#### MARRIAGE IN ASSYRIA.

Rather More a Matter of Barter There Than in the Land of the Free.

Men five on six cents a day in Assyria. Assyrian women are bought and sold. are made to work with oxen at the plow. and have as little liberty as in the days of Cadmus Men who pay six dollars a day to live and ladies who ride to shops in victorias thought over these things as they left the Lincoln Park church Sunday night Amen Rasi, born on Mount Lebanon told these things in broken English.

Amen Rasi is a tall, handsome Assyrian, with a skin as rich as the cinna mon silks made at the foot of the mountain on which he was born. He looked into the curious, bright eyes of girls and told them that, had they been born Assyrians in Assyria they could not go upon the streets unless their faces were concealed: that they could neither receive nor make a call among women without their husbands' consent, and that if at any time, even by accident. they were seen by any man or in any way recognized no one would marry them

He said that once two couples-a tall man and a short woman, and a short man and a tall woman-stood before a priest to be wed. . The priest placed the tall man and tall woman and the short man and short woman together, and none of the four knew whether it was right or not, neither of them knowing the other. But the parents hastily objected, and placed the tall man by the short woman and the short man by the tall woman, as that was the way of the contracts.

Then Mr. Rasi showed how these contracts were made. He left the pulpit, and presently a man wrapped up in rich Assyrian raiment went up and sat upon floor. Mr. Rasi came back and the squatted beside him.

"I would very much like," he said, for a girl who is yours to be wife to my son Isaac.

"I would be honored," returned the man, with a very unmistakable American accent.

"How many have you?"

"Three."

"How much years have they?"

"One is fifteen, one twenty and one twenty-five.'

"Don't talk to me about the twentyfive nor the twenty; they are never fit to marry. How much do you charge for the little one?"

"Five camels, four horses, three sheep and fifty dollars.

"Bah! I can buy 100 women for so much.

"But no little one."

"Oh, I think so."

Well, you can't have mine for a cent

"1 pay."

But even then Isaac did not get the little one, because a few minutes later Mr. Rasi returned as another man, and by doubling the price secured the girl for his son Jacob.

Then Amen Rasi looked at the young men, whose patent leathers cost them seven dollars, and told them that people in Assyria paid fifty cents for a suit of clothes. The common people, he said, paid three cents for twenty-five pounds of cabbage and four cents for five pounds of turnips. Fifty loaves of bread were turned out at a baking, and men sometimes ate four and five loaves at a meal. He waited for a moment, and then, turn-ing to a black boy behind him, said, "They are so big," and he drew a circle that would inclose a Thanksgiving platter.-Chicago Herald.

It Looked Great.

Charley Metcalfe was telling -so stories illustrative of the box office man's tribulations. "If it weren't for some people's dirty thumbs," said he, "I'd wish the Lord had made me in book form I don't put in much time in the

box office, but the few minutes I am there is enough for a lifetime. The average ticket buyer asks enough inane questions. but what do you think of a man who sticks his head through the window and wants to know the name of a big steamer he saw going down the East river day before yesterday? Well, my boy, that's what happened this very morning, and that's not a 'marker' to

Box Office Querie

the questions some people ask either. "There's the man who knows every thing and wants you to recognize it, the man who knows nothing and proves it. and the woman who is nothing more or less than a perpetually animated inter-rogation mark. Why, two days ago a man came in and told me all about the piece then being played in the house. After getting rid of him I had to choke off a long breath to inform a fellow that the theater was weither a hotel nor a lodging house. He said he was sorry that he liked the location first rate. Be fore I had recovered from the fit he gave me, a man with three baskets, four children and a woman walked into the lobby

"'Be they a-actin or anything inside? asked the man. 'No, sir,' said 1. 'Per-formance at 8:15.' Then what do you suppose that man wanted? He actually had the stupendous gall to ask me'if he and his family couldn't go inside and sit down for an hour or so while they ate their luncheon!"-New York World.

#### Women and Mice.

'l wish somebody would find something to take the place of the exceedingly stale and silly 'women and mice' paragraph which has been going the rounds of the papers, with divers and sundry changes rung on it, ever since 1 can remember, and goodness knows how much longer," said a charming little woman as she opened the mousetrap and let two or three of its occupants out. into the jaws of a number of hungry kittens. "I wonder who started it anyway? Of course there are women who are afraid of mice, no doubt, but I never saw a woman make herself more ridiculous over a mouse than a certain man did when one of these harmless little creatures scooted up the leg of his trou-

"I don't imagine any one would feel especially comfortable with any such foreign element meandering around one's preserves; but why 'women and mice' in particular, is what I don't understand. I think there are very few housekeepers but what have frequent occasions to throw the party down the hill. come in contact with rats as well as mice, and, as far as I can see, they seem to survive-at all events, I never heard of anybody dying from fear of them. I suppose that the mouse paragraph must be near akin to that of the mother-inlaw. Be that as it may, both are so threa and bleached with time and hard service that it would be a work of mercy for some benevolent and intelligent paragrapher to get up a new supply of am-munition."--New York Ledger.

An Army of "Poor" Employees.

