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Birds of the Forest. O follow! follow! follow! Across the pine-roofed hollow, Song-dotted burthen...

The Mysterious Diamonds.

A notable woman for decision of character and strictness of discipline was "Ma'am" Price, as she was called, who taught school for years...

Interrupted Table Talk.

The other evening the Rev. Mr. Philister sat down at the tea table with a very thoughtful air and attended to the wants of his brood in a very abstracted manner...

Brown's Sweetheart. Brown was a bachelor—a sad, silent man, who, instead of having passed through the frivolities of youth, had passed them by, and was now safely landed on the other side...

Cost of Transportation Before the Railroad.

That there was no need for new methods of intercommunication, the increasing population made every day more apparent. In 1784 the cost of transportation from Philadelphia to Erie is stated to have been two hundred and forty-nine dollars a ton...

A Lion Story.

Some time ago, in Tunis, a Sicilian of Rinaldo's circle excited general admiration by his manly beauty and feats of strength. He was in the habit of over-coming a lion during the performance...

Influence in the World.

Who can estimate the power of personal influence? The careful, industrious mistress of a house has an influence on her circle the extent of which she herself cannot calculate...

The Land of the Midnight Sun.

The Rochester Union makes the following extract from a private letter dated at Tromsø, Norway, July 8: We steamed into this pretty Arctic town night before last, and shall make our home here a week longer...

Wasters of Time.

The world is full of useless people—mere idlers, who are of no practical use in the world. Eating and drinking and sleeping constitute their chief employment. With this provender made sure they are quite satisfied...

There Will be Rest in the Eventide.

All day long the farmer may stand between his plough-handles, turning the yielding soil, and endure the burden and heat of the day; may be scorched by the scorching rays of the sun, or drenched by sudden showers...

A NEW INSTRUMENT FOR SCIENCE.

There is now in operation in the Laboratory of Central University, Richmond, Ky., an interesting apparatus that records in a beautiful manner the motion of the earth in its diurnal and annual motion...

MISGUIDED CLEMENCY.

We are sorry to see that President Hayes has thought proper to pardon a counterfeiter. Counterfeiting is a crime of the most deliberate character, indicating a settled depravity of mind and a disposition to cheat every one...

QUEER PETS.

There is a curious case at Rockport of the singular attachment sometimes instituted between man and the lower animals. A Mr. Hale has been for a long time accustomed to throw bits of food for some eels in a little brook that runs across the back of his lot...

AN INSURANCE ADJUSTER WENT TO SEE A MAN WHOSE HOUSE HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Said adjuster, "How did this thing happen?" House-owner—"Don't know—it's a mystery." Adjuster—"Well, know." House-owner—"Let's have it, that's just what I'd like to find out." Adjuster—"F'riction!" House-owner—"F'riction! fric-tion! What's that?" Adjuster—"Why, friction is the result of rubbing a \$1,000 policy on a \$600 house!"

AT EVERY BIRTH A FUNERAL IS ANNOUNCED.

It is said that the famous Eddystone lighthouse is about to fall. It was completed in 1759 and has consequently done nearly one hundred and thirty years' service. The destruction of it is a sad event, for it is a monument to the industry and skill of the men who built it...

A GHOSTLY PICKET LINE.

Judge Rowe, writing to the Philadelphia Weekly Times, relates the following incident of the night after the battle of Fredericksburg: "When, on the return to Marye's Heights, the command first fled from the road, there appeared to be a thin line of soldiers sleeping on the ground to be occupied by the enemy...

A FRENCH ANTI-TUBERCULOSE SOCIETY OFFERS THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ON COMPETITION.

1. A prize of one hundred francs to the schoolmaster who will write the best paper in view of warning youth against the dangers of prematurely indulging in the use of tobacco. 2. A prize of two hundred francs to the medical man who will relate the greatest number of interesting and unpublished observations on diseases arising from the use of tobacco...