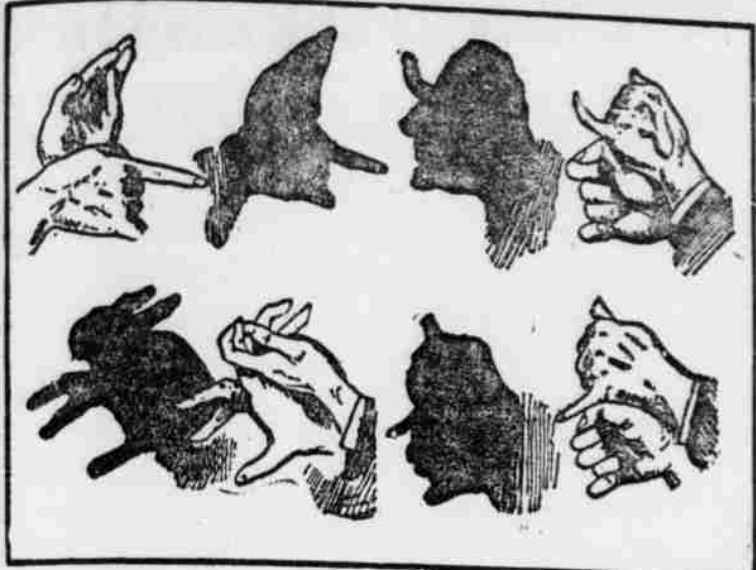
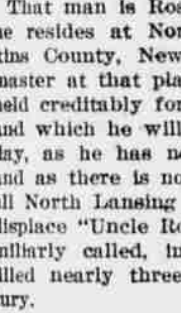


SHADOW PICTURES ON THE WALL.



POSTMASTER FOR 74 YEARS.

Remarkable Record of Roswell Beardsley of North Lansing, N. Y. There is but one man in all the world who can boast of such a record as this. The oldest appointive officer in the United States in point of service. The oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States or in the world. The only man who has held an appointive office under twenty different Presidents. The only man who has continuously filled one government office for seventy-four years. The only man who held a government office before there was a railroad in the United States and is holding that same office now.



That man is Roswell Beardsley and he resides at North Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, being postmaster at that place, an office he has held creditably for seventy-four years and which he will fill until his dying day, as he has no idea of resigning and as there is no man or woman in all North Lansing who would seek to displace "Uncle Roswell," as he is familiarly called, in the office he has filled nearly three-quarters of a century.

Even should they have the temerity, however, to ask for the postmaster-ship of the town, the Postoffice Department would take no notice of the application, for Uncle Sam is not the individual to discharge an employee who has served him so long and so faithfully as has Roswell Beardsley.

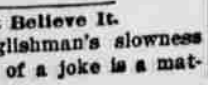
"Uncle Roswell" was appointed postmaster at North Lansing June 28, 1828, when John Quincy Adams was President, John C. Calhoun was Vice President, Henry Clay was Secretary of State and John McLean was Postmaster General. He owes his appointment to William H. Seward, who thirty-three years after the appointment of Uncle Roswell, became Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln.

At the time of Uncle Roswell's appointment as postmaster at North Lansing, Seward was associated with Uncle Roswell's brother, Nelson Beardsley, in the practice of law. They dissolved partnership shortly thereafter, however, and Beardsley turned his attention to farming. Seward continued in public life and soon attained national prominence.

Roswell Beardsley was born July 5, 1808, near where he now resides, and when in reminiscent moods talks entertainingly of the early days of the republic. He was born the same year as Abraham Lincoln, only four months and twenty-three days later. Being of the same political faith and having served as postmaster through Lincoln's administration, he is naturally a great admirer of the martyr President.

CONVICT HEIR TO ESTATE.
Inmate of the Michigan City Prison Will Inherit \$8,000.

When Alex. Killion, the Washington, Ind., "Land King," died a few months ago he left an estate valued at \$250,000. He left no will and as a result the property will be divided among the legal heirs by the court. To cause a settlement of the estate suit has been filed and the complaint discloses a peculiar state of affairs.



