The Latest Hatchet Story.

Away at the southern end of Fourth Avenue live two promising youngsters, whose father, being an upright and conscientious gentleman, has an enduring admiration for George Washington and his little hatchet. Of course, he took his hopefuls on his knee and told to them, as he trotted them to Barnaby Cross, the story of the evergreen and eternal cherry tree. In the course of events and time he bethought himself to make his two cherubs a present of a hatchet each, and in the course of events and time he discovered a cut in his cherished dwarf pear tree: Suspecting the culprits and calling his posterity to him, "Boys," he said, frowing gloweringly, "who cut this pear tree?"

And then he waited in suspense to see whether he had another Washington in his family.

Posterity No. 1.—"I did it, pa, wif my little hatchet. I cannot tell a lie."

Posterity No. 2.—"No, he didn't, pa; I cut it wif my hatchet; and I'm the one 'at can't tell no lie."

No. 1.—"You didn't; I cut it myself."

No. 2.—'Whoopee! You didn't do no such thing!'

No. 1.—"Yes, I did pa, for there wasn't but one pear tree, and we drawd straws to see which one 'onld cut it, and—."

No. 2.—"And I drawd the short straw and cut the—"

No. 1.—"Ain't you ashamed? I drawd the short straw and cut the tree, and you got mad an' went off and cut up our new carri'ge."

Pa—"The——"

No. 2.—"Oo-ooh? I didn't do no such thing! He cut it his-ss'f, pa."

No. 1.—"I d i-d-n'-t, now."

No. 2.—"You're a li—a fibber!"

And then the fond father took his posterity each by the nap of the neck and marched them to the carriage-house. The ruin that had been wrought there was mournful to contemplate, and the sound that went up from the carriagl-house excited the wonder of the neighbors and the chaotic cachinations of the chickens for two squares around. The father had confiscated the hatchets, and now declares that too much George Washington will demoralize any family.

Emperor and Boy.

One of the commissioners from Brazil to the Philadelphia exposition, told a pleasant story of the emporor. A lad of good family, in Rio Janeiro, found himself left, by the death of his father, friendless and penniless. One day he saw a middle-aged gentleman plainly dressed, and with a singularly candid, kind countenance, walking aong in the street. The lad's companion told him it was the emperor, adding "he chooses to be unnoticed, to go up and down as the father of his people."

"If he is the father of his people," said the boy, "he will take some interest in me;" and approaching the emperor, though trembling with fright, he told his story in a few direct words. Dom Pedro listened attentively.

"What is it that you want, my boy?"

"An education, your majesty. If I had that I could be of some use to myself and others. Now I am of none.'

"For what business did your father design you?"

"That of a civil engineer, sir."

"Come to me at noon to morrow."

The emperor inquired concerning the lad, and then took upon himself the whole expense of his support and education, sending him to this country to receive the latter. The fact which gives more significence to the story is that the emperor is comparatively a poor man, his income being much less than that of many wealthy Brazilian gentlemen. Even the education of this one boy involved a certain amount of self-sacrifice on his part.

Dom Pedro cares nothing for luxury, pomp, or even the honors of the world; his whole aim is the elevation and improvement of his subjects. For this purpose he has visited almost every civilized country, carrying home the best in theory and practice, to experiment in Brazil. He was accustomed on his tour of investigation at the exposition, to go about *incognito*, in shabby coat and trousers, to the great disappointment of the crowd. They did not recognize the fact that no insignia of royalty could add dignity to such real majesty of character.

Fish Hatching in California.

We clip from the Reading *Independent* the following concerning the fish propagating establishment on McCloud river:

"Mr. Myron Greene, of the U. S. Fishery, was in town last Saturday, and reports that extensive preparations are being made for the propagation of fish the coming season. The fishery will be under the able management of Mr Greene until about August, by which time Mr. L. Stone will have arrived from the East with a great variety of fish unknown to California waters. Mr. Greene asserts that during a visit to Sacramento he was informed by dealers there that they had sold as high as 100 pounds a day of catfish. These catfish were introduced at the fishery five years ago, prior to which time they were unknown in the State. This item alone is worth all the labor and expense to which the state has gone in the introduction and propagation of fish, and the California Fish Commissioners deserve a great deal of credit, for they have worked very hard and done all they could. Mr. Stone understands his business, as out of salmon eggs heretofore shipped by him about 98 per cent. have arrived at their destination in good condition. They expect the coming season to ship many more eggs. The transplanting of fish from the different waters will prove of great benefit to the people everywhere, and should be encouraged.

QUEEN OF THE OCEAN.—The steamship Oregon is the "Rarus" of the deep, having on her last trip to San Francisco made the best time on record, and won the flag of championship. She made the run to Astoria in five hours and thirty-five minutes; from Astoria dock to the open sea in three hours, and from the bar to her dock in San Francisco in thirty seven hours; total from her wharf in this city to her dock in San Francisco, forty-five hours and thirty-five minutes. Unparalleled in the history of navigation on this Coast, being an average of nearly fifteen miles per hour.—Portland *Standard*.

