

BANDON RECORDER.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Number of Presidents. It is curious to note the number of mistakes made in well informed quarters...

"Sweetening" Wood. The newest method of curing timber quickly for lumber work, planes, etc., is to sweeten it. This process, which was invented by an Englishman named Powell...

Our Growing Cuban Trade. Figures of the trade of the United States with Cuba under the reciprocity treaty are published by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics.

Tunes Serve as Reminders. Have you ever noticed how a person will associate music with different scenes or incidents of his life? asked a man on a street car recently.

The Czar's Income. It is said that the czar of Russia has \$25,000,000 invested in English securities and that he would, in extreme crisis, fly and live in England, as other troubled monarchs have done before him.

Take More Sleep Than You Do. Sir John Cockburn insists on the need of more sleep for everybody. He ridicules the old proverb, "Six hours for man, seven for woman and eight for a fool."

Sure. Mrs. Bunn—So your servant ran off. Don't you think she'll regret it? Mrs. Hunt—Yes, because my husband ran with her.—Manchester (N. H.) Mirror and American.

There isn't anything in the whole world that a man knows as much about as a woman knows about dress.—Philadelphia Record

POLLY LARKIN

A bill has just been introduced in the Legislature at Springfield, Ill., which calls for a whipping post to be established in every school-yard for the chastisement of bad boys, and all punishment for violation of school discipline is to be done in public.

Whipping posts seem to be a bad just now in some places in the East. They have established a pillory and whipping post in Delaware, and the lash has fallen heavily since this mode of punishment became a law.

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The stork is not very welcome among the poorer classes of New York if the landlords are apt to follow the example of one Elias Russ. One of his tenants had three children when the family moved into one of his houses. Today they have eight children and for every child extra he has raised the rent to fifty cents per month.

Caring For Servants. The other day a woman discharged her maid because the poor girl fell ill. She could not have done so in Germany, for there, when a servant is stricken, the employer must pay a sum equal to 50 cents a day for hospital expenses until the patient is perfectly recovered.

Have you a bill you can't collect? Then give it to a man who never pays his debts and he will either collect it or make life miserable for the other fellow. Investigation is the road to wisdom.

"no children wanted," and in the halls no placards are posted announcing the fact that "no children will be tolerated in the hall." The place is conspicuous for the absence of all these obnoxious signs.

The question box has been minus a query for a long time, but here is one from "Linnet," and she writes from one of the interior towns in regard to a summer silk, etc. Yes, Linnet, the sample you sent is just the thing for such an important event.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Automobile Street Sweeper. The automobile street sweeper was thoroughly tested on the streets of Chicago and has been also used in different cities to demonstrate its efficiency.

Pole Star Recorder.

The polar star recorder is one of the most interesting instruments at the Blue Hill observatory, near Boston. This instrument is the only one of its kind. It was designed by Professor E. C. Pickering, director of the Harvard observatory, while automatic devices have been made for it by Engineer Ferguson.

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Will Convert Smoke Into Vapor.

John Matthews of Baltimore has patented a smoke condenser which he believes will do away with the smoke nuisance. A stack is being built for the purpose of a practical test. The device consists of a thirty-foot stack connected with the engine near its base, and a pipe which carries off the smoke, soot and cinders.

Fish Scale Jewelry.

The scales of the sea drum are extensively used in the manufacture of the sprays of flowers and other articles of fancy work which are sold at seaside resorts under the name of "fish scale jewelry." They are large and silvery and so hard that it is necessary to remove them from the fish with an axe or hatchet.

NEW SHORT STORIES

General Wallace's Equipment. The recent death of General Lev Wallace reminded Representative C. R. Landis of a Spanish war incident.

"In Indiana," said he, "where we were always very proud of the general, there existed a strong sentiment that he had given a high command against the dons. We thought he ought to be made a major general.



"Why doesn't the president make General Wallace a spy?" "Say, papa," he asked, looking in, "why doesn't the president make General Wallace a spy?"

Concerning Free Seeds. Former Representative Thomas Ball of Texas, who left congress to practice law and make money, arrived in Washington recently on a visit.

"Bill," said Ball, "when you hide, do you know what you have done? I am speaking for the representatives now in congress from Texas. They don't speak for themselves because they are in congress yet. I am out of politics, and there is no curb bit on me.

One on Joe Cannon. When Frank Hatton was postmaster general, Speaker Cannon, who was then just a plain representative from Danville, Ill., took a constituent to the postoffice department to see Hatton.

General Grant's Resignation. There is also an interesting bit of correspondence on file in this department. It will be recalled that U. S. Grant resigned from the regular army after he had been advanced to the rank of captain.

