

SHORT STORIES.

The amount of money in circulation per capita in the United States is a little over \$35. In the Wenatchee valley, in the state of Washington, orchard land is worth from \$1,500 to \$2,000 an acre. The orchards are irrigated, and the trees bear every year. The light of day has not been shed on the original draft of the Declaration of Independence in five years, and there is no likelihood of its being placed on view until 1928. In a baseball game between a boys' nine and a girls' nine at Northampton, Mass., recently the boys were obliged to play with their left hands and were arrayed in skirts. The girls won, 16 to 1. A seed store in Cortland street, New York, has grass plots shipped daily from Jersey City. The plots consist of shallow boxes filled with earth in which the grass is grown. The plots are sold by the foot. A saloon keeper at Beardstown, Ill., was forced out of business by the Prohibitionists and went to work digging for mussels in the river. The first shell he turned up contained a pearl for which he obtained \$2,000.

Gastronomy in Milan.

Milan beef is the best in Italy. Bernoldo in his calendar says that in mediaeval times there was more food than money given for church tithes. Since old classic days Milan has been noted for the love its people have for good food. It is one of their chief conversational topics today. The common people love sweets, so that they always have candy with them, and drivers leave their teams in the streets to go in and get an ice cream. Public banquets in renaissance times grew in popularity. Patriotic family festivals, marriage feasts, etc., were celebrated in public and al fresco. Each trade had its favorite eating place.

Fly Catches.

First Baseman Jimmy Kane of the Pittsburg Nationals is said to be quite a skillful boxer. Nap Rucker thinks that he is the champion hard luck pitcher of the Brooklyn team. Second Baseman Zbaticchio of the Pittsburg Nationals is hitting the ball much harder than he did last season. Pitcher Peters of the Dallas team may get a trial with the New York Nationals next spring, as Owner Gardner wants McGraw to take the man. Pitcher Campbell of Cincinnati is credited with exceptional ability for holding runners close to their base—a most important accomplishment for a pitcher.

Home Notes.

To clean men's hats use turpentine, which will remove grease and freshen the felt. An India rubber hot water bottle is easily cleaned. Wash it well with lukewarm water and soap, rubbing on the soap with a piece of flannel. Always keep alum in the house. It checks bleeding wounds, and for bleeding of the mouth or tongue a wash in cold water in which alum has been dissolved is very effective. To remove old paint wet the place with naphtha, repeating as often as necessary, but frequently one application will dissolve the paint. As soon as it is softened rub the surface clean.

Flippant Flings.

The rack used to be an instrument of torture. In fact, the music rack continues to be.—New York Times. From Missouri comes the story of a pig with an extra tail. Possibly it also has a few spare ribs.—Washington Post. Mormons may take some pride in the fact that they are not bothered by the doctrine of affluities and soul mates.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. You would naturally think it would make considerable difference, but in hot weather the baldheaded man does not seem to be any cooler than anybody else.—Indianapolis News.

Animal Life.

The song of the bird was originally a cry of alarm. Robins and sparrows like almonds and dried currants. The rabbit's range of vision takes in the entire horizon. A mole eats as many as 20,000 earthworms in the course of a year. The hare runs more easily up hill than down on account of its long hind legs. At the zoological station in Naples Dr. Mangold found fishes only six centimeters in length, each of which had 144 "lantern points" for the purpose of producing light.

Pith and Point.

It takes the shortest time for the worst things to happen. Every man is fierce in his thoughts and mild in his actions. There are so many fools in the world that you do not dare say much about them. Pray too long for a blessing, and you will find while you were praying some other man went to work and got it. If you have ever noticed, it is always the poor who say they would like to be rich for the greater good they could do.—Atchison Globe.

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