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#### RACE SUICIDE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Finally Massachusetts has got around to it. She has tackled the question of race suicide. It is now to be discovered whether the tall shaft that looms over Bunker Hill is a memorial to patriots breakers the other day. who shed their blood in vain. It is to be ascertained whether the Old Bay state having done her duty in preserving the soil, must henceforth trust to the joyous immigrant to populate and enjoy its fruits. In the dim vista, so to speak, along the track of this insidious inquiry there looms a tax on bachelors. Don't doubt it! While statistics show a large majority of old maids over old men, there is no doubt that the ingenious lawmakers will want to tax ley-on-Thames rowed from Caius Colthe bachelors for not reducing the op- lege. Cambridge, at the first Henley reposite sex in due proportion from a posi- gatta in 1839. He is 85 years old, tion of happy independence to the restraint and dependence of the married

The one glimmer of hope for the unclause of the new undertaking. Charles Offenders are to be fined 30 marks. Felton Pidgin, who is in charge of the census now in progress, declares that Army manoeuvres representing bathe is going to begin by investigating tles for the conquest of India, and covthe married couples to ascertain wheth- ering an area of 900 square miles, are er they are neglecting their duty to to be carried out in honor of the posterity. That is a phase of the ques- Prince of Wales coming visit to India. tion that has received no enlightenment at the hands of the state so far.

commendations Mr. Pidgin is prepared eight girls take part, lying flat on their to make if he discovers that the population is not on a normal increase in those apartment houses where children are allowed. Other couples will probably refer him to the janitor and the sign: "No Senator McMillam of Michigan has a dogs or children." It should not be accepted as an excuse-not in Massachusetts, with its traditions and patriotism. Then the sisterhood of maidens should be severely catchised as to tre superfluity, and the responsibility should it is allowable for a man to hold out be placed where it rightly belongs.

Seriously, the lead taken by Massatistics could be followed with value by other states. It would give us a basis of computation for estimates that would permit of provision for a population of ten, twenty, thirty years hence, approximately well known in advance.

### PHENOMENAL PROSPERITY.

The August bank clearing have interest beyond the proof they afford of excellent business conditions. They gain seasonable flurry in the money market, It is encouraging to learn that the nation's clearings have not for any month of this year been so small as the maxi- the animals by visitors. The cakes, year. The same is true of the New York city clearings taken by themselves. Neither can this improvement, both broadly distributed and strictly local, be said to have reached its climax unless it shall be checked by a possible monetary spasm, Every sign points to healthy fluence for male progney, while the old and progressive commercial activity, diet contained more albuminous food and The iron mills are refusing orders, and resulted in bringing more females into iron is being imported. It is difficult to the zoo, exaggerate the crop prospects. The rail ways are so gorged with freight that their terminals are choked and they are ordering locomotives and cars by thou- bank established as a venture in New sands.

## INEXCUSABLE ACCIDENTS.

The mistakes of the man who is refellow huntsman is just fit for the idiot Boston Herald.

asylum. He does not come up to the standard of a first class criminal. He would be despised by his jailmates if he wereput into stripes,

#### WITH THE JESTERS.

"What's become of that fellow Tweed-

"O, he opened a shop!" "Doing well?"

"No: doing time. He was caught,"-Stray Stories.

On the famous "101" ranch there is 100-acre watermelon patch, surrounded by a high barbed wire fence. Along it at intervals is posted the inviting notice: "Five dollars' fine for anyone who goes through this patch without taking a melon."-New York Tribune,

Mrs. Pitley-They say he is so unkind to his wife.

Mr. Pitley-That shows how people misjudge a man. I know it to be a fact that he spent one whole year endeavoring to make a satisfactory investment of his wife's money.-Town and Country.

Magazine Publisher-We've got a great magazine this month. Magazine Editor-Yes, I think it's

pretty good myself. That story of Scribbler's is a corker. Magazine Publisher-Oh, I haven't read anything in your section. But just

look at that! Two hundred and fourteen pages of advertising!-Somerville Jour-Roderick-Have you heard the news?

Cholly Sapp rescued a widow from the Van Albert-But who is going to res-

cue Cholly !- Chicago News,

#### ODDS AND ENDS.

Two Munich scientists have by means of the Roentgen ray succeeded in photographing the human heart between

The Rev. H. A. Baumgartner of Hen-

The authorities of Nordhausen. Saxony, have forbidden the use of the streets to any person wearing an article regenerate bachelor exists in the first of dress that sweeps the pavement

On of the attractions at the Palace We are not informed as to what re- theater, London, is a "dance" in which backs and going through the motions of the dance with their feet,

> Mrs. McMillan, wife of United States pheasant farm at her summer home, near Magnolia, Mass. She employes two men servants to care for them.

