

EPITAPH ON MARY, COUNTESS OF DARKEITH.

[Died April 9, 1728, aged 125.] Stay, traveler, until my life you read...

BLUEST OF BIRDS.

In a town of the ancient kingdom of Castile there lived in former ages a youth called Bartolo...

One day as he was proceeding to a village he heard sounds of revelry, the buzz of many people and the strains of a band of music.

"You would never give me my price," replied Bartolo. "For it I would give my castle, with its fine forests," said the lord of the castle.

"Excuse me, sir, but could you kindly give me a trifle? I promise I will return it as soon as I earn some money."

"Yes, sir, certainly, but my trade does not fulfill its own duty. Most people like to see the birds flying about...

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"I am the good genius of the honest workmen of Castile. Sit down and sit without fear. Take advantage of your lucky star," and then suddenly disappeared.

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A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Career of Lloyd Lowndes, Who Heads the Maryland Republican Ticket. Lloyd Lowndes, whom the Republicans of Maryland have chosen as their candidate for governor...

In later years he has devoted more of his attention to commercial enterprises than to the law and is prominently connected with a number of banking houses, mining companies, manufacturing establishments, etc.

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HIDEOUS WASTE OF MONEY.

Testimonials For the Crax's Funeral That Were Costly and Useless. There has certainly been a hideous waste of money in providing official testimonials of sorrow for the crax's funeral.

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NAMES IN CONGRESS.

Honorable Gentlemen Who Run Great Risk of Being Missed Up. The Fifty-fourth Congress will contain a considerable number of members of duplicate names.

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HOHENLOHE'S PECULIARITIES.

The New German Chancellor Always Cooks His Own Coffee. Prince Hohenlohe, the new chancellor of the German empire, is cast in a different physical mold from his two stalwart predecessors.

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SPOTS ON THE RIBBON.

The French Legion of Honor Discredited by the Many Recent Scandals. The long series of scandals during the past year or two in Paris have culminated in the serious discrediting of the French Legion of Honor.

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A WOMAN HISTORIAN.

Mrs. Victor Has Written Histories of Five Western States. Oregon recognizes the literary genius and ability of women in the selection of Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor as the state's historian.

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ROYAL SPORTS.

Cruelties, Miscalled Hunting, With the Master of the Buckhounds. Over a year ago Queen Victoria gave a promise which was justifiably construed into an assurance that the practice of hunting tame deer in her name should cease.

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