

BANDON RECORDER.

TIMBER IN RIVER BEDS.

Future awaits the inventor of a Method to Recover It. "If some scheme could be devised," said a Stillwater (Minn.) man, "by which the sunken logs which fill the beds of rivers and creeks...

POLLY LARKIN

Death rang down the curtain and ended the tragically for a loveless and friendless life in San Francisco the other day. The sole actor in this little drama had gone through the various scenes of birth, representing the four seasons...

NEW SHORT STORIES

The Student's Question. The late John R. Proctor was one of the best story tellers in Washington. He went to a dinner the night before he died...

Of all the contemptible men in existence is the man with a family, yet bestowing his time and his money on another woman, ignoring his family completely, taking the money needed for shoes and wearing apparel from his own little flock and lavishing boxes of candy, flowers and gifts on this woman...

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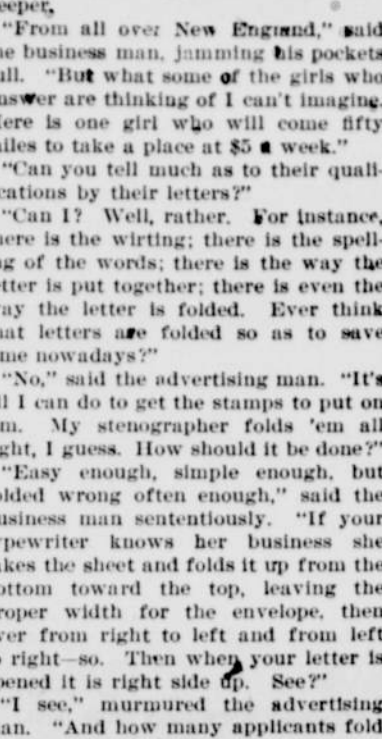
Only a small percentage of applicants know the right way. "I see you have lots of applications," said the advertising manager to the business manager who had advertised for a typewriter and bookkeeper.

"From all over New England," said the business man, jamming his pockets full. "But what some of the girls who answer are thinking of I can't imagine. Here is one girl who will come fifty miles to take a place at \$5 a week."

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WOMAN AND FASHION

A School Coat. This is a very pretty coat for a little girl and should be made in a very heavy cloth or, for a more dressy coat, velvet. It requires no trimming but



FOR A SMALL GIRL. The buttons and rows of stitching. It can be made either with or without the shield, and the sleeves are bishop, with a flare at the wrist. This is suitable for girls of from three to twelve years of age.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

No "Blanks" For Krag Rifles. "It is not generally known that when a squad of United States regular soldiers fires a salute with what purport to be blank cartridges they are really firing bullets," said an employee of Frankford arsenal recently. Continuing he said:

"Of course the only effect sought in a salute is the production of noise, and in the old days of the Springfield rifle, with its perfectly straight cartridges, it was easy to load a blank with a charge of blank powder and a paste-board wad and insure its proper confinement by a heavy crimp at the end of the shell. With the new Krag and its bottle necked shell the powder cannot be properly confined without a projectile. Hence we make a fake bullet of paper, into the nose of which we insert a few grains of powder. Now, when the rifle is fired the paper bullet leaves the muzzle with all the initial velocity of the real steel jacketed projectile. The intense friction produced by such velocity causes the powder in the paper to explode and scatter the paper to the four winds within five feet of the gun muzzle."—Philadelphia Press.

Fixed Furniture. Architects and builders of flats are showing a decided disposition to fit up these dwellings with everything possible in the way of furniture. Sideboards, wardrobes, window and corner ottoman seats, mirrors and bookcases are being provided with the primary view of economizing space and the secondary idea of enabling tenants to move in and out with as little inconvenience as possible. But it also means that dwellers in flats will thus be possessed of a mere few odds and ends and that household goods will be so reduced that home will practically come to mean partially furnished lodgings and nothing more. The gathering together of laces and penates will almost cease, and housewives will have less than ever to cherish and keep in order. This will probably be regarded as another blow at domestic life.

GETTING IN THE WALNUTS.

An Industry That Closes California Country Schools. The first English walnut orchard in California was planted with seed from the Los Angeles mission gardens, where the padres had started a few trees with nuts brought with them from Spain.

The walnut tree begins to bear when six or seven years old, and nothing is known definitely of its age limit bearing. Fabulous stories are told of trees in Spain one or two centuries old bearing enormous crops. The oldest trees in California are still bearing, but deductions from the short history already made show that the tree is in its prime from its twenty-fifth to its thirtieth year. Fifteen hundred pounds of nuts to the acre is a good average yield, making seventy-five pounds the average weight from one tree.

The harvest time begins about the middle of September and lasts nearly six weeks. The nuts begin to fall with the leaves, and the perfect cultivation under the trees leaves no chance for them to lose themselves among clods or weeds. The brown dead leaves alone hide the nuts. Under normal conditions they drop free from the outer husk, or hull, through its irregular opening, and getting the nuts picked up is a simple matter. Sometimes the trees are well irrigated just before harvest time to insure the clean dropping of the nuts.

