several laps behind...

A certain business idea underlies all their actions and crops out in national as well as in individual concerns.

Courtship is a business, possibly a pleasant one, but invariably a short one.

Are the Canadian girls pretty? Well, rather, and still better, they are all trained to make good housekeepers.

MOMENTS OF TERROR.

Hair-Straightening Experiences in the Shaft of a Nevada Mine.

"I was working at the Chollar in 1866," said an old-timer the other night. "We were sinking the shaft with a bucket, and were down over five hundred feet."

"But I want to tell you another scrape I had in that shaft a few days before: I was being lowered on the bucket, and when about two hundred feet down it caught on one side and stuck there."

A Bit of Bric-a-Brac.

"Young man," said a Philanthropist to a very ragged and dirty little urchin, "why don't you go home and wash yourself?"

DIMINUTIVE SOLDIERS.

The Military Establishments of the Central American Republics. Traveling from Panama northward along the Pacific coast one is immediately made to feel that each of the Central American Governments has an army.

He is a very polite little man, and as he walks he deck he bows to all the ladies. Then he takes another drink with the captain, pronounces the ship's papers correct, and passes ashore.

The private is a low-cast native; he does not show much Castilian blood; he wears sandals instead of shoes; his forage-cap is two sizes too large and rests on his ears, and his business seems to be to lie in the sun and to fire salutes to the president.

Not many days ago, on the arrival of the President in the town, the artillery brought out two small, Fourth-of-July looking cannon to fire him a salute of two guns.

MANUFACTURE OF SNUFFS.

Some of the Many Ingredients Which Enter Into Its Composition. In the manufacture of snuff in this country the finest Virginia leaf tobacco is used, which is considerably modified by carrying the fermentation much further than in tobacco intended for smoking, and is simply ground and sifted.

"In our Jersey City factory," said a prominent dealer to a reporter, "we have about sixty mills, resembling large coffee mills. The ground tobacco falls upon an endless band of broad canvas, which conveys it to four sets of mechanical sieves."

"For the snuff known as Nearco, forty parts of genuine St. Omer, South American, tobacco, forty parts of Georgia and twenty parts of fermented Virginia stalks in powder are used. The whole is ground and sifted. Then two and one-half pounds of rose leaves are cut and mixed with the powdered Virginia stalks, and two and one-half pounds of rosewood in fine powder, moistened with salt water, are added."

VALUABLE TESTIMONY.

Important Facts Revealed by a Witness in a Kentucky Court.

In a Kentucky court, Lawyer (to witness)—Where were you when the defendant knocked the plaintiff down? Witness—On my horse.

Lawyer—Where was your horse? Witness—In the big road.

Lawyer—You were on your horse? Witness—That's what I said.

"And your horse was in the big road?" "That's what I 'lowed."

"Ah, hah. What time was it?" "Don't know."

"Ah, hah. You were on your horse?" "Yes."

"In the big road?" "Yes, sir."

"Well, where was the plaintiff when he was knocked down?" "On the ground."

"On the ground when he had been knocked down?" "Yes."

"On your horse?" "Yes."

"In the big road?" "Yes."

"Well, how far is it from the road to the spring?" "Half mile."

"From the big road?" "Yes."

"The big road where you were on your horse?" "Yes, sir."

"So the plaintiff was on the ground?" "Yes."

HONEY ANTS.

How They Store Away Their Accumulations of the Sweet Fluid.

The honey ant is a small, red insect, extremely demonstrative and active, and found particularly in Texas and Mexico, and in considerable numbers in Colorado.

Their nests are prominent mounds in some cases, and again are low heaps spread over an area of twenty or thirty square feet, forming a community.

As a rule they are nocturnal, working at night, though I have seen them at work in the bright sunlight at three o'clock in the afternoon, and marching in line perhaps seven feet wide and forty feet in length to a cottonwood tree, up which they passed long and slender, coming down larger and full of a pure white liquid.

It would strike even a casual observer as curious that these ants were carrying home a liquid that could hardly be stored away, ants not having, as a rule, store-houses for liquid provisions; but the honey ant overcomes this difficulty in a decidedly novel manner.

Certain of the ants, either by agreement or selection, are utilized as receptacles for the honey-food supply and become literally honey-bottles.

They are kept by the others in a separate apartment, about six inches long by four in height, that is a store-room. Here, if the nest is carefully opened, the ants or honey-bottles will be seen hanging on the wall, looking like ripe currants.

The modus operandi that results in this is as follows: The ants, at least the small ones, forage for food, and find it in some cases in what are known as galls, curious enlargements of growths, often seen on trees and formed by the eggs of an insect having been deposited in the wood, the latter growing about it and allowing in some cases an escape of a liquid that is greatly esteemed by ants and certainly tastes like honey.

