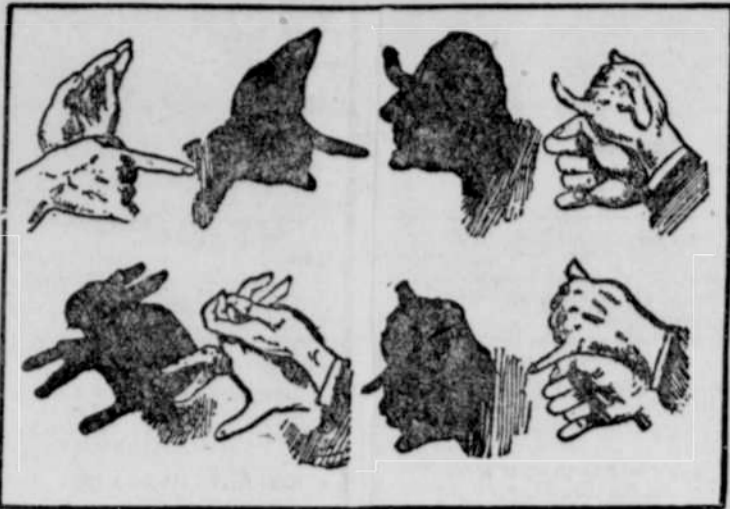


SHADOW PICTURES ON THE WALL.



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



R. BEARDSLEY.

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 employe 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, 1800, 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. Killon, of 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



JOHN SLATTON.

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.

"CENTER OF THE EARTH."

Some eleven miles from Delhi, Ind., 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



THE CENTER OF THE EARTH.

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.

He Didn't Believe It.

The typical Englishman's slowness to grasp the point of a joke is a matter 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 kidder. 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?"

Disappointing.

"I went with my wife to visit her relations this summer, and it was the first time most of them had even seen me."

"What was the verdict?" "They were too polite to tell me. All except Uncle Jethro. Jethro looked me up and down when he heard I was the feller who had married Lyddy Ann. Then he slowly turned away." "Didn't he say something?" "Yes. He summed me all up in one word."

"And that was?" "Shucks!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The marriage service commands that a man be faithful unto death. We make this explanation because the women are accusing a man of unfaithfulness whose wife has been dead for six months.

GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD.

Indiana Physician Discovers the Principle of Existence.

Dr. C. W. Littlefield, of Alexandria, Ind., has discovered the principle of life and is capable of restoring life to animals which ordinary tests proved to be dead. The doctor has revived the time and again flies which have been dead from half an hour to a day. Asphyxiation, drowning and other means of death have been resorted to in his experiments, and so long as the organism of the insect or animal was unbroken or not destroyed revivification was successful in every instance. Beginning with the lower organisms, such as flies and bumblebees, he has ascended with his experiments until he has succeeded in bringing to life mice, rats and cats which were to all ordinary tests dead.

Recently a cat was chloroformed and afterward immersed in water for twenty minutes, after which it was covered with the magnetic powder which Dr. Littlefield says contains the properties of the atmosphere which sustain life—magnetism. Within eight minutes the cat was anxious to get away and was as lively as it was before chloroformed and "drowned." The theory was severely tried during the winter months, when a boy was under the ice for forty-five minutes, and then without treatment for almost the remainder of the hour. A slight attempt at artificial restoration of respiration commonly used in such cases was resorted to. Then Dr. Littlefield and his discovery were called into requisition. Within an hour the boy revived and is to-day living.

According to the doctor's theory the principle which we call life exists everywhere. It will not enter into chemical action and combination with other elements and form new compounds, nor is it the result of chemical action or the union of any definite number or kinds of compounds. It can neither be created nor destroyed. It can be excluded from the organic body and then be coaxed to return in all its fullness and completeness. This life principle is abundantly diffused throughout space and needs only the proper media to cause it to objectively manifest itself. It is, as he believes, the underlying first cause of all things physical and manifests itself as a volatile magnetism. "This leads me," he says, "to believe that this life principle exists at all times and is co-existent with creation. Therefore when the Bible tells us that God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life it states a more profound fact than we have heretofore been able to appreciate."

OHIO WAR VETERAN.

Was a Target for the First Shot Fired at the Siege of Vicksburg.

B. J. Williams, cashier of the First National Bank in Shelby, Ohio, enjoys the distinction of having the first shot fired at the siege of Vicksburg in 1863 aimed at him personally.

Mr. Williams was born in Marion, Ohio, in 1842. In 1861 he enlisted in Major Ink's battalion in Missouri, and served for eighteen months. He re-enlisted in the Sixty-ninth Ohio, and held the office of quartermaster sergeant. At the siege of Vicksburg he was on the staff of General Burbridge, of Kentucky, and as the army marched up on the hills surrounding the city he was ordered to go over and take possession of a farmhouse as a hospital. He rode away with a few men, and as they passed up the lane to the house two Confederates opened fire on them from the place. None of the men were hit.

Another curious coincidence in connection with this is, that when General Pemberton sent a flag of truce into the Union lines with a proposal of surrender the men were taken to Mr. Williams' tent and kept while General Grant went over their message.

Mr. Williams has been cashier of the First National Bank of Shelby continuously since the day of its opening, April 9, 1872. He is, therefore, serving his thirty-first year as cashier.

Room for More Improvement.

Prison Director—What, you here again for burglary? When you left here three weeks ago you said that you had become a much better man.

Prisoner—Yes, sir, but I want to become better still!—Heiter Welt.

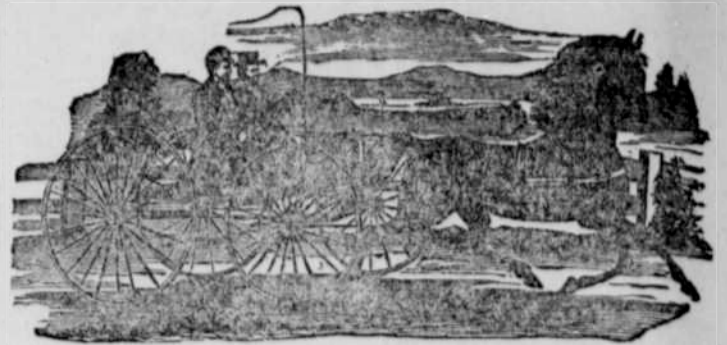
Statue to a Woman in Japan.

Japan's first statue in memory of a woman was unveiled recently in Shijo-Nawate, near Kioto.

A girl raves over the beauty of an apple tree in bloom, but a boy waits until the blossoms are apples.

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