A new Jersey Judge has decided that 5 cents for himself after giving the balance of \$16.20 of his week's wages chusetts in this department of vital sta- to his wife. Pshaw! What if he should squander it?

> loans, war taxes, increased customs du- apart. ties, etc., Japan has raised nearly \$850,-000,000 for war purposes. As wages in the United States are at least six times higher than in Japan, the amount raised by that country is equal to our raising \$5,100,000,000,

The directors of the menagerie in significance in connection with the little Central park, New York, attributes the comparative decrease in the number of females among the animals under their charge to the delicacies which are fed mum for any corresponding month last candies and biscuits given to the animals according to the directors theory, tends to predetermine the sex of their young. The fact that these delicacies, which the animals have learned to prefer to the feed given them by their keepers contain hydrocarbons, which is held to in-

> Plans have been completed and the building is under way for the all-night York City. It is to be an 11-story building costing \$350,000.

A suit has been brought against a hospital in Brooklyn to recover damgardless of human life that he does not lages for the death of two men to whom know what he is shooting at are already a nurse administered carbolic acid, misbringing their fatal results in the deer taking it for whisky. Trained nurses, hunting sections of the big woods. The are, to be sure, superior to the old fashman who would not prefer to let a deer loned type, jut pust imagine Sairey get away without a shot to shooting a Gamp making a mistake like that!-

### A MINISTER TO VANITY.

Men and Women and Their Attitude Toward the Mirror.

It is not always for the mere gratification of personal vanity that we should attentively study our mirrors. Socrates advised all young people to look often in their looking glass to ascertain if they were good looking; that if they were so they might strive to make their mental attainments corre spond, and if they were not then they might endeavor by the superior accomplishments of their minds to make up for their personal shortcomings. This is excellent advice for vanity

possessed moderns, but it is improbable that the high mental attitude of Socrates is appreciated by them. How the elaborate tollet of today could be accomplished without the aid of the mirror it is impossible to imagine. It is popularly supposed that the mirror is the woman's pet possession, but man is by no means averse to contemplating his manly charms as reflected there in. A woman frankly confesses her interest in the alluring combination of glass and quicksilver, but the man, while voicing his scorn, proves his superior vanity by his concealed and secretive study of it. He jeers at his wife's cheval glass. But was anything more entirely provocative of human vanity ever invented than the many Rided shaving glass?-London Chroni-

#### RUSES OF BANKERS.

Devices Used to Either Gain Time or Inspire Confidence.

Some amusing anecdotes are told of the devices resorted to by bankers to gain time and inspire confidence. Of one memorable occasion the excited subscribers, much to their indignation, were only able to enter the bank one by one except at the cost of spoiled coats, as the cute manager had caused the door posts to be freshly painted.

Another bank prevented a crisis in its affairs by exhibiting in the windows large tubs apparently brimful of sovereigns. These tubs, however, were simply upside down and a small quantity of gold only piled up on their bot-

But the most ingenious dodge of all was successfully carried out in Buenos Ayres. There was a run on a large bank, and for several days subscribers besieged the premises, withdrawing money and placing it in another bank on the opposite side of the road. It happened, however, that these two institutions had a private understanding. and as fast as the "safe" bank received the deposits they were returned to the "unsafe" one by an underground passage, with the result that every one marveled at its continued ability to meet its demands.-London News.

### A CAMEL'S STOMACH.

In Four Compartments It Carries Water to Last a Journey.

The stomach of a camel is divided into no less than four compartments. and the walls of one of these are lined with large cells, every one of which can be opened and closed at will by means of powerful muscles.

Now, when a camel drinks it drinks a very great deal. Indeed it goes drinking on for such a very long time that really you would think that it never meant to leave off. But the fact is that it is not only satisfying its thirst, but is filling up its cistern as well. One after another the cells in its stomach are filled with water, and as soon as each is quite full it is tightly closed. Then when the animal becomes thirsty a few hours later all that it has to do is to open one of the cells and allow the water to flow out. Next day it opens one or two more cells, and so it goes on day after day until the whole supply is exhausted. In this curious way a camel can live five or even six days without drinking at all and so is able to treel quite easily through the desert, where the All told, foreign loans, domestic wells are often hundreds of miles

Oath That Binds the Burmese.

Perjury baving been rife in Rangun courts because no form of oath existed which the Burman considered binding, the government prescribed a formula which is a queer admixture of Buddhism, Brahminism and Shamanism. Here are phrases from it, picked at random: "If an untruth passes my lips, may all the gnats that live in lakes, ponds and brooks and the gnats of the five great rivers of India destroy me. May curdled blood pass my lips rather than a lie, and may I die vomiting blood, my body bent in two."-Rangun

A Caustle Retort.