To look after the city's standing army of dependents and delinquents requires a big official force. There are three commissioners with \$5,000 a year each. a six assistants

PUFFI AND OUT THEY GO. A Cavern in Colorado That Resents the

Intrusion of Strangers.

There is a cave near Rockwood, a station on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, which has been visited by many persons. No particular mention of the cave has been made, as it seemed to be little worthy of notice. On Sunday last a number of pleasure seekers left this city to join a party at Rockwood who had planned to visit the cave. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the members of the party, having disposed of their dinbegan to climb the hill near the ner, top of which the month of the cave is located. After much exertion the foremost of

the party reached the mouth of the cave. and being in advance of his companions they were startled to see him fall backward into the low oak brush as if he had been thrown from a catapult His companions pushing forward more vigorously, soon came to his rescue and found him recovering, not much hurt, but slightly scratched and somewhat dazed He could give no explanation of his sudden removal from the opening to the cavern.

Curious to know what the cause was the entire company in a body pushed up the hill, which has a particularly steep descent near the mouth of the cave. 'To the astonishment of the whole number the instant after stepping into the cave they found themselves all piled together in a spot near where the first had landed. It took but a little while to recover from the entanglement, when they began to inquire the cause of this sudden excitement. They all agreed that they had seen nothing to cause such a thing, and they were curious to know the reason for the phenomenon. But how to find out what they wished was the thing to

At last it was determined that the strongest gentleman of the party should gain a position at the side of the entrance, and, thus protected, get an opportunity to reconnoiter. So, taking a circuitous route and avoiding a position directly in front of the opening, they soon found themselves close beside the entrance. Cautiously putting his head out beyond the protecting wall, the foremost peered it. His hat immediately took flight down the declivity, but he was thus made aware of the exact state of affairs.

The philosophy of the current of air in caves suddenly dawned upon him. As is well known the air of a warm day in summer is much lighter on the outside of a cave or cellar than it is inside. Consequently the cold, heavy air rushes out with great violence-enough in this case to cause the trouble spoken of and

Later, relating this tale, an old timer told your correspondent of a former adventure of his at the same place. On a cold day in the early winter he was tracking a deer along this hillside, when he was astonished to see the cave open up before him, and he noticed that the dbare and faded and frayed out snow seemed to have been disturbed very recently, as though a body had been dragged into the entrance.

Without thinking, he stepped forward to examine into the cause of the disturbed condition of the snow, when he felt himself violently pulled into the cave, the force pulling him from his feet. He felt a shock, and for awhile was oblivious to all around him. When his senses returned he found he was lying by and partially upon the body of secretary who gets \$2,300 and a staff of a deer. Upon examination he found the sleven at the central office, besides the body of the deer yet warm. This led to superintendent of the outdoor poor and a still closer examination. He at last determined that the force of the current There are 45 employees at the Tombs, of air blowing into the cave had drawn including 4 physicians and 4 matrons. the deer in. killing it, but that when he was drawn in the shock was somewhat obviated by his striking the deer, thus saving him from death. The explanation is just the reverse of the other, the air being warmer inside the cave than out. The current flows into the cave during the winter, thus accounting for the strange affair. - Denver Sun.

with a pretty lady whom he introduced as his wife. She was a resident of the neighborhood of Georgetown. Her father is a rich Blue Grass stockman.

The happy couple after their marriage visited Florida and contemplated a trip to California, when all of a sudden they agreed to disagree.

Mr. Tolbert magnaninously says that he cannot make her happy. Mrs. Tolbert, so far as appearances are concern-

consulted counsel. Tolbert gave his bride \$1,000 in jewelry and \$2,500 in United States bonds, and,

as a measure of good luck, he left attached thereto the coupons which are due next January. Then they kissed, embraced, took one more look into each other's eyes and parted. She returned to Georgetown. He is in this city .-Cincinnati Cor. Philadelphia Record.



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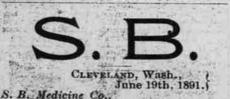
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Mr. G. S. Clinton placed "Coventry, England," after his name on the Auditorium register the other morning. A reporter asked him what he thought of this country in general.

"Oh, I like it pretty well," he replied. "Have you traveled very extensively in the United States?"

"All over it.

"Have you been in Chicago before?" "Often."

"Do you intend to remain in this country long?

"For the rest of my life."

"Then you like it so well that you intend to settle here?"

"I think I will. I've been in the United States for twenty-seven years. It suits me first rate. I register from Coventry because it looks better than Hell Creek, where I live, and so that I can remember to write letters to my people in England. Haven't seen Coventry since I was a small boy and don't want to, but the name looks simply great on a hotel book. Don't you think so?"-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

#### The Scales on a Hair.

If you look at a human hair under the microscope you will find that its surface is formed of successive overlapping scales. The bristles of the hog bear much resembles to the human hair, though their diameter is greater and the tilelike scales are much finer. Sheeps' hair has much coarser scales. It is owing to the existence of these scales that a schoolboy is able by a peculiar process to tell which is the tip and which the other end of a hair, rolling it between his finger and thumb. Thus manipulated, the hair always travels in the direction of the base, because the edges of the scales prevent it from going the other way .- Interview in Washington Star.