Wisconsin's Female Lawyer.

[New York Times.]

Lavina Goodsel, who has attracted a good deal of attention in Wisconsin by drawing up a bill to the State Legislature providing that no person should be refused admission to the bar on account of sex, and securing passage, seems to be possessed of unusual energy and of decided talent for law. She owes her success and reputation entirely to her unaided exertion. Some time ago she was employed here on a fashion journal, but conceiving that she could do something better, she resigned her position and went to Janesville, Wis., where her aged parents resided and needed her assistance. Arriving there she determined that she could not settle down to washing dishes and making over gowns as most women do. She had long had a fancy for law and had convinced herself that she possessed a business head. Therefore she began to study law, kept at it for three years, applied for admission to the Circuit court, passed a brilliant examination and was admitted. She gained her first cases, and one of them having been carried to the Supreme Court her right to plead was denied on account of her sex. She reviewed the Supreme Judge's decision in a legal journal and got the better of him in argument, and then went to work upon the Legislature, with the result already known. Some of the ablest lawyers in the State admire her acumen and learning and declare her to be a born barrister. She is represented as entirely feminine, notwithstanding her profession, and one of the best of women in all the duties of life.

CARDS VS. CROQUET.—*Harper's Bazar* turns aside from fashion for a little playful humor, now and then, and here is a story it tells that is too good not to be repeated: One day last summer we rode fifty miles on a railway seated behind four men who were playing with those awful things of the devil—cards. They played euchre until they were tired of it; they played a little seven up, pedro, and occasionally a trifle of poker. We never heard a dispute. Their frequent bursts of merriment at some unexpected play repeatedly drew our eyes from our book. They never quarreled, and never once called names. When we got out at the station we sat at our window and watched a party of young men and maidens play croquet. In fifteen minutes we saw two persons cheat successfully. We heard four distinct and bitter quarrels. We heard a beautiful young girl tell two lies, and a meek-looking young man three, and finally we saw the young girl throw her mallet against the fence so hard that it frightened a horse; the other young girl pounded her mallet so hard on the ground that it knocked the buds off an apple tree. They both banged into the house at different doors, and the two young men looked sheepish and went off after a drink. Now, why is this? Isn't croquet a good moral game?

Who Was Washington Anyhow!

An American gentleman who has resided in London for several years recently told me a funny story. He was one day invited out to dinner at the house of an eminent London solicitor. The daughter of the host sat next to him at the table, and observed him with much curiosity, finally making the stereotyped remark that "she was satisfied to see him so white; she had thought that all Americans were copper-colored." Soon after some questions arose respecting our national currency, and my friend took from his pocket some specimens of our bank notes, among which was one bearing the portrait of Gen. Washington. The note passed from hand to hand around the table, and finally came to the young lady before mentioned. "Whose portrait is that?" she asked of my friend. "General Washington's," he answered. "And who was he?" she queried. One of our Presidents,', cautiously answered the gentleman, who was rather anxious to see how far his fair neighbor's ignorance would extend. "One of your Presidents—ah, indeed! Did he come before or after Mr. Lincoln?"—London Correspondence Philadelphia Telegraph.

CURIOUS PHENOMENON.—A curious phenomenon occurred during the severe hail storm on Friday May 9th. The telephone wire connecting the office with Geo Peck's residence and which is mearly an acoustic one, having no battery or ground connection, became so heavily charged with electricity that it emitted flashes of light. A careful examination was made at the time to ascertain if it had not come in contact with the telegraph line but such was not the case. A person standing near the Telephone wire could feel the shock of Electricity passing from the wire through him to the ground most preceptibly. The main telegraph line during the hail storm worked better than ever before known and was remarked by the operators at San Francisco and Portland. The effect was undoubtedly caused by the friction produced by the hail striking the wires.—Yreka *Journal*.

WILL VISIT OREGON.—In a few weeks Jay Gould, the railroad king, of New York, will visit Oregon. What the result will be cannot be foretold, yet in all probability it will hasten the day when the chains which have bound Oregon for these many years to California will be loosed by railroad communication with the East. One line of cars will insure two, as the Northern Pacific will use every exertion to complete their road, and the Central Pacific being determined not to allow Gould of the Union Pacific to have the cream of Oregon's trade, will start the construction of a road from Winnemucca through to this city, which is not more than half the distance which Gould will have to cover in order to reach this city. Let them come, we are waiting.—*Standard*.

At a regular meeting of the quarterly conference of Eugene circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church South, Rev. R. C Martin, a local preacher, was arraigned on a charge of drunkenness, tried and found guilty, and by a unanimous vote, expelled from the church.

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