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FUN ON THE FLY.

It isn't the "dainty" poet who is responsible for all the fugitive verses.—Boston Courier.

If any young man wants to find out what the wild waves are saying let him go to sea.—Picayune.

A big man groans most when he gets sick because there is more of him to suffer.—Acheson Globe.

"WELL, I'll be kicked," as the football said when he heard that the college had opened.—Buffalo Express.

"ANYTHING new on foot?" "Yes." "What is it?" "Our baby. He's just learned to walk."—Lawrence American.

The women are now permitted to vote on the Isle of Man, and will probably change the name of the place if they can muster a majority.—Dallas News.

"Will you have another cup of coffee?" the landlady asked the boarder. He shook his head. "The spirit is willing," he said, "but the coffee is weak."—N. Y. Press.

"WELL," said the good-natured man, as he sat in the restaurant, "that is a most accommodating waiter. He probably thinks I am not hungry, and is waiting for me to get an appetite."—Washington Star.

MAUD—"Miss Flynt is to be married in great style Tuesday night." Agnes—"Who is the lucky man?" "I can't just recall his name, but it is the one she isn't going to marry."—Inter Ocean.

"PARKER'S fire insurance policy covered the coal in his cellar, and the other day, just for a joke, he put in a claim for all the coal he'd burned." "What did the company do?" "Had Parker arrested for arson."—N. Y. Sun.

THE WORLD'S PROGRESS.

ONE of the latest practical applications of aluminum is in making carriage window frames. A large establishment at Neuhausen, Switzerland, turns out large numbers of these frames daily.

A GLASS factory at Liverpool now has glass journal boxes for all its machinery, a glass floor, glass shingles on the roof and a smoke stack 103 feet high built wholly out of glass bricks, each a foot square.

AMONG the smallest products of man's constructive talent must now be numbered a tea-kettle which has been hammered by an ingenious foreign metal-worker out of a small copper coin a little larger than a copper cent.

A MICHIGAN woman has patented a device for securing glass in the doors of stoves and furnaces, in order that the process of baking may be watched without opening the doors, and also to save fuel by decreasing draughts.

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

THE STORY OF THE REVOLVER.

Though the Weapon Was in the Sea the Crime Went Not Unavenged of Men.

I was walking along the dock that afternoon, when I ran into a tramp who was fumbling over a heap of rubbish in an ash barrel.

He fished out an old revolver; barely had his hand touched the weapon than he threw the pistol to the ground. Turning to me, he said:

"I would like to take that iron with me."

"Well, there it is."
"No, not for worlds."
"You are crazy."

"I am not. How do I know what may have been done with that revolver? Might it not have been used in some killing scrape? You know, it's a superstition among thieves and murderers to throw away their shooting irons. It is considered bad luck to hold 'em."

"Why so?"
"Oh, there's no telling. Now this revolver," he said, "might have taken a man's life for all I know. There are rust stains on the handle. See for yourself."

I looked closely. There were dull stains there. These might possibly have been caused by human blood. But only the microscope could determine that definitely now.

"Maybe the man who fell before this gun was robbed for his money; maybe he had a home and family; maybe it was some atrocious midnight surprise."

As the tramp said this he looked intently at the engine of death in a reflective fashion. Then, with a sudden movement, he threw it far out in the tide.

I thought no more of the incident. Four months later my business took me to a small town in Connecticut.

"You are just in time," said a friend; "there's to be lots of sport here to-day."

"How so?" I asked, inquisitively.
"Well, we're to have a hanging bee. We're going to make a man swing for a bloody crime. Here is his picture in the paper."

I looked and started with surprise. It was the face of my tramp friend.
—N. Y. Herald.

NOT RECOGNIZED.

Gen. Grant and the Inquisitive Irish Barmaid.

When Gen. Grant was in Ireland in 1879, on his tour round the world, Mr. J. A. O'Shea was in his train as a newspaper correspondent. On the way from Dublin to Derry the cars stopped at Portadown, and Mr. O'Shea hastened into the refreshment room after something to eat. He was nibbling a sandwich and chatting with the barmaid, when a voice at his left quickly demanded a glass of lemonade and a biscuit. The voice belonged to Gen. Grant.

The correspondent finished his luncheon, and was turning to go when the barmaid said:

"Tell me, is it true Gen. Grant is passing by this line to-day?"

"Yes, I believe you are correctly informed."

"You are an American, aren't you?"

"I have not that privilege."

"Would you know Gen. Grant if you saw him?"

"I think I should."

"What like is he? I suppose he is a fine-looking man. Do you know when he will pass? If you are here, you will point him out to us?"—this all in a breath.

"I should be happy to oblige, but I am leaving by the next train."

The general all this time "munched his biscuit and sipped his lemonade, his face as impassive as an Italian image," and the hero-worshipping barmaid was none the wiser.—Youth's Companion

DO THESE INTEREST YOU?

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ga., has a "shaking rock" similar to that in Kentucky.

ONLY one ten thousand dollar legal tender note out of an issue of 4,000 is now extant.

FOREIGN ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THERE are fewer suicides in Ireland than in any other country.

In equatorial Africa the price of a wife is ten packages of hair-pins.

