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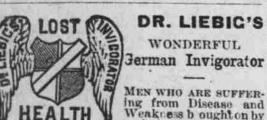
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quoted as saying that every man who writes for his college paper lowers his scholarship. -Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, of Louis-ville, Ky., has been elected President of

-The total white public school children of Tennessee is 420,997; colored, 150,832—an aggregate of 571,829; white teachers employed, 5.410; colored, 1,518; total, 6,928—195 more than during the preceding year. White schools opened,

4,924; colored, 1,471 total, 6,395. -A New York Judge recently gave a lesson in independence to a schoolteacher. "I had the pleasure of your acquaintance when we were equals," said the teacher. "It is the same still," replied the Judge; "a school-teacher

names of students in the annual cataat Ashdon, Eng., adopted a novel plan forth and ran around the yard. for raising funds to renovate their

schools. He finds that in two grades of cat and generally several. many had begun the practice. - Cleve- poison into the food of the guests. land Leader.

advance of their sisters in similar institutions. They have a little paper called the Irenian Casket, which has heretofore been prepared in manuscript form and read at weekly meetings. They have now decided, however, to introduce printing into the college curriculum and learn how to set type, so that they may prepare their own paper and print it with their own hands. They will begin with a monthly issue, with the intention of soon making it semi-

- ion did not dare speak to me in that manner before I married you, sir!" profanisied .- Pittsburgh Chronicle-Tele-

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A CAT DONATION PARTY. The Experience of a Rat-Tormented Family in Montgomery County.

An incident occurred a few miles

from Norristown the other day, within -President Seelye, of Amherst, is Montgomery County, which fairly rivaled in ludicrousness the imaginary experiences of Max Adeler's Consho- S'. Mark, the founder of the Egyptian hocken married couple who celebrated | Church, who is claimed so having been their iron wedding, and whose friends Davidson College, North Carolina. This is a Presbyterian institution. bought at the liquidating sale of a foun-

dry's stock. The materfamilias, who may be designated as Mrs. Smith, is a garrulous, good-natured lady, who retails her tritook possession of the house. Figuratively speaking, the family have had rats for breakfast, rats for dinner, rats | sinia. for supper and rats for a night-cap at

All her friends-and she has manyholds as high a position as any man in the country."—N. Y. Sun.

All ner friends—and she has many—had heard about her rat troubles when the gave a dinner-party. About twenty he country."—N. Y. Sun. she gave a dinner-party. About twenty

The Harvard University authorities p ople were invited. The first arrival have concluded to continue for the got out of a carriage and also took out present the practice of Latinizing the a bag.

"My dear Mrs. Smith, how do you logues, despite the effort made to sub- do? You are much troubled with rats. stitue plain English. Banks, however, and so anxious for a good cat, that I still persist in requiring checks to be signed in English.—Chicago Current.

—Six members of the Baptist Church ing opened a Tom and a Tabby leaped Eucharist leavened bread is used, which

The second guest brought a cat. The church edifice. They each sowed half | third brought a couple of cats. The a pint of beans, sowed the entire product the second year and again the third year. The third crop was sold and yielded about \$800. The most successful of the six secured the first year nine- whose appetites, accustomed to fat bushels, the third year thirty-one in the annihilation of scrawny little quarters, which sold for £70, or \$350.— country rats in almost no time. The teen pints, the second year nineteen sewer-rats, might be expected to result quarters, which sold for £70, or \$350.—

N. Y. Examiner.

—Superintendent Bennett, of Piqua,

Country rats in almost no time. The seventh guest brought two quiet old fire-seventh guest brought two quiet old fire-seventh guest brought a beau
The frequent services of the Coptic O., has been investigating the extent to tiful Maltese. In short, every one of Church are conducted in modern which tobacco is used by boys in the city | the twenty guests brought at least one | Cop ic, that is to say, in Greek Coptic,

seventy-three boys from twelve to fifteen years, thirty-one habitually smoke cigadubious when the tenth guest arrived. rettes, and only seven could say that On the fifteenth arrival they began to they had never smoked. Of ninety-six wonder which would eat most, the boys from ten to twelve there were guests or the cats. On the nineteenth sixty-eight smokers, and in the primary | they meditated killing some of the cats schools, boys from six to ten, forty per | to fee! the other cats. On the twentieth cent. smoked, and in the A B C class | arrival they felt like putting some rat-Persons in want of cats can inquire of

-The young ladies of La Grange anybody in that part of the country. (Ga.) Female College are one step in Norristown Herald.

"GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK." Why It Is Superior as a Time-Keeper to Modern Time Pieces. If it were not for what may be designated as meteorological changes, the problem of the accurate measurement of time would be solved if we had a heavy pendulum driven uniformly over a small arc. But here are two "ifs." We will take the second of them first, as it is more easily disposed of. Postulating at the outset machinery in the train very nicely executed, and with jeweled bearings so that it will act unishe indignantly exclaimed. "No, nor formly, or with the least possible variyou didn't dare come cavorting around ation, we have before us the question me in curl papers and rag-carpet of propelling it uniformly. That the slippers before I married you, mam!" best power for a clock is weight, is better the retorted. Then she cried and he yound dispute. The invention of the co'l-spring came near annihilating the race of good common clocks. "Grandfather's clock," with its wooden wheels and other crudities, is still the superior of the grandson's clock as a timekeeper, for "grandfather's clock" . had the great advantage of a uniform power sufficient and just sufficient to propel the clock when it was properly cleaned and oiled! The grandson's clock has a coiled-spring as a motive-power, having, when it is tightly wound, not less than three times the amount of power

required to drive the clock, and diminishing in amount, thereby altering the rate of the clock with each successive hour. The grandson's clock will march on, oiled or unoiled (and therefore usually unoiled), until it comes to a premature end as complete as that of the "one-hoss shay." The "grandfather's clock," on the other hand, which declined to go unless its rations of oil were doled out to it once in a year or less by the peripatetic tinker, is good for another century, since its bearings have been saved from cutting themselves away from lack of oil. The k tehen-clock of to-day can only be made to keep respectable time by so regulating it that the gain it makes when tightly wound shall be offset by the loss as it runs down. - Theodore B. Wilson, in Popular Science Monthly.

WILDCATS.

A Commodity Which Did Not Fia! Ready Sale in Pittsburgh.

A rugged representation of Westmore land County, named Leighton, chilled the blood of a small party of gentlemen this for over forty years. I attribute ye-terday by sidling up to where they were standing on Smithfield street, and calmly inquiring if they wanted to purchase a pair of wildcats. "Wildcats!" ner. Like Pere Hyacinthe, I must have to marry her, Aunt Jane, what must be remarked the gentlemen in chorus as they fell back with a vague fear that to marry her, Aunt Jane, what must be to marry her, Aunt Jane, what must be do then?" "He must give her a new black silk dress my dear and then the touch to marry her, Aunt Jane, what must be to marry her, and the must the Westmor land man might have the anima's concealed under his overcost. "Yes, wildcats," replied the stranger, "and they're jim dandies, too, you kin jest let on that. I caught 'em up in the foot hills las' week. They're up at The candle can not burn at both ends Bla rsville now. The male is the finest BAKERY one I ever seen in my life. He weighs twenty three pounds, and is the fiercest cat in the State. Whew! but he's a sassy critter."

"How did you catch them?" asked a number of the party. "Tracked 'em into a big holler, pine tree and chloroformed 'em. Wal, sir, they was the most astonished animals themselves in a cage, my meat."
"Are wildcats plentiful up your

"Wal, yes, thar's quite a number of 'em. I had a tame one once. He was a great pet. You could hold a piece of meat up for him twenty-two feet away the law in one way, and they believe in meat up for him twenty-two feet away and they believe in a civil code about as much as a Moham-and he'd sail right over and grab it at medan believes in Christianitr'. one jump.

The Westmoreland Nimrol made quite an effort to sell the animals for forty dollars, and seemed to regard his street acquaintances as deficient in a burgh Dispatch.

THE COPTIC CHURCH.

