

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Mary Garrett, of Baltimore, has a twenty million dollar estate. Frances McNeill Potter, a niece of President Franklin Pierce, draws a pension of twenty dollars a month. ...

AMERICAN CANDIES.

They Are Said to Be Much Better Than the Imported Article. "Yes, there are fashions in confectionery just as in every thing else, and the trade is progressive," said a well-known confectioner in response to a query: "I presume there are new styles always coming up." ...

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

How a Prosperous and Successful American Began His Career. Up in Phillips about fifty years ago the scholars in a Sunday school engaged in a contest to see who could commit to memory the most verses from the Bible. ...

OLD NAVAL SONGS.

A Vivid Picture of Sea Life on the Ships of Former Times. I doubt whether we shall ever again have sea songs of the old pattern. It is not perhaps that the sentiment of the age is opposed to them, though the old Blackwall and Erith tomfoolery of drinking, fiddling and the like would not perhaps be found very suitable to the tastes of the day. ...

HE BEAT THEM ALL.

A Wayside Journalist's Remarkable Success as a City Reporter. The brilliant young journalist who gave up an honored position on the Juniper Cove Wild Flower and became a reporter on a city daily paper, did not prove to be a great success. When he left the Cove his friends predicted that he would win "golden opinions." ...

THE TRAVELING HOG.

How It Behaves Itself When Sharing Its Bed with a Fellow-Traveler. The hotel register lay hospitably open, and I took up a stuttering pen with which to splutter my autograph over the list of late arrivals. "I'm afraid we're full," interrupted the night clerk; "that is if you want a room to yourself—you can have a bed in either 27 or 52." ...

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Christmas change, they're changing ever; Styles are changing all the while; Not one custom change never—Having always is in style. —Old City Derrick. Lady (at Sunday school)—"And do you understand by the pomps and vanities of this wicked world?" ...

BONE FOR POULTRY.

The Beneficial Effects of Ground Bone and Oyster Shells. Poultry raisers should not neglect to use sufficient raw bone, either crushed or in the form of meal. It contains lime, as do also oyster shells, but it contains animal matter which is of great value. ...

GROWTH OF LUXURY.

The Scale of Comfort Now Deemed Necessary by Every Class. Prosperity encourages luxury; luxury is enervating and encourages sloth; luxury tends to produce, and in the world's history has often produced National decay. ...

Snake-Bite Victims in India.

The returns for 1886 show that 22,134 human beings perished from snake bite in India. The number of cattle killed by snakes is returned at 2,514. It is stated that 417,596 snakes were destroyed, and that 25,350 rupees were paid by the Government as rewards for their destruction. ...

Points on Cake-Baking.

Do not attempt to make cake without having complete control of the fire. This cakes require a hotter fire than thick ones. The oven should be the right heat to begin with, and not be allowed to cool while the cake is in it, or it will certainly be heavy. ...

DRYING OF MOSSES.

Species That Awakened to Renewed Life After Ninety-Five Weeks. The power of the mosses to endure repeated desiccation has recently been experimentally treated by G. Schroder, who obtained the interesting result that many of these plants can not only resist months of dryness without any harm, but also that they do not perish even under the strongest desiccation carried on in a drier with the aid of sulphuric acid. ...

Attractive Dwellings.

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