Prince Herbert Bismarck had the repstation of having a decidedly brusque manner in society. Once at a royal reception he bumped roughly against an ftalian prelate, who looked at him indignantly. "You evidently don't know who I am," said the German prince haughtily. "I am Herbert Bismarck."

"Oh," answered the prelate, "if that doesn't amount to an apology it is certainly a perfect explanation!"

To Make Her Turn.

Mrs. Fondmar-Doctor, my daughter sits and gazes into that mirror for hours at a time. I can't get her to take exercise. Dr. Bruff-Well, I prescribe another mirror at the other end of the room.-Chicago Journal.

Easy Money. "What are you thinking so hard

about? "I was just trying to figure out the percentage of rich people there would be in the world if fault finding paid."-Chicago Record-Herald.

### Capital Punishment

Throwed a piece of chalk at me Right in school an' took me square In th' ear! I squeated for fair.

Teacher come to where we sat,
An' "Bob Jones, did you do that?"
She says, sharp an' awful cross.

"Wy," Bob says, "I give 't a toss
Jest as soft—not hard s-tall,
But that baby had for bawi!"

"You're a liar!" I yelled out "Fere I'd had time ter think about Where I 'us at. Teacher she Turned an' looked right clean through s 'Nen she says: "Now, both of you Do just what I tell you to. Take yer books an' go an' set With the girls!"

Gee, but you bet We felt awful cheap, becus We thought 'at a lickin' wus Easier to stan' 'an that! But I went acrost an' sat Down by Lissie Smith, an', say, She just looked th' other way Like she didn't notice ma

That wus jest at first, an', goe, I don't blame her, cus, you see, All the girls laughed, an' the boys Groaned an' made a kissin' noise With their mouth. But after awhile 'Nen she give a little quick
Shove to her er-rith-ma-tic
T'ords me. An' there wus about
All th' 'xamples, all worked out
With th' answers right! Well, I
Copied 'em off jest like pie! Girls, you know, can always do Lessons, an' they like 'em tool Lizzie had a apple there. An' when she had made me swear Not to tell she give me some An' showed me where she kep' her gum. Say, I'll bet I know what's meant "cap-pit-tul pun-ish-ment!" -Cleveland Leader

The Way of the Borrower



Smith-I forgot all about that quar ter I borrowed of you.

Jones-I know that. Smith-Why?

Jones-Because I haven't been able to meet you on the street since I let you have it.-New York World.

A Drop In Literature.

Once there was an elevator boy who was quick to get a drop on a good idea. Two magazine editors got in his cage at the top of the skyscraper, and the boy heard them complaining of the short supply of manuscripts. So the boy at once dropped them eighteen stories. That was all they could use until their next date for coming out But such is the unreasonableness of editors they now complained because they said the stories were too high.-Judge.



die degrees of the order impressively and without rituals. Learn the charges and learn to deliver them well, and new members will come. Many members are ashamed to solicit candidates for the reason that the degrees cannot be conferred upon them creditably .-Odd Fellows Siftings.

The Odd Fellows of Corning, N. Y. have after many years of planning bought the Wellington hotel to convert it into a handsome temple for the exclusive use of the order.

A member of Yerba Buena lodge of California who died recently had been an invalid thirty years. During this time he drew in benefits from the lodge the sum of \$11,338.

There are 276 orphan children cared for by Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania. The late James P. Sanders, past grand sire, bequeathed his Odd Fel-

lows library to Peeksville lodge. The grand secretary of Maryland reports 118 lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 8,203. Amount paid out for relief during the past

Willingness is the great requirement that is needed by each individual to make the lodge successful and prosper-

year, \$39,065,46.

Official certificates should be used in every instance when a receipt is given or required for dues, degrees or assessments.

RED MEN.

Items of Interest Concerning Fraternity.

During the past term in Maine twenty-six tribes and seven councils of the degree of Pocahoptas have been instituted.

One of the most active tribes in Illinois is Mohasta of Athens. It has adopted nearly 100 palefaces since last traveling moon.

Since the first of the year the Massachusetts reservation has gained many new tribes, and there has been a splendid growth in membership.

A new wigwam will be erected in East St. Louis, Ill., in which all the manufacture and an analysis and an anal tribes in the city may find accommo-

There are about 200 members of the order in Hawaii and a council of the degree of Pocahontas.

Beyond Reason

There be two individuals who cannot be reasoned with-a girl in love and a man who is determined to run for an office-New Orleans Picayune.

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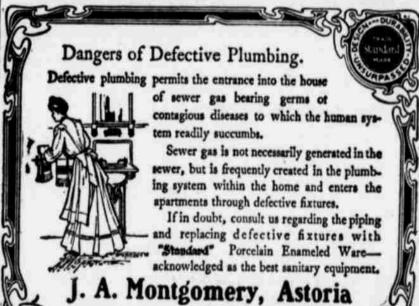
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