One of the heirs, a grandson named John Slatton, is confined in the Michigan City penitentiary for robbery. The complaint asks that a trustee be appointed to take care of young Slatton's part of the estate until he is released. The complaint also asks the court to declare America Slatton legally dead. She is a sister of John Slatton. Ten years ago she had a sweetheart to whom her father was very much opposed, and had forbidden him to come to the house. A few days later America Slatton and her lover were seen crossing the White River bridge hand in hand. They were never seen or heard of since, and many think the couple either committed suicide or were murdered. Their bodies were never found. Were she living her share of the estate would be the same as that of her convict brother, about \$8,000.

ter of record and a constant source of delight to the American "jollier." A striking illustration of this was overheard on a trolley car. Two young men were seated together in the forward end of the car, and one, by his accent and his air of guileless innocence, proclaimed his British nationality. The other was an American of the genus kisser. The latter was dilating upon the ferociousness of the Jersey mosquito and, after relating several very tall yarns, wound up with this one:

"Last summer I was coming across the meadows this side of Atlantic City on my wheel when my attention was attracted by the sound of a cow bell. It was such a strange, unusual sound that I dismounted to investigate, and soon encountered a huge mosquito. It had eaten the cow and was ringing the bell to attract the calf, that he might devour that also.

The Englishman listened to this story very gravely, and without even cracking a smile, replied:

"Oh, I say, old chap, you can't expect me to believe that, don't you know?"

"CENTER OF THE EARTH."
Some eleven miles from Delhi, Ind., says the Wide World Magazine, stands the remarkable iron pillar shown in the above photograph. It is a solid shaft of wrought iron, some 22 feet high and 17 inches in diameter, and its origin and age are wrapped in mystery.



Ancient Hindu mythology says that the spot on which the pillar stands is the center of the earth, and speaks of it as "the arm of fame of Rajah Dhava."

Now, Rajah Dhava ruled in the early part of the second century of the Christian era, and he is referred to in the Sanscrit inscriptions on the pillar, so that, although authorities differ on the subject, it is probable that the pillar dates from this time.

Considering the appliances which were available at that remote period—something like 1,800 years ago—it would be interesting to know how this mysterious pillar was made.

The Wrong Station.
It had taken considerable persuasion to induce the old lady to take a seat in an automobile, but finally she had consented to do so because she was anxious to reach the bedside of her sick grandchild in a village some twenty miles away, the last train for which had left some ten minutes before she arrived at the station. The big automobile was to pass through Hampton, the village where the sick grandchild lived.

Everything went lovely until the almost flying vehicle, in attempting to pass a wagon loaded with hay which occupied the entire center of the road, went unexpectedly into the ditch, and rather violently deposited its occupants in an adjoining field.

Recovering from the shock, though somewhat confused from the rather unusual method of alighting from a vehicle the old lady asked of the chagrined chauffeur:

"Is this Hampton?"
"No, ma'am," he managed to gasp, "this is an accident."
"Oh, dear!" said the ex-occupant of the vehicle, "then I hadn't oughter have got out here, had I?"

Better than a Prayer Meeting.
The child of strict parents, whose greatest joy had hitherto been the weekly prayer meeting, was taken to the circus by his nurse. When he came circus by his nurse, he exclaimed, "if home 'Oh, mummy," he exclaimed, "if you once went to the circus you'd never go to a prayer meeting again in all your life!"

As Usual.
Mrs. Waggle—There's a fire sale around at the grocery store. I wonder if he's selling his milk any cheaper.
Waggle—I guess not. That's only damaged by water.

When a woman marries her deceased sister's husband, all the women say she did it for the sake of the children.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance.

He will not win respect who refuses reverence. Life is a man's opportunity for the realization of his ideals. When ambition is the child of envy it will be the mother of sorrows.

The supreme art of living may be summed up in giving. Self-surrender is the secret of soul-satisfaction. This world's sole hope of salvation lies in the salvation of the soul.

He who has friends only to use them will have them only to lose them. Those who expect great things from God will do great things for Him. The lights of the world are not illumined by the fires of controversy.

CHARMS AGAINST WOUNDS.

Survival of the Ancient Belief in the Potency of Spells.

During the South African war a number of instances have cropped up showing that the idea still prevails that there are such things as charms and spells against wounds and death. Not long ago a paragraph appeared in some of the papers to the effect that a soldier's watch, with a charm attached to it, had been found on one of the battlefields, and was being held for a rightful claimant. Early in the war a private's letter told how a comrade had come in safety through a hot engagement by virtue, as he thought, of an amulet he wore, to be mortally wounded in a subsequent skirmish. When, by the merest chance, he was not wearing his charm. A relative's letter from the front tells the writer of a young fellow who wore a charmed ring suspended from his neck. The wearer had it from his sweetheart; he placed the most perfect faith in it, and, though he had been in several hot corners, he had hitherto always come out scatheless.