Interesting Description of a Religious Organization Flourishing in Egypt. The supreme head of the Coptic Church is the Patriarch of Alexandria, who, however, lives at Cairo. He claims direct apostolic succession from

the first patriarch, and who is held in presented them with two hundred and the same reverence as is accorded by fifty pairs of flat-irons which had been the Western Church to St. Peter, The other Coptic ecclesiastical orders are bishops, arch-priests, priests, dea-cons and monks. The priests are all expected to marry, but the patriarch must be a celibate. He is invariably

als to all sympathizing visitors. Her principal grievance lately has been the rapaciousness of a colony of rats that convent of St. Anthony. There are twelve Coptic bishops, and the patriarch nominates the Metropolitan of Abys
Rufus Choate, when somebody

Though the Copts are remarkable for their general detestation of all other Christian sects, their principal tenets assimilate with those of the Latin Church. They acknowledge seven sacraments, enjoin auricular confession and extreme unction. The latter is administered not only to persons at the point of death, but to persons who have done meet penance after the coumis-sion of grievous sin. Evil spirits are has previously been dipped in wine. The Copts are more rigorous in their observance of fast days. Besides every We inesday and Friday in the year the mal food is allowed-not even eggs, milk or cheese. Some rites, however,

which, a though not spoken by the monks, is understood by them all. But the true Coptic, the language of the Pharoahs, is literally a dead tongue. Father Vansteb, who visited Siout in 1763, states that he there had the privilege of seeing the last Copt who understood his own language, and with whom it was to die. Being eighty years old, and very deaf, he was not able to give his visitor much useful information. Some portions of the service, such as the Gospel, are first read in Coptic and then explained in Arabic, in order that it might be understood by the seven years old. He was one of the

Naturally, the lives of the saints occupy a large place in Coptic literature, and the place of highest honor, next to the Blessed Virg'n and St. Mark, is accorded to St. George-whether to the real St. George, England's patron saint, or to that evil George, also born in Cappadocia, who headed the Arian heresy in Alexandria, and from time to time superseded St. Athanasius, is not

Which of the two is revered by the Copts I can not say. But I know we were much interested when visiting a very ancient Greek Church in Cairo, dedicated to St. George, by watching a sterhood of Latin nuns, who, like ourselves, were doing a little sight-seeing. The kind old priests did the honors of the saint with charming courtesy, even producing his veritable head for inspec-

tion .- Harper's Bazar. STRONG AT EIGHTY. David Dudley Field's Recipe for Self-

"My recipe for self-preservation is exercise. I am a firm believer in exercise. I will te'l you my mode of life. I am a very temperate man, and have always been so. I have taken care of myself, and as I have a good constitution I suppose that is the reason I am so well. You must ask the Almighty why I have lived so long, and how long I shall live. I am perfectly healthy and strong, and, though I have nominally retired from the law, I am busy as you see from morning until night. Another reason I am so well is that my mind has always been occupied. I am never idle; in fact, I have no time to be ill. "When I was a young man I had

very severe headaches. In 1846 I I had to give it up at the end of the bought a horse, and I have not had a first month." "Did you use the blackheadache since. Every morning I arise board much?" "No; it was too large, at six o'clock. I have done so for forty But I used all the other furniture about years. I take an ice-cold bath, dress myself, jump on a horse at seven o'clock, and ride for an hour. I then breakfast and work at my house until eleven o'clock, when I walk down-town, a distance of four miles. I remain at my office until three o'clock, then walk freedom of my double-barreled shotgung home, and dine at six. At seven I sleep for half an hour, after which I am ready for anything. I retire between ten and eleven o'clock. I have done ten and eleven o'clock. I have done

"My advice to young men is to get eight hours sleep every night, and dank only chocolate, coffee and tea. The young men of to-day are too fast. and last long. I have never smoked tobacco in any shape and never will. Do as I have done, and you will be strong at eighty, and probably at ninety

Mr. Field was at his office busy with some details of his civil code, now before the Legislature. "The code," he said, "is favored by a great number of lawyers. There are some old fellows, you ever looked at when they found to be sure, who are of posed to it. What they want is a large library. They seem to think that a civil code is an alteration of existing things. By no means; it is a condensation, and is calculated to save much labor and remedan believes in Christianity."-N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Mr. Seth Green, the authority on all questions of pisciculture, has taken the proper appreciation of the beautiful editorial chair of The American Angler, when his offer was declined - Pitts- published in this city. - N. Y. Independ-

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-Rufus J. Childress, a poet and magazine writer, and a well-known resident of Louisville, Ky., has become

-Novels constitute nine-tenths of the books read in England, and nineteentwentieths of the books read in the whole world.