Filling their bodies with this material, the workers proceed to the store-room where the bottle ants are kept and deliver it up to them, the receptacles receiving so much that they become distended to an enormous extent, as we have seen, and are incapable of movement to any great degree.

Their bodies, upon examination, seem particularly adapted for the purpose, being covered in their normal condition by several plates that spread apart when the abdomen is extended.

How long these living bottles hold their store is not known—undoubtedly indefinitely. When the other ants want to draw their rations they proceed to the dark chamber, and a supply is forthwith given up. Such an arrangement seems to show that ants have much more intelligence than they are given credit for, as all their movements can not be instinctive.

In Colorado their nests are quite common about the Garden of the Gods, and the tunnels that they form often penetrate considerable distances into the rock, and the work in arriving at the chamber where the honey bottles are hung is one of no little labor.—San Francisco Call.

Utilizing Waste Ground.

Land in this country has been too cheap, and our people have been too greedy to get hold of more than they can use, to have our wastes properly filled up.

Quite often the richest land on the farm, near the barn or house is either idle or covered with weeds, when it might be put to profitable use.

If farmers would occasionally look into city and village lots they might find instances of economizing space that would put them to shame.

Trellises for grape vines are built up high close to houses, and yet far enough to allow a covered passage way that is most pleasant at any season, and in the fall is loaded with rich clusters of fruit.

SOCIETIES.

EUGENE LODGE NO. 11, I. O. F. AND A. M. Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.

WIMAWHALA ENCAMPMENT NO. 4 Meets on the second and fourth Fridays in each month.

EUGENE LODGE NO. 15, A. O. U. W. Meets at Masonic Hall the second and fourth Fridays in each month.

J. M. GEARLY POST NO. 15, G. A. R. MEETS at Masonic Hall the first and third Fridays of each month.

BUTTE LODGE NO. 367, I. O. G. T. MEETS every Saturday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.

READING STAR BAND OF HOPE, MEETS at the C. P. Church every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Visitors made welcome.

O. & C. R. R. TIME TABLE. Mail Train north, 4:15 A. M. Mail train south, 9:55 P. M.

OFFICE HOURS, EUGENE CITY POSTOFFICE. General Delivery, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. Money Order, from 7 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Eugene City Business Directory. BETTMAN, G.—Dry goods, clothing, groceries and general merchandise, southwest corner, Willamette and Eighth streets.

CHAIN BROS.—Dealers in jewelry, watches, clocks and musical instruments, Willamette street, between Seventh and Eighth.

FRIENDLY, S. H.—Dealer in dry goods, clothing and general merchandise, Willamette street, between Eighth and Ninth.

GILL, J. P.—Physician and surgeon, Willamette street, between Seventh and Eighth.

HODES, C.—Keeps on hand fine wines, liquors, cigars and a pool and billiard table, Willamette street, between Eighth and Ninth.

HORN, CHAS. M.—Gunsmith, rifles and shotguns, breech and muzzle loaders, for sale, repairing done in the neatest style and warranted. Shop on Ninth street.

LUCKEY, J. S.—Watchmaker and jeweler, keeps a fine stock of goods in his line, Willamette street, in Kilworth's drug store.

MIND YOUR BUSINESS.

Bob Burdette Tells How One May Grow Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.

"Diligent in his business!" It is the man who is diligent in his own business to whom this exalted position is promised.

There are people, dearly beloved, who are diligent in every body else's business, and have, therefore, no time to attend to their own.

They do not stand before kings; they more frequently stand before the police judge. Their diligence is not commendable.

A workman is known by his chips; so, alas! is the faro banker. Do you be diligent in your own business and be content with its rewards.

You may not walk so many miles in six days as Fitzgerald, but you can sleep a great deal more in that time, and if you do not get so much money for it, neither do you get so many blisters.

On your little salary at the suspender counter, you can not clean up \$300,000 on Wall street this week. But then neither can you be cleaned out of \$150,000 next week.

A Fair Exchange All Around.

Mrs. Jones (who has just moved into the house lately occupied by Mrs. Smith)—"Dear, dear! I never saw such a dirty house in my life."

I should think those Smiths never cleaned house while they lived here. And the yard is full of their old rubbish, too. It will take a month to clean up after them."

Mrs. Smith (who has just moved into the house lately occupied by Mrs. Jones)—"Dirt! Don't talk to me of dirt! I've counted ten different kinds of finger marks on the parlor walls. And to think we moved on purpose so we wouldn't have to clean house! It's positively disgraceful to live the way those Joneses do. I'd as lief be a savage."

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