Boys and girls, men and women, Japanese and Chinese, are all pressed into service, and on hands and knees the great orchards are gone over, not once, but several times, on account of the irregular ripening of the nuts. The trees are occasionally shaken during the season to loosen the nuts, and before the last gathering they are "poled" to start the very tardy ones. This is done by long, coarse bamboo poles, whose light weight makes them easily handled. In certain rural districts the public schools close regularly for a "walnut vacation." The help of the children is needed, and the children are nothing loath to replace their diminished purses. Fat cans and gumnysacks are scattered among the pickers, and when the bags are full they are carried to the drying grounds, where they are spread out on slat trays to dry.—Review of Reviews.

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APHORISMS.

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor.—Plutarch. To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.—Burke. Better a little chiding than a great deal of heartbreak.—Shakespeare. Repentance is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.—Milton. A straight line is the shortest in morals as in mathematics.—Maria Edgeworth. Think twice before you speak or act once, and you will speak or act the more wisely for it.—Franklin. There is no impossibility to him who stands prepared to conquer every hazard. The fearful are the falling.—S. J. Hale. There never was a person who did anything worth doing that did not receive more than he gave.—H. W. Beecher. Refinement creates beauty everywhere. It is the grossness of the spectator that discovers anything like grossness in the object.—Hazlitt.

Brain. The brain is an important organ serving as it does to keep the head from collapsing. Almost all styles of doing the hair call for a head of some sort. Again, there is nothing like a head to set off a fine neck. Finally, we should feel rather foolish without our heads. For a long time scientists were unable to discover why it is that the brain is divided into white and gray matter. It remained for a clever French savant to solve the difficulty. "Quite likely," said he, "the loud colors had not yet come in when man was created." Psychology deals with the organic aspect of thought. To psychology we owe the knowledge that calf's brain makes good soup.—Pack.

Sir Colin Campbell's Commission. When the Duke of Wellington was in India he "discovered" the soldier who afterward became Sir Colin Campbell. That dashing warrior was in the commissariat service and had volunteered for an assault on a hill fort. The duke saw a little round man run up a ladder, and receiving a pike thrust at the top, roll down like a ball to the bottom. He was, however, up again in an instant and, running up like a squirrel, was the first or among the first in the place. The duke laughed, inquired about him and procured him a commission.

Whittier's Safeguard. When an overland visitor from the city once commented to the poet Whittier upon the insecurity that seemed inseparable from so many doors opening out from all sides of the large old country home, the master of the house strove gently to restore confidence by pointing that most of them were locked at night.

Not to Be Thought Of. Mrs. Newlywed—Yes, Harry has only one fault, dear fellow! He will smoke cigarettes. Mrs. Oldgirl—Why don't you break him off it? Mrs. Newlywed—And leave me nothing to scold him about? No, indeed!—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Laying Down the Law. Lady (entertaining friend's little girl)—Do you take sugar, darling? The Darling—Yes, please. Lady—How many lumps? The Darling—Oh, about seven, and when I'm out to tea I start with cake.—Punch.

They All Do. Mother—Diddle, do you want for a birthday present? Diddle—I want to be my own boss.—Indianaapolis Journal.

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BRIEF REVIEW.

Crack of a Famous Bell. An ominous crack has just been discovered in one of the most famous bells in the world, the so-called "La Clemence," in the Cathedral of St. Peter at Geneva. It is the bell which was sounded at the "Escalade" of the dark night of St. Thomas' day, December 21, 1692, when the 8000 Savoyards made their attack upon the "Rome of Protestantism." The assailants had crept close to the fortifications unobserved, and had planted their ladders, the Jesuit missionaries exhorting them in whispers, "Climb, climb, every rung of the ladder is a step toward heaven!" when the loud clanging of La Clemence was heard, calling the citizens to arms, and Geneva was rescued. The Savoyards were driven back and the aged Theodore Beza called the people into the cathedral, where they sang the 124th Psalm. From 1692 to 1901, on every December 21st, the now silenced bell has been rung in memory of the "Escalade."

Tolstoi Most Translated Author. Tolstoi is the most widely translated author in the world. There is no Slav dialect into which his works have not been translated. In 1900 the first Persian translation appeared, and in 1901 the first Siamese. In 1894 several Roumanian and Portuguese translations were made. That his works have appeared in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish is well known.

Salinity of the Ocean. Recent investigation, says a German contemporary, have shown that the salinity of the ocean varies greatly in different localities. The Atlantic has two large areas that are very salt, one north and one south of the equator, while the Pacific has one small salt area south of the equator.

The average American makes twenty-nine trips on a railroad in a year. Some of these trips are exceedingly short, yet the average American gets on the train ten times oftener than does his English cousin.

Burglars, unable to break through the iron door of a cigar shop in Berlin; avenged themselves by painting up a notice: "There is nothing here worth stealing."

Golden eagles are increasing in the Scottish Highlands, owing to the efforts made by large landowners for their preservation.

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