-The London newspapers have a curious etiquette forbidding one to either quote or comment upon anything that appears in the columns of another.

-Rufus Choate, when somebody threatened to challenge his vote on the ground that he could not write, answered: "If you do I will give you a specimen of my handwriting, and challenge you on the ground that you can not read."-N. Y. Commercial-Adver-

ment.-N. Y. Post.

The new book, "The Money-makers," which is said to be a reply to. "The Bread-winners," has just been published, and it has been generally understood that Congressman Martin A. Foran, of Cleveland, is the author; but that gentleman denies the report, and there promises to be the same mystery about the book as there was about "The Bread-winners" - Chicago

-The late David Kimball, of Portsmouth, N. H., had on several occasions during his lifetime the rare experience of seeing under the roof-tree of the old house at Topsfield, Mass., seven generations of his own blood, namely, his own great-grandfather, grandfather, father, mother, his own generation, his own and his brother's children and grandchildren, and his brother's great

New York, has been retired from the force and will hereafter receive a penslon of fifty dollars per month. Eldredge has been in continuous service four men who stood guard at Castle Garden when General Lafayette was received by the citizens of New York, and was the officer called by the mob after the murder of Helen Jewett many years ago. It was he who found the hat het with which the murder was committed and the cloak of the murderer .- N. Y.

-The principal seasons illustrated at the roller-skating rink are "fall" and "spring." Some of the remarks they provoke are summery. - Norristown Herald.

-"This bed is too short," said the tall man, on being shown to his room. "You must remember," said the boy, "that when you are in there will be two feet added to it."-Merchant Trav-

-"Joseph Marmaduke Mullally, how dare you, sir!" exclaimed the indignant mother of a St. Louis boy. "Take your sister's ear must off your feet instanter and find your rubbers. Don't be so lazy, sir!' - Pittsburgh Chronicle-Tele-

-"Look here, this piece of meat don't suit me. It's from the back of the animal's neck," said a man to a German butcher. "Mine frien', all dot peef vat I sells is pack of dot neck. Dere vos nodding but horns in front of dot neck."—N. Y. Independent. -"Do you manufacture trucks as well as roller skates?" "Oh. no."

"But I was down at your factory this morning and saw several put together." "Oh, those were not trucks." "No!" "No, they are the kind of skates we are shipping to Chicago."-Boston Post. -S. you didn't succeed very well with your school in Illinois?" "No;

the room that wasn't nailed down."-N. Y. Graphic -"Bill" Nye invites the Prince of Wales' son, who has just come of age,

young." -"Aunt Jane, is it quite true that a black silk dress, my dear, and then she understands." "Oh! Aunt Jane! Aunt Jane! Now I know why you have so many black silk dresses." - Chicago

-"Mary, what does this mean? I find a bill for the use of hose." "Sure, marm, a man called to know if you used hose. I told him you did and he left that bill." "Why did you tell him we used hose, Mary? We never do." Mary's face showed surprise distrust and reproach: "Why, we do, marm!" with vehemence. "Hose? Mary, we haven't any." "Why, m-a-rm! What does Pat take up the weeds with?"— Boston Transcript.

-Barnacle was forty-two years of age yesterday. His wife presented him with a handsome pair of carpet slippers—cost fifty cents. Barnacle was grateful, but thoughtful. At last he exclaimed: "Times have changed!" "Why, dear?" asked Mrs. B. "Well, before we were married, you gave me slippers worked in floss and silk, embroidered, monogrammed, scalloped in morocco and patent-leather with wool soles, at a cost of several dollars — ah, times change!" "Well, John, replied Mrs. B., after a thoughtful pause, "I had the slippers charged to you. I thought you wouldn't want to pay for a costly pair.".

—Providence News.

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evening newspapers that they are dated the following morning.

-The London Standard declares that. the opinion steadily grows that Nathaniel Hawtherne was the most consider-

-Mr. Sarony, the New York photographer, although over sixty years of age, rich and very fond of sketching in charcoal and chalks for the Tile and Salmagundi Clubs, of which he is a member, still attends personally to posing the sitters in his great establish-

Inter Ocean. grandchildren .- Boston Journal.

-Policeman Richard L. Eldredge, of

HUMOROUS.