

Wit and Humor.

Take away women, and what would follow? The men. A rural inventor has patented a padded gate top to facilitate courtship. A young lady being asked by a rich bachelor, "If not yourself, who would you rather be?" replied, sweetly, and modestly, "Yours truly."

The United States Senate.

On March 3, 1879, the terms of 24 members of the United States Senate will expire, the following list showing the names of the gentlemen who will then retire, together with the names of the States they represent, their politics, and the length of the time they will have served.

Midnight Sun in Norway.

And now from Tromsø we are started direct for North Cape and the midnight sun. Indeed at Tromsø we could have seen him but for the hills on the horizon, for he is visible at Tromsø until July 24, and at the North Cape till the 31st. Up to Hammerfest, which we made Wednesday afternoon, the scenery is fine and wild, with snow-streaked mountains and fine fiords, but less fine and wild than the scenery south of Tromsø.

Well-Toned Systems.

Systems toned and renovated with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are more effectively defended from disease. That supreme invigorant soon overcomes that distressing feebleness which is the result of a weak stomach, impoverishes the blood and relaxes the muscles. Vigor, appetite, sleep return to the wasted frame, and the mind is freed from its morbid activity through its benign influence.

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In the case of Massachusetts it may be said, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these, perhaps might have been—"Bridgeport Standard."

Science says that it took millions of years to evolve man from the oyster; observation shows that it takes less than a minute to transfer the oyster to the man.

Hip-pockets are a comparatively modern invention.—Indianapolis News. Wrong again. Hip-pocket: were invented by Hippocrates.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The grand and awful difference between a tree and a bore is—hurry, now!—the tree leaves in spring, and the bore, why, he never leaves.—Syracuse Sunday Times.

"This from the Philadelphia Chronicle: "It feels decidedly like fall," said an old citizen yesterday as his foot struck a water-worn rind and his head struck the bricks."

She: "What age do you think I am?" He (gallantly): "I don't know, but you don't look it."—Frank Leslie's Ladies Journal.

Cochman in the employ of millionaires have not been doing very well this year in marrying the rich and romantic young daughters of the family, and wages will probably go up.—Detroit Free Press.

Tailors sit cross-legged just to be obtuse. Any one of them could do twice as much work with his feet hanging off a box.—Detroit Free Press.

An honest jehannum who had escaped a great peril by the act of heroism, was much complimented for his bravery. "One lady said, "I wish I could have seen your feat." Whereupon he blushed and stammered, and finally pointing to his pedic extremities, said, "Well, there they are, man."

An intelligent and sensitive journal imparts this bit of delicate and useful information to its 14,000,000 readers: "It is not polite to bite corn from the cob in the presence of people who have false teeth."

It was probably a young man from Middle Madding who made his first advent to the metropolis by the midnight train, and respectfully asked the night clerk of the Astor House, "if it would be any trouble to Mrs. Astor to keep him all night?"—Hartford Times.

One of the best cures we know of for small-pox is to have a fellow poke his head in at the door of the patient's room and whisper in stage aside, "is he dead yet?" I, after the manner of "We have been there, and know what it is to live just to spite a fellow."—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Intelligence Items.

Five ladies passed the Harvard examinations in Cincinnati in June. Divers Western schools are using newspapers instead of readers in their reading classes.

Smith College for women, at Northampton, Mass., has begun its fourth year with 144 students, of whom sixty-five are in the entering class.

The income of the Peabody Educational Fund has fallen off 40 per cent. Twelve hundred dollars have just been appropriated to North Carolina.

Yassar has received two young Japanese girls as students. They have been preparing to enter the College for the last five years in Connecticut.

Indiana has a school fund larger than that of any other State in the Union. It has increased \$40,000 within a year, and now amounts to \$9,007,095.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ningpo, China, is a native who has promised to provide for his salary without aid from the missionaries.

Mahomet, said a priest in the mosque at Medina, paid him a visit not long ago and, deploring the degeneracy of his followers, announced that Allah had decided to let the sun rise in the West instead of the East on July 11, 1879. At that day those who reckon themselves true believers will become blind and final ruin will follow thereafter at once.

Oral instruction illustrated by object lessons is now the chief work of the Boston primary schools. In spelling books are to be used, the words will be chosen from the reading lessons or from familiar objects. Lessons in English composition are to take the place of grammar, and easy lessons in general history and the sciences will be given in interesting ways.

There is good judgment in these changes, but such methods require the best instructors—those who are at once natural and well-trained teachers.

In the ancient town of Coventry, England, was a gathering lately of bicyclists, to whom Canon Baynes said that the poorer clergy who had large districts to travel over would, he believed, derive great benefit from the use of the bicycle. He added that the Church of England was "thoroughly alive now," and that with the help of the bicycle he believed the world win.

Independent minister, who was present, thereupon challenged Canon Baynes to a race, which was accepted, but whether the race ever came off reports do not say. One English clergyman claims to have travelled 700 miles on a bicycle.

Of Bibles and parts of Bibles sold at the Paris Exhibition there have been thus far 600,000 copies. They were mostly in French, but a great number were in German, English, Arabic, Greek, Swedish, Danish, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian and Hungarian, and not a few in Chinese and Japanese.

To meet the demands which will be made before the Exhibition closes, it was expected that two weeks ago a choice selection of effective quotations, suitable either for the pulpit or the platform. Terms exceedingly moderate. Strictest confidence observed. For further particulars, apply, etc.

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Over one-third of the oil produced in Pennsylvania comes from McKean Co.

On the arrival of the 1550 New York express at the Great Western Railway wharf, Tuesday morning, the men engaged in testing the car wheels and running gear of the cars were surprised to see a man stowed away upon the trucks of one of the sleeping cars—a position in which it is as much as any one's life is worth to risk even the shortest distance. The policeman in charge of the station, Mr. Farr, was informed of the circumstance, and at once arrested and searched the man, finding only six cents in money, and some papers on his person.

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An immense Art Sale. Nearly all visitors to San Francisco since the days of 49 and 50 are familiar with the Art Gallery of Snow & May, which has been for the past ten years located at 212 Market Street. It is the most complete and varied every variety of pictures from the small print which retails at 25c per dozen to the costly and valuable oil paintings.

They immense stock of pictures, artists and wax materials, picture frames, etc. is now being sold at a special price to closing business on the first of January next. Parties who do not propose visiting San Francisco, will find it well worth their while to call on the gallery, which is now being sold at a special price to closing business on the first of January next.

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