An Anglo-American Incident. This story is told by J. P. Carter of the American embassy in London. It was a fashionable function and the orchestra had been playing so "swat" only.

Civil Service. "Maria," said Boggles to his wife with an idea of instructing her in political economy, "do you know what civil service is?"

At the Sewing Circle. "Men and women are the books and eyes of society," remarked Miss Smith. "And they are constantly becoming unfastened," naively put in the divorcee.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Special Correspondence. There is an exhibition at the capitol a painting in oil of the late James G. Blaine which is intended to replace the crayon likeness of the deceased statesman which now hangs in the speaker's lobby of the house.

Before visiting the White House we met at a local hotel to decide upon our programme. After quite a parley Colonel Wingate, one of the delegation, suggested we must not forget that General Wallace was a splendid Spanish scholar.

Judge Wickersham Reappointed. Judge James Wickersham of the third division of Alaska has been appointed by the president to continue in his position, and his name will be sent to the senate when that body convenes again.

Historic Mantel Found. Joseph I. Keefer of Washington recently made an interesting discovery in the old octagon house, occupied by President Madison in 1814, after the British burned the White House.

Faneuil's Gift to the President. Professor Francesco Faneuil, for mer leader of the United States Marine band, who composed an ode which was rendered at one of the recent inaugural concerts by the Marine band and the chorus of 500 voices, has presented to President Roosevelt, to whom the ode is dedicated, a manuscript copy of the composition, handsomely bound in an illuminated leather cover in red and gold.

Antiquity of the Spring Festival. From earliest times mankind has celebrated a joyous festival at this season of the year. Pagan nations made merry at the return of the sun to the northland when the sleeping earth awakened after the death of winter and all nature had a new birth.

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Russian Easter Eggs. On Easter morning in Russia every one in the royal household distributes eggs. Those given the high officials are often very valuable, made of gold and set with precious stones, and very often worth thousands of dollars.

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WOMAN AND FASHION

An Attractive Jacket. Bolero jackets are in high favor just now and will be worn all through the season. The one here pictured is a most attractive model and is developed in brown broadcloth.



Bolero Jacket. In brown broadcloth. A yoke extends across the back, and fancifully shaped bands of the material form a pretty finish for the front edge and sleeves.

Shot Effects and Checks. The brown and blue mixtures, both colors in rather soft, light shades, are particularly in evidence in both shot and checked silks and are distinctly charming, though dark enough to be serviceable.

Fashion Notes. Checked panama makes some good looking street suits. Yoke empacements to waists are of every variety of shape.

Spring Suits. Small checks in blue and green, brown and blue, blue and black and green and black are made up into some of the jauntiest spring suits. The material is mohair, panama cloth or silk.

Suit For Small Boy. The accompanying sketch shows a suit for the small lad composed of two pieces, natty knickerbockers and a trim sailor suit.

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Dainty Petticoats. The daintiest of washing petticoats are those trimmed with deep shaded volants of piece embroidery, the hem of which are finished either by a series of scallops worked in buttonhole stitch or by a plainly applied band of nam sock or muslin, or possibly with a tiny double box plait or ruching.

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The Poet And the Easter Bonnet

HIS EASTER. HE sits behind his dearest, And on her dainty head The sweetest, neatest, prettiest Of quaint conceits is spread.



Oh, sinful man, that Easter Should bloom and fade away With just a woman's bonnet His lesson for the day!

THE INTERRUPTED POEM. THE Easter sunlight floods the world that seems a dream of May. (Tom, guard the door and tell 'em all I'm not at home today.)

The blossoms seem to throbb with light, the daisies look blue. (I think I know that voice outside—the bill's for twenty-five!)

The birds, half hidden in the blooms—they talk of this and that. (I wonder what the bill will be for those on Mollie's hat!)

And the very winds have voices sweet that win me more and more. (Again, again the tramp of feet—a bill beneath the door!)

(I think I'll take the fire escape and rival time in flight!) Oh, world of loveliness and joy! My soul with rapture thrills! (I think I'll seek the buzz of bees—and leave the buzz of bills!)

A MARRIED MAN'S SONG OF EASTER. WHEN Betty went to church with me At Easter, she used to wear Some fetching headdress for the day. A rich and elegant affair.

That brought admiring eyes upon it. I cannot say, try as I may, How dear to me was Betty's bonnet.

And now when Betty goes to church At Easter she still is seen In some creation much the same As gave her charms at sweet sixteen. The charm has somewhat passed away. 'Tis true, I like to see her don it, But I can tell 'em, too well— How dear to me is Betty's bonnet!

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