#### The Cultivated Oyster.

When your host places before you oysters that are plump and round and thick and deep and light colored and mantled narrowly by a fringe quite thick to the very edge, then you may be sure that they have not only lived with few disturbances, but under a high state of cultivation .- Edward L. Wilson in Scribner's.

#### Of Little Faith.

Mrs. Blinks-Dear me." it's raining How am I to get this letter mailed?

Friend-Hand it to the letter carrier. Mrs. Blinks-Huht He'd forget all

There are 81 employees in the district prisons (Jefferson Market, Essex Market, Yorkville and Harlem), 72 employees at the Bellevue hospital, besides 54 trained female nurses, a chemist and 3 assistants, and 66 male nurses and employees. There is a staff of 13 at the Gouverneur

cospital, of 10 at the Harlem hospital, of 130 at the Charity hospital on Blackwell's island, of 82 at the penitentiary, of 42 in the almshouse, of 45 in the workhouse, of 250 in the city insane asylum, process is begun while they are still very of 50 in the Ward's island hospital, of young. H. A. Bryden gives an instance. 300 on Randall's and Ward's islands, of 22 at the Hart's island workhouse, of 150 at the Hart's island asylum, of 75 at the Islip asylum and of 18 in the storehouse department on Blackwell's island. -New York Sun.

#### Remarkable Feat of Strength.

E. P. Kendall gave a remarkable exhibition of his skill and strength with a men employed upon the grade work about the county court house, and agreed to put up from shoulder to arm's a limb which makes it necessary for him to use crutches, and as he is of very slight build the result of the contest appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

One after another the eight men took their places, Kendall keeping time with each one, and after the eighth had dropped his arm from sheer exhaustion Kendall smiled pleasantly and ran up his score of consecutive lifts to an even 1,000. His best score with a twelve-pound bell is 2,600 lifts, and he has a brother who holds the world's championship .--Seattle Press-Times.

Living on Eighty-four Cents a Week. food, may I be pardoned for mentioning classed together and, if possible, that many years ago, when a schoolboy, brought under one law. The familiar that many years ago, when a schoolboy, I tried how cheaply I could five, and found that I was able to get, in summer, too limited a meaning. And "telepeverything I required in the shape of good, wholesome food for three shillings six and a half pence a week. Of course I had little meat, and kept principally to fruit and vegetables, which I could buy cheap, as I was near a large town. National Review

The phrase, "castles in the air," has been attributed to Sir Philip Sydney, ployed in the Southern Railway office Swift. Fielding, Churchill and Shen- and also in the Fidelity bank. To his stone. It was first used more than 250 friends he was known as a confirmed about it - He's a man. - New York years age by Robert Burton in his bachelor. Great was their surprise when "Anatomy of Melancholy."

#### Taming a Zebra.

Zebras can never be tamed, unless the virtues. Yours, etc.; process is begun while they are still very of a tragic fate which befell one of them. captured when he was 7 or 8 years old. He had joined a troop of horses belong-ing to one of the author's friends, and finally allowed himself to be driven with them into a kraal or inclosure. It was then determined to keep him, and if possible to domesticate him.

For this purpose he was lassoed and tied to a free, but so ferocious was he in ten-pound dumbbell at noontime. He the presence of man that the greatest matched himself against eight strong precautions had to be observed in approaching him. All possible means were taken to induce him to feed. When captured he was in splendid condition, and length a ten-pound dumbbell more times his coat shone in the sun. Herbage was than the eight men could. Kendall has brought from the mountain tops where he had been used to graze, and every conceivable food placed before him, but in vain; he steadily refused to eat.

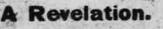
Water he drank greedily, and would dispose of three bucketfuls at a time. At length, after three weeks of vain

endeavor to tame the noble creature, during which time he subsisted entirely on water, he died .- Youth's Companion.

The Use of the Word Telepathy. The term telepathy must not be introduced without explanation. So term not yet in common use must be employed when mental phenomena-influences of mind on mind-not generally While on the subject of abstinence in seen to be closely related have to be athy" is already in use. It has be 

> Met, Loved, Wed and Party E Albert Tolbert is one of the best known young men about town. He was emand also in the Fidelity hank. To his he returned to the city two weeks ago

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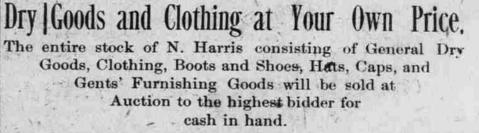
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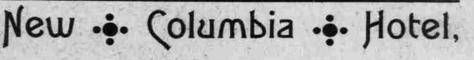
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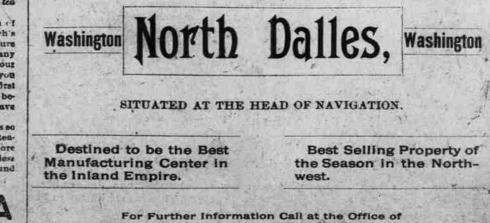
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