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TORTURED FOR A DOLLAR.

A Cruel Practical Joke in the Land Where Thunderbolts Fall. A letter of St. Louis was in Florida for his health. Not being strong he had a severe cold, which was not around him until it was necessary. There is a gentleman in Florida, and the St. Louis man was complaining Monday about their number, says the St. Louis Herald.

LINCOLN'S SCHOOL DAYS.

How Little Abe Acquired a Knowledge of Reading and Writing. Little Abe was thirteen when he was sent to school, says the Boston Herald. His father had acquired any "book learning," as education was termed among such people, and it was with difficulty that he could write his own name. One day, about four weeks after Lincoln had been sent to school, his father called the teacher, "How is the writing room?" The teacher replied that he was doing well, but would like to have a better boy. He told only one lesson book, an old spelling book. During the school hours he was attentive to his task, and at night he would study over the lesson he had been engaged upon during the day, the highest ambition of his life at this time was to learn to read. He believed if he could only read as well as his mother, who read the Bible aloud to the family every day, the whole world of knowledge would be opened to him, and in this confidence he set about to learn.

WANTED ASSISTANCE.

How a Knight of the Road Attacked a Meeting of Deacons. The trustees had just begun the business of their monthly meeting, and Deacon Smith had the floor, says the New York Evening Sun. They were holding for one of South New York's most prosperous churches. Two of the members had late business engagements in the city and Deacon Smith's stop on the way was greatly increased by the number of most awkward and unbusinesslike members. Even if the patient knew what ailed him, he was not likely to know that remedy. He would have to know the dose and the proper regulation of the diet in connection with it.

UNAPPRECIATED FEET.

Experiences of a Philadelphia Girl Who Tried to Start in England. English women, says the shoe-maker, have large feet and know it. They live up to them, however, and wear great boots and shoes, square-toed, broad, flat-bottomed, with a massive that amuses and amazes the American country. They don't care, however, for feet. In the great tide of American girls that rushed across the Atlantic last spring to travel in a London season, says the Boston Herald, there was a girl named Philadelphia, bright as a brand-new diamond, witty, clever, but, alas! unacquainted with the art of beauty in her native land, destitute of plain. One good point, indeed, she possessed beyond question, and that was her feet. They were simply fantastic. Small as they were, No. 1 slender, without instep arched like a Spanish gazelle; they were long and thin, and just for ever, and the young woman to whom they belonged longed and yearned for the soft, silken stockings and ruffling shoes when she was on the point of starting for England.

THE LONG PENALTY.

She Was Fretful and Cross, and Her Life Is Worn Now. Mothers who sometimes feel disposed to murmur at the restrictions involved in the care of little children may learn a lesson from this pathetic incident, narrated in the Home Magazine. I was tired of washing dishes; I was tired of drudgery. I had always been so, and I was dissatisfied. I never had a moment to read that Jane's little girl wanted a cake, or a bit of paper to scribble on, or a bit of soap to make bubbles. "I'd rather be in prison," I said one day, "than have my life tossed out so," as Jane knocked my elbow when I was writing to a friend.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Mrs. Leonard Stanford's Plans in Connection with That Institution. Mrs. Leonard Stanford, in an interview in the San Francisco Chronicle, gives more facts than are reported in regard to plans for the new university at Palo Alto. She says the same attention will be given to girls as to boys, and it is her purpose to have an art training school, like the Cooper Institute, where girls who have a taste for designing may acquire instruction that will enable them to earn a living. If they give their minds to study, high art they will have means to support themselves. The chief aim will be to ground the students in elementary studies, and then to give them some practical training by which they may easily support themselves. If they show greater aptitude, it will be given to them to the extent of the institution will be adapted to the needs of the students.

What a Knot Means. Comparatively few newspaper readers know, or have any special reason to know, that a knot is more than a mile, and that six of the former equal about seven of the latter. Accurately speaking, there are 6,086.7 feet in a knot and 5,280 feet in a mile.

THE FROSTY WEDDING. The church was elaborately decorated with holly and evergreen, and the altar was hidden in a wealth of flowers. Out of the recesses rose rare tropical plants, and from the ceiling hung flowers of various colors, which at this time of year are scarce and correspondingly dear at 80 cents per pound. There was also an active demand for choice lamb, and farmers east of the Mississippi river can profitably turn to sheep-raising and take the birds, who were a great addition to the creation of Wealth, with pearl ornaments.

GETTING THINGS MIXED. The Editor of the Western Newspaper. Many a Western newspaper office the gentleman whose business it is to record the fluctuations of the livestock market always from the same man is asked for a fall to report wedding ceremonies in the city of New York. There are graphic writers, and enjoy that latitude of expression characteristic of Western journalism. Both are the same kind of paper, and their penmanship is not unlike.

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Men and Men. The more you push a man the more he resists. It is a law of nature. The more you push a man the more he resists.

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MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING PARLORS. CANYON CITY, OREGON. Mrs. J. S. Robinson.

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