

**Why the Suitor Chose the Stoutest.**

An amusing method of securing the marriage of his five daughters has been adopted by a wealthy tradesman in Berlin. As suitors were not apparently inclined to seek the hands and affections of the daughters, the father advertised that he would pay to the accepted suitor of each daughter a dowry in cash proportionate to the weight of the selected damsel immediately after the wedding ceremony. A young lawyer was the first who submitted himself for the father's approval, and, having produced satisfactory evidence as to his respectability, he was presented to the daughters. He visited them for a week and then chose the stoutest of the five, to whom he was the other day married. When the ceremony was over the young lady was weighed and registered seventeen stone, the father immediately paying over to his son-in-law a sum of 13,000 crowns. — Westminister Gazette.

**The Flag on New York's City Hall.**

It was on the advice of a shrewd New York Irishman, says a New York paper, that Mayor McClellan ordered that the American flag be kept flying every day over the city hall. The Tammany man referred to recalled that representatives of Irish societies called on the late Mayor Hewitt once and asked that the green flag be hoisted on St. Patrick's day. The mayor not only refused to consent, but said some unnecessarily harsh things about citizens of Irish birth or descent. The resultant storm overthrew Mr. Hewitt politically, and it was to avoid any such trouble that Mayor McClellan issued his order, knowing that no citizen could expect him to lower the stars and stripes in favor of any other banner.

**A Bridal Car the Latest.**

The Kursk-Zarkoff railroad of Russia advertises a special car for the newly wed, designed and furnished with the very latest luxuries. A famous engineer and architect were called in to plan it. The decorations are in the best Parisian style, and polite female attendants look after the comfort of the happy couple. None but couples on a honeymoon are allowed to use this magnificent car, which, by a stroke of ingenuity, is built to accommodate alike the very wealthy and those with a modest purse. The partitions are removable, and the car can be used as a series of small compartments or as a couple of roomy saloons.

**Getting Even With the Kaiser.**

After a fire last year in the old city of Marienburg Emperor William offered \$250 to each of the five owners of burned houses if they would rebuild them in the quaint gabled style of the middle ages. Four of the owners received prizes, but the fifth, making some slight deviation from the kaiser's plan, received no money. So he took down the gables, built the rooms in modern style and put this inscription right across the front of the house:

Baue nicht auf Herrengunst;  
Uebe Deine eigene Kunst.

This may be freely translated:  
Rely not on the favors of the great;  
The art that is within thee cultivate.

**"LIAR" A FLATTERING TERM.**

At a little gathering of officials the other day the talk turned on the recent diplomatic duel between the Russians and Japanese, and there was quite a difference of opinion as to whether the Moscovite or the little man from the far east is the most expert diplomatist. "But, my dear man," said one of the disputants, who had a touching faith in the veracity of the Jap, "these Russians are such liars!" "Tut, tut," replied the other. "You should have known their grandfather."

The reply reminds me of the story Sir Horace Rumbold tells about General Ignatieff. The general was a natural born fibber. As Sir Horace puts it, "inaccuracy oozed out of him," and in Constantinople he was known as "the father of lies." On this occasion he quite surpassed himself. "Hang it all, Ignatieff," said his colleague, giving him a dig in the ribs, "I believe you're the most unmitigated liar that ever was born!" "You flatter me, my dear fellow," replied the general, with a laugh; "but, then, you've never met my father."—London Tatler.

**Where Petroleum Tins Are Cash.**

The Indians of Alaska have a medium of exchange which no other people in the world have ever used. The American five gallon kerosene tin has a standard value among the coast tribes that is equal to 25 cents at the trading posts, or two bits, as the Indians have learned to call it from the white man.

If an Indian comes to town to trade and the articles to be exchanged outvalue each other, the trader may say something like this:

"Well, I'll charge you \$10 for this flour, \$3 for this bacon and \$2 for this ammunition. You want \$17 for these skins. That's \$2 to your balance. Help yourself to eight tins over there."

And the Indian cheerfully takes the eight tins instead of his \$2, knowing they will increase in value the farther up country he goes.

**Liked It.**

Wayne MacVeagh, the lawyer and diplomat, has on the outskirts of Philadelphia an admirable stock farm. One day last summer some poor children were permitted to go over his farm, and when their inspection was done to each of them was given a glass of milk.

The milk was excellent. It came, in fact, from a \$2,000 cow.

"Well, boys, how do you like it?" the farmer said when they had drained their glasses.

"Gee! Fine!" said one little fellow. Then, after a pause, he added, "I wisht our milkman kep' a cow."—Baltimore Sun.

**Pretty Curtains For a Set of Shelves.**

One of the prettiest curtains seen for a set of shelves was of brown burlap with trimmings of red. The curtain was thrown over the brass rod in such a way as to form a deep lambrequin at the top. The burlap was lined throughout with the red. Red felt was used for the border. The top and bottom was feather-stitched to the burlap with red worsted in clusters of six quite long stitches, the middle one longest and the others graduated toward each end. The clusters of stitches were about an inch apart.

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Wheat Valley, per bu.	.....	80c
Hay, Timothy, per ton	.....	\$14.00 " 15 00
" Clover " "	.....	10 00 " 11 00
" Grain " "	.....	10 00 " 11 00
" Cheat " "	.....	10 00 " 11 00
Oats, No. 1 White per dwt.	.....	1.22
" " Gray " "	.....	1.20
Bran per ton	.....	19 00 to 20 00
Middlings " "	.....	22 00 " 24 00
Shorts " "	.....	20 00 " 21 00
Hops, crop of 1903	.....	21 to 24c per pound
Chickens	.....	11c to 12c per pound live
Turkeys	.....	15c " 16c " "
" " " "	.....	16c " 17c " " dressed
Geese	.....	5 to 6c " " 1 ve
Ducks	.....	\$6 to \$7 per dozen
Eggs, Willamette Valley	.....	20 " 21 " "
Butter, Sweet Cream	.....	18 1/2c per pound
" Fancy Creamery	.....	20c " "
" Choice " "	.....	22c " "
" Dairy	.....	17c " "
Onions	.....	\$1.30 per sack
Potatoes, Fancy old	.....	\$1.00 to \$1.25 per 100
" New	.....	\$1.50 " 1.75 " "
Beans, Small white	.....	3 3/4c per pound
" Large	.....	3 1/2 " "

Forest Grove Markets, In Trade

Eggs	.....	19c per dozen
Butter	.....	35c to 40c per roll
Potatoes, good grade	.....	1.50 per 100 pounds
Chickens	.....	10 to 12 1/2c per pound
Beef, dressed	.....	6c " "
Veal, " "	.....	6c to 6 1/2 " "
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