

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A junk man at Bushnell found two boys playing with a cast-iron globe about the size of a baseball. It proved to be an unexploded canister bomb.

A skeleton of a human being which was recently placed in the hallway of a medical college at Los Angeles, Cal., to scare burglars away has been stolen.

A negro at the Boyce (La.) telegraph office the other day sent the following dispatch to an absent friend: "Come home your wives dyin' fast as she can."

A giantess, who, though only twelve years and five months old, stands eight feet high, and weighs two hundred and seventy pounds, is on exhibition in Japan.

Two ladies, Miss Belle Burrows and Virginia Springer, each carried out a keg of powder from a burning store during a recent fire at New Martinsville, W. Va. The kegs were hot and they put wet rags on them to cool them.

Feyth, the Bridgeport safe burglar, says that safes should be set on blocks and placed in a corner in such a position that the door will shut toward the wall. This makes it necessary to move the safe in order to get at the door with the wedge and jimmy, and the job is difficult and dangerous.

A pretty miss, not over fifteen years of age, set up a bootblack stand in Wall street, New York, one day recently, and everyone expected to see her get a large custom, but somehow or other no man had the courage to submit his boots to the brushes of a maiden, and she was compelled to give up the business.

In a recently published history of Connecticut appears a description of a grand wedding in the later colonial days. The historian says: "On the day after the marriage ninety-two ladies and gentlemen proceeded to dance ninety-two figs, fifty-two contra dances, forty-five minuets, and seventeen hornpipes."

We are growing old very fast, Horatio, my son. Time is winging us away to our eternal home at a great rate. We have scarcely recovered from the effects of our Fourth of July celebration before we have to make preparations to contract our Christmas headache. This is a mad, mad world.

A farmer of Mecklenburg County, N. C., owns a tame crow which goes regularly to the cotton field and picks as much in a day as any of the human pickers. With its beak it twists the cotton out and puts it in a bag. The owner of this truly rare bird, as well as the neighbors, declare that the statement is true in all respects.

A negro in Americus, Ga., bought a trunk at a store for one dollar and a half. An hour afterward he returned and said he guessed he'd got too much for his money. The trunk was filled with the storekeeper's stock of Mackinaw straw hats that had been packed away in it for the winter. They were worth from seventy-five to one hundred dollars.

Bismarck's wife is an interesting woman. She is more than sixty years of age, very tall, and very gray. Her features are prominent and her cheekbones very high. Altogether she has a strong face. She is a woman of very determined character and not unlike the "iron chancellor" himself in obstinacy. She is fond of talking and speaks in a loud and decided voice.

"Oh, pray let me have my way this time," said a young gentleman to his lady love. "Well, Willie, I suppose I must this once; but you know that after we are married I shall have a will of my own." —Harper's Bazar.

REALLY PHENOMENAL.

A BABY WHOSE ORATORICAL POWERS ARE SIMPLY WONDERFUL.

"Oh, George!" cried young Mrs. Merry, running to meet her husband at the door. "I've something the best to tell you."

"No?" said George; "what is it?"

"Why, don't you think—the baby can talk! Yes, sir, actually talk! He's said ever and ever so many things. Come right into the nursery and hear him."

George went in.

"Now, baby," said mamma, persuasively, "talk some for papa. Say: 'How do you do, papa?'"

"Goo, goo, goo, goo," says baby.

"Hear him!" shrieks mamma, ecstatically. "Wasn't that just as plain as plain can be?"

George says it is, and tries to think so, too.

"Now say: 'I'm glad to see you, papa.'"

"Da, da, boo, lee, boo."

"Did you ever?" cries mamma. "He can just say every thing! Now you precious little honey bunny boy, say: 'Are you well, papa?'"

"Boo, ba, de, goo, goo."

GREAT ADVANTAGES.

A Western Settler's Experience With a Boom-Destroying Tenderfoot.

The "boom" the West has taken such possession of the spirit that people who are looking for locations have become accustomed to high exaggeration.

"Do you want to sell your farm?" was asked of an old fellow.

"Wouldn't mind it."

"Land rich?"

"Cream's pore compared with it."

"Healthful neighborhood?"

"Ain't nobody ever died here yet. Cal. Gruder's son died some time ago in Texas an' they fetch him home to bury him, an' dinged if he didn't get well before they got through with the funeral sermon."

"It must be healthful."

"That's what it is. See that feller goin' long yander?"

"Yes."

"Walks pretty well, don't he?"

"Fast rate."

"Wall, I know something about him in connection with this here climate that will sound sorter strange."

"What's that?"

"Wall, when that feller come here he had only one leg."

"You don't mean it?"

"Yes, I do."

"I have heard so much concerning this part of the country that I am now prepared for almost any thing, but I must confess that you astonish me."

"It's a fact all the same. Only had one leg when he come here, but putty soon, another one commenced to grow out."

"Grew right on the stump of the old one, eh?"

"No, sir; never had a stump. Was borned with only one leg. Do you know that that ain't a man in this county that draws a pension from the Government?"

"No, is that a fact?"

"A flat-footed fack. Their arms an' legs have growed out till the Government has refused to give 'em pensions."

"Good fruit country?"

"Well, tolerable, but it ain't very good fur apples, for the trees grow so high that the young applies die of the cold. See that long row of big trees over yonder?"

"When I came here they had just been set out. They were telegraph poles at first, but shortly after they was put out, although they were dead when they were put out, they commenced growin' an' they jest had to take the wires off of 'em an' let 'em rip. Wonderful country, ain't it?"

"Yes; by the way, what will you take for your place?"

"I'll sell it to you cheap, considerin' the fact that they air about to lay off a town on it. You may have my fifty acres for a hundred dollars."

"That's certainly cheap."

"Reckon it is. What do you say?"

"It is suspiciously cheap. Why are you so anxious to sell?"

A physician living near the sea says that during the past five years he has noted the hour and minute of death in ninety-three patients, and every one has gone with the life, save four who died suddenly by accident.

A VALUABLE MEDICAL TREATISE.

The edition for 1888 of the sterling Medical Annual known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-half of a century. It combines, with the most practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1888 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

English capitalists have invested \$3,000,000 in iron land near Duluth.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

If you have pain in the back, pale and sallow complexion, bilious or sick headache, eruptions on the skin, coated tongue, loss of sleep, or aching joints, you are going into your grave if you do not take steps to cure yourself. If you are wise you will do this by the use of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," compounded of the most skillful actions ingredients known to medical science for giving health and strength to the system through the medium of the liver and the blood.

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Use after each meal Scott's Emulsion with Hypophosphites. It is as palatable as milk, and easily digested. The rapidity with which delicate people improve with its use is wonderful. Use it and try your weight. As a remedy for Consumption, Throat affections and Bronchitis, it is unequalled. It is a most useful and need Scott's Emulsion in a child eight months old with good results. He gained four pounds in a very short time. —THE PHARM. M. D., Alabama.

THE "OLD RELIABLE."

New Transcript, Olympia, W. T.

The "Old Reliable" Gorton jobbers are the best. In January last the New Transcript purchased from Palmer & Rey, Portland, Oregon, a half-medium "Old Reliable" which is as nearly a perfect machine as it is possible for a machine to be. It is strong, durable, runs almost as if it is a sewing machine, and is perfect in turning out true work. In the manufacture of the Old Reliable in its present perfect form, at such very low prices, Messrs. Palmer & Rey are proving themselves public benefactors. No office is complete without the Old Reliable.

Yours truly, J. N. GALE.

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