SWEDISH girls, at an early age, begin to make and accumulate linen garments. By the time they are of marriageable age they have an extensive outfit of such articles.

NEARLY all Japanese houses are so constructed that the front can be folded back or taken down. The first thing that a Japanese does in the morning is to "open house"—remove the front so that the interior will be exposed to view.

THE Esquimaux are gamblers by nature, but they never impoverish themselves by their games. Cards they do not care for, but dominoes and even chess are played with a skill that at least equals the best of the white men who visit them.

IN Para people of Indian blood predominate and are found in all classes of society from street peddlers and servants to wealthy capitalists and high government officials. There are very few Portuguese or Africans, and the descendants of both these races show a large admixture of Indian blood.

HAPPENINGS ABROAD.

THERE are 54,000 members of the English "Primrose league," and there can be no question about their fealty to the memory of Lord Beaconsfield.

FALLING stars are numerous in Italy about the time when the Catholic church celebrates the martyrdom of Saint Lawrence. They are therefore poetically called the "tears of Saint Lawrence."

A UNIQUE method of celebrating the Columbus centenary in Spain is proposed by the artists of Barcelona, who intend to project a colossal shadow of the navigator upon a neighboring mountain peak.

THE Japanese government is said to have provided for a visit of 2,000 of its middle-class citizen to the fair at Chicago next year, and then look about in other large cities in this country before their return home.

A NEW stamp is to be issued in Great Britain of the value of fourpence halfpenny—nine cents—to be available for all postal, telegraphic and revenue purposes. It will be the first stamp issued of this value, and its issuance is called for by the new features of telegraph and parcel-post business.

LITTLE WONDERS.

IF you had as many lenses in each eye as the common dragon fly has each of your organs of sight would be as big as a box car.

A PRISONER in a Bohemian reformatory has finished a perfect running straw watch which is said to be "no larger than a shirt button."

IT would take three and one-fourth thousands (3,250) of the little vegetable parasites which grow on the human hair to cover the white center of a nonpareil "o."

A PIECE of frog's skin no larger in diameter than the rubber tip of your lead pencil has more pores in it than there are meshes in the mosquito netting on your screen door.

A MERIDEN (Conn.) cutlery factory has just finished a wonderful toy—a perfect pocketknife with thirty blades, pinchers, shears, awls, etc., which weighs but one-eighth of an ounce.

A LONDON (England) woman has patented a machine for making watch screws that is provided with a thread-cutter so delicate as to be almost invisible. It will cut perfect threads on the finest human hair.

HORTICULTURAL SPROUTS.

FRENCH florists are cultivating a plant which bears a flower that is white in the morning, red at noon and blue at night.

ICE is now used to preserve cut flowers. Put your bunch of roses in the refrigerator over night. Salt and ice are said to answer even better than ice alone.

NEARLY 1,200 bunches of grapes ripened this season on the great vine at Hampton court. They were sent to Queen Victoria. This vine is the largest in England, and is about 125 years old.

A FRENCH perfumer has discovered that Californian roses possess twenty per cent. more of volatile oil than the roses of France. There are five thousand persons employed in the little town of Grasse, France, in the manufacture of perfumery.

POPULATION NOTES.

THERE are 7,500,000 young men in the United States.

THERE are 1,000 men to every 700 women in Greece.

THE limit of the capacity of the earth is 5,294,000,000 souls, says a scientist, and this number will be reached in less than 187 years.

FRANCE has a population of 38,218,903, comprising about 10,000,000 families, and of these 2,000,000 couples have no children, while 2,000,000 have only one child each.

THE Chinese empire and dependencies, Mongolia, Manchuria, Chinese Turkestan, Kokonor and Thibet, occupy an area of at least 5,000,000 square miles, or about one-third of Asia. The population is estimated at from 360,000,000 to 450,000,000.

CURRENT NOTES.

IT does not follow that a man with a rusk voice is a corn doctor.—Utica Observer.

THE next thing a long-suffering public learns will be the fact that gas companies are putting pneumatic tires on their gas meters.—Ohio State Journal.

SHE—"I honestly believe the love-making on his part is real." He—"I shouldn't wonder. I hear that her diamonds are genuine."—Indianapolis Journal.

FRANK—"But what advantage is there in wearing a monocle?" Adolphus—"Good gad, man, how could I see with both eyes covered?"—Boston Transcript.

MRS. PUTTER FUTNIT was asked if she believed in gas for cooking. "O, yes!" she replied; "we 'eat everything we heat by gas. It's the proper fuel for gastronomy!"—Fun.

SHALLOW—"Why, just read that sign: 'Dental Parlors.' Isn't it absurd to call a dental room a parlor?" Deeper—"It is probably the painter's mistake. He meant drawing-room."—Boston Courier.

"DOCTOR," asked the seeker after knowledge of the clergyman, "why do people get on their knees to pray instead of standing?" "They want to save their soles," responded the clever minister.—Brooklyn Life.

GUFFLEY—"I had a very close call last night." Mollwitz—"Why, how was that—smash on the elevated?" Guffley—"No, but I went up to see the Smiths in their new flat. Another man came in and Smith had to sit in the hall."—Kate Field's Washington.

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