Although this kind of belief is of very ancient date, it is curious as well as interesting to find it still in existence in the British army. Perhaps we ought to say "traces of it," for it is hard to believe that it is widely prevalent. And yet it would not be very surprising if it were so, seeing that a certain proportion of the rank and file are illiterate, and come from a stratum of society which is largely superstitious. It is curious to compare our army in this respect with the German.

Those who happened to be in the fatherland during and immediately after the war of 1870-71 must have been struck by the amount of superstition that, hidden under ordinary circumstances, in the then excited state of the public mind made its way to the surface, much as the mud of a stagnant pool floats to the top when the water is agitated. Nothing seemed too absurd to be believed. Portents and warnings were seen everywhere. Black crosses, observed for the first time in window panes of the houses of the peasantry throughout Baden and the south generally, were held to be signs of divine wrath against the turn things in general had taken in the fatherland, especially in regard to the church. The excitement touching this phenomenon became intense, says the New York Post, and was only allayed when a Baden glass manufacturer came forward and demonstrated that the warning crosses were marks imprinted on the glass in the process of making.

What Education Will Do.

A railway company was erecting a line of new poles along a highway. One of the men engaged to fill in the dirt and clear up around the poles was an Irishman, new at the business and new to America. He had not got beyond his first pole, says the Philadelphia Times, but stood pondering how to dispose of the dirt which had filled the space now occupied by the pole.

His sense of the fitness of things must have been strong, for he was averse to piling the loose dirt around the base of the pole, as is the custom. A negro wayfarer stopped for a match, and the Irishman asked his advice.

"If I was a doin' dat job, I'd jus' dig a hole 'bout where you'a standin' and shove de dirt into it. Much 'bligee!"

As the negro sauntered away, the Irishman scratched his head and murmured:

"Well, it's not to be denied that education has been after-r doin' a gr-eat deal for th' nuygur-r!"

Looking Up.
Contentment comes according to the way we look at things. Not long ago a young man who had been born and raised in Towanda, Pa., returned there after an absence of six or seven years. As he walked from the railroad station to the home of his relatives, he encountered the old negro who had attended to the town's whitewashing from time immemorial. There was an exchange of greetings, after which the returned native said:

"Well, I see that you and the white-wash brush are still in partnership. How is business-looking up?"
"Yes a! Yes a!" chuckled the old fellow. "That do be its way jus' now, sah. Yo' see, Ise kal-so-min-in' the cell-in' ub de Baptist church, sah."

Eye on the Money.
First Heiress—I hear the Duke followed you all over Europe.
Second Heiress—That's a mistake. He followed papa.

Eats Corn Off the Cob.

"I can bite an apple as well as I could when a child, and I can eat corn off the cob as well as any person alive," said a lady sixty-eight years old and a customer of Wise Bros., the famous dentists, of Portland, Oregon.

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The experience of the lady customer here related can be yours if your teeth need attention. No one can afford to postpone having their teeth put in order. No one need suffer a single day longer because they have lost the use of their own teeth. We hope our readers will carefully watch the advertisements of Wise Brothers in this newspaper, and be persuaded to consult this splendid dental institution.

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Giving Papa Away.
"Mamma," said 5-year-old Tommy. "I'll bet my pony can beat you."
"Why, dear, what do you mean?" asked the astonished mother.
"I mean in a race," replied the youngster. "I heard papa say that you could talk faster than a horse can trot."

False Economy.
It is the experience of every good housewife that to practice economy on such articles as spices, baking powder and the like is generally at the risk of health and comfort. The few cents possibly saved may be very expensive if they result in impure and indigestible foods. If you want to be sure you are getting only the very purest and strongest spices and baking powder made, see to it that your grocer supplies you only with the Monopole brand. If your dealer doesn't handle them send us his name. Wadhams & Kerr Bros., Portland, Or.

A Terrible Mistake.

The other day a lady called on an oculist to have her eyes fitted with glasses, saying:
"Have you magnifying glasses to make things look large?"
"Yes, madam."
"Then I will take a pair for the other day I made a terrible blunder."
"How's that?" asked the oculist.
"I mistook a bumblebee for a black-berry," the lady replied.

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