

HILARIOUS TSILTCOOS.

As it is impossible to catch onto a single item of news this week, I will present you with some pen pictures of people I know. Do you recognize them?

(—) This is E. H. D. who dashes about driving oxen, building saw-mills and what not.

(.) This is O. L. B., who, when he gets angry, always makes a long pause before he speaks.

(;) This is J. L. F., who stops just long enough to make sure it is a bear, then he turns and runs away—He'll "scrap" a bear some other day.

(:) This is M. F. P., who fails to "grasp the situation," until he is followed by convincing proof that the potatoes are not dug.

(,) Here is G. H., who can pause but a moment—he is so busy getting moved and so on.

(!) Why, my stars! That must have been a "shriek" from B. F. W.

(?) This will represent the policy of the new administration.

[" "] This is "G. M." who is fond of quoting old saws.

[W.] Here is a young man who always represents one point of the compass.

[s] This is Mrs. Y., who possesses the best husband and the finest ranch in Oregon.

[-] This is G's. and M's., who although two distinct families, seem to be always connected.

[+] Here is J. E. W., who always has a good story to tell by way of explanation.

[A. & B.] These are the poor tired editors who have had quite enough and want to quit this foolishness.

Now, when I meet a friend who turns his head the other way as I pass by, I shall take it as a sign that he has recognized his portrait.

Please read Mrs. Miller instead of "Mrs. Wilkes" in last week's Tsiltcoos items. GAIL MAKER.

To Keep Guns From Rusting.

The best way to preserve a gun from rusting is to have a ring of zinc soldered round the barrel, or, if it is not convenient to do this, to have a long strip of zinc soldered out of sight underneath the barrel. The galvanic action which is excited between the zinc and the iron effectually prevents the oxidation of either metal, and as long as the zinc remains in contact with the iron not a particle of rust will appear on either the inside or outside of the barrel.

How Dead Horses Were Utilized.

Among other army contractors of high and low degree at or about Washington during the war was one who had purchased, as the highest bidder, the dead horses of the Army of the Potomac, for which he had paid \$1.76 each, delivered at his establishment. They averaged in the winter about fifty a day, and were thus disposed of: First, the shoes were pulled off, then the hoofs were cut off, then the manes and tails were sheared. The animal was then skinned, the carcass was boiled that the tallow might be extracted, the best of the bones were sold for knife handles, and the remainder to be ground for fertilizers. The total results were that these different parts of the dead nag were worth, when

prepared for the market, at least \$25 a head, and the profits of the contractor were consequently very large.

The Color of Indians.

The color of the Indian race varies much individually, as does that of our own Caucasian race, and it also varies much with the different tribes. It is safe to describe them in general terms as brown. Some tribes are of a decidedly light shade of brown, while others are so dark—the California coast tribes, for instance—as to almost suggest the negro. Numerous individuals have been noticed by travelers in some Indian tribes, as the Mandau, Zuni and others, who are so light that the idea of their descent from European people gained currency. It was chiefly this fact that lent weight to the theory propounded less than one hundred years ago that colonies of Welch had been planted in the wilds of America. As we know now, however, these light colored Indians are simply of a natural brown, or are albinos. Of the latter class perhaps those at Zuni are the best know.

A Snake With a Baby's Head.

Jonathan Baker, while working on his farm at Coalton, Ohio, one day recently, heard a strange hissing sound coming from a log pile. Wondering what it could be, he removed the logs one by one. After several had been removed he was horrified to see a mighty serpent, with a head resembling that of a babe, spring up. Back from the low forehead coursed an abundance of soft hair, and beneath the wrinkled brow peered eyes of evil.

From its lips darted a forked tongue, as the monster, fully eight feet long, and as thick as a man's thigh, tried to spring upon the farmer. Mr. Baker called a friend, Joseph McCartney, who was working near. Both took their axes, and one struck the monster a blow on the back of its head, while the other tackled its body.

The brute writhed and hissed in horrible agony, and the sound it emitted was perfectly awful. It made an effort to strike with its powerful tail, but the men kept clear of it until the snake was dispatched by repeated blows.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Moisture is a promoter of decay in fruit.

Four-fifths of the engines now in the world have been constructed during the last twenty-five years.

Electric baby carriages are seen in Paris. The nurse holds a cord, and the battery underneath furnishes the motive power.

The search-light on Mount Washington, New Hampshire, is so brilliant that people at the Fabyan House, seven miles away, can read big print by its rays.

At Sterling, Scotland, Professor Denton, of the Department of Agriculture, has plowed and reaped by electric power with a distinct gain in speed and economy.

A whole table d'hote dinner at the Windsor Hotel, Ottawa, Canada, was recently cooked by electricity. The food, the coffee and even the ice were all prepared by the current from an electric

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light company's mains. The hotel is now fitted up regularly with an electric oven.

It is pointed out by a scientist that the world's most precious gems are composed of the commonest substances, the diamond, for instance, being pure carbon—that is to say, charcoal devoid of impurities.

The little village of Bremen, Thuringia, boasts of the smallest electric light installation. A single arch lamp in the church is operated, when needed, by a little dynamo driven by the water-wheel of the village mill.

Rush Valley, Utah, has a mine of natural shoe blacking. An analysis of the peculiar stuff reveals the fact that it is composed of sixteen per cent of carbon, eighteen per cent of bitumen and the remainder albumen, almost pure.

CURIOUS FACTS.

England is as large as Iowa.

The cry of a wounded hare resembles that of a child in distress.

The first mill built in Oregon was erected in 1817 by the Hudson Bay Company. The sills, which were of oak and are yet sound, have been converted into lumber, and will be used in the finishing of a residence.

A woman in Kennebunk, Me., has made pets of five field crickets. Each has a name and seems to know it when spoken. They are peculiarly sensitive to music, and are always chirping when the sound of a musical instrument is heard.

Among the most remarkable inventions at the recent paper exhibition at Berlin was a set of paper teeth made by a Lubec dentist in 1878. They have been in constant use for more than thirteen years, and show absolutely no wear whatever.

Flowers may be kept fresh for a long time by putting a pinch of soda into the water in which they are held. They should not be gathered while the sun is shining upon them, but early in the morning, or after the sun has been down for an hour. To revive wilted flowers plunge the stems to about one-third of their length into boiling water. This

will drive the sap back into the flowers, causing them to become fresh. Then cut away the third of the stem which has been heated, and place the flowers in cold water.

Eight million eight hundred and three thousand bales of cotton were used by the world last year.

New South Wales is a great stock raising country. The number of miles of fencing is 1,690,000, built at an average cost of \$209 per mile. There are 32,000 dams used for stock purposes, at an average cost of \$415, 33,000 water tanks, each costing \$965; and 3744 wells, averaging \$1145. This total expenditure exceeds \$4,000,000 for improvements in stock raising.

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