

SIRES AND SONS.

Professor Taft has transferred his voting residence from Cincinnati to New Haven.

It is said that Lasker is the best paid chess master in the world and that his income averages less than \$5,000 a year.

Count Szechenyi is reported to have lost over \$4,000,000 of the fortune he secured when he married Gladys Vanderbilt. Disastrous speculation in Hungary.

Theodore Huff, a teamster, has been in the employ of the Cudahy Bros. company in Milwaukee for the last twenty-five years. He has missed only three days in that time.

Dr. Edwin F. Smith, plant pathologist in the department of agriculture at Washington, recently declined a \$10,000 position with the Rockefeller Institute For Medical Research to remain at \$4,000 with the government. He attracted attention by his investigations in the comparative study of plant diseases in their relation to man and beast.

John Purroy Mitchell, succeeding William Loeb, Jr., as collector of the port at New York, was acting mayor of the city following the shooting of Mayor Gaynor until the wounded official was able to resume office. He is a graduate of Columbia, where he won the philolexia oratorical contest in his senior year. From Columbia he went to the New York Law school, where he received his diploma.

Town Topics.

Every now and then Cincinnati becomes conscience stricken and reforms, but it doesn't last long.—Kansas City Star.

A bear riot was caused in Atlanta the other day by the exhibition of "Reptember Morn." This ought to help greatly to substantiate Atlanta's claim to be regarded as the Chicago of the south.—New York Tribune.

One of the inmates of a New York insane asylum escaped and went to the city. He surrendered to the police and asked to be taken back, saying, "I believe New York is a dangerous place to live in." That man isn't crazy.—Houston Post.

Cost of Living.

Look out for another boost in the price of kerosene. It has been found that this useful fluid is highly efficacious in exterminating grasshoppers.—Chicago Tribune.

The New York Press discovers that wedding presents are not on the free list. Why doesn't somebody start a crusade about the high cost of invitations?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wives of New York men who are trying to cut the cost of living by doing their own shopping in a public market will probably hire a taxi to take them downtown and a few servants to carry their bundles.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Curious Cullings.

James Hogan of Los Angeles the other day played "Suwanee River" on a piano while standing upon his head.

An orchestra of twenty-five blind musicians led by a one armed woman conductor, recently played the whole of the music of "Rigoletto" at a performance of that opera in the theater at Orledo, Spain.

A man in custody in an English jail the other day was found to have "one arm tattooed with the story of his courtships and the names of his loves, while the other arm contained a record of his family bereavements."

Flippant Flings.

The people of New York are to have twenty-five cent opera. They get it from an unexpected quarter.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

In the name of the ocean giant Impay-rub-for-the-acevit is placed very appropriately on the "rah!" though the "pay" is not forgotten.—New York World.

Experts have succeeded in extracting a superior quality of paint from the common or garden variety of prunes. But don't gather from this that your boarding house will be painted this year.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Current Comment.

Prohibition prohibits in China. Sixty-seven men have been burned alive there for producing opium.—Cleveland Leader.

An eastern paper says that tombstones of granite are now classed as luxuries. Oh, well, give us the necessities and keep your luxuries.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

With this country importing \$50,000,000 worth of art treasures yearly, it must keep the factories of Europe working overtime to maintain the supply of old masters.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Automobile Runs.

Suggestion to chauffeurs: Why not treat the pedestrian as mere trespasser when he attempts to use the streets?—Chicago Record-Herald.

The driver of an automobile is called a chauffeur by those who ride with him, but what pedestrians call him is a lot easier to spell.—Chicago News.

The statement that there are 100 automobile bandits in New York is surprising only in that the number is placed at only 100.—Washington Herald.



Col. C. W. Thatcher, who will speak at Laidlaw tomorrow on subject of Good Roads.

THACKERAY'S KIND HEART.

The Author Was Called a Cynic, but He Loved Children.

Thackeray's words were satirical, and he himself was called a cynic, but the author of "Love Affairs of Some Famous Men" shows what sort of heart beat in the satirist's breast by quoting from the letter of one to whom the following incident happened:

"In the week following his death there appeared some genial memorial lines in the pages of Punch. Walking down the then unsavory thoroughfare known as Bedfordbury, my eye caught the open page of the popular periodical, and I stayed to read the graceful tribute to the dead moralist. Turning away at length, a poorly dressed man in working garb said to me:

"I knew that map, sir." "You knew Thackeray?" I asked. "Yes, sir. I keep that little baker's shop yonder, pointing to the opposite side of the street, and many's the time Thackeray would come and buy a pound or two of cake of me. I cut it into slices for him, and then, distributing it among the crowd of hungry children, he would walk away and hide in that court over there, that he might have the pleasure of seeing their enjoyment. He didn't know I knew him, but I did. People used to call him a cynic, sir, but it wasn't true. He loved the children, sir, and no man is a cynic who does that."

THEY NEVER SEE SPOOKS.

That is One Consolation That Color Blind Persons Have.

Are you afraid of the dark? There isn't a chance of your seeing a ghost if you are color blind, which may furnish you a ray of comfort for the beauties of landscape and floral decorations you may have missed during your lifetime. Dr. August Lummer, head of the physical institute of the University of Breslau, in Germany, is authority for this.

Dr. Lummer explains the phenomenon in this way:

"The normal eye has an arrangement of tiny rods and cones in the retina. The rods perceive light and the cones color. When a person with a normal eye tries to see in a half dark place the cones, which are useless, interfere with the effective action of the rods, and consequently the confusion creates the effect of apparitions that come and go and change their shapes.

"The color blind person lacks the cones, and his rods act with extraordinary efficiency in the dark. The color blind person sees a clear, permanent outline of things as long as there is the least amount of light present. That means that he never sees ghosts."—New York Herald.

Lexington Monuments.

All along the road to Lexington from Cambridge, Mass., in the United States of America, there are monuments to "rebel colonists" who slew British soldiers April 19, in 1775, but the most striking is that which is raised to the memory of Samuel Whittemore. He was eighty years of age at the time, and he killed three British soldiers with his own hand. The stone records that for this he received punishment of three kinds. He was shot, he was bayoneted and he was hanged. He was then, reasonably enough, left for dead. The old fellow must have had a magnificent constitution and a spirit which the most devoted optimist might envy. For the inscription goes on to say that he recovered and lived to the age of ninety-eight. He must have been "a good vintage"—for men.—London Chronicle.

Their Passport.

A senator told at a luncheon in Washington a wondrous story.

"We'd be a hard lot, indeed, we senators," he said, "if we were as black as we're painted. I once heard a dreadful story against us.

"Two ladies, it appeared, came to the visitors' gallery and demanded admission, but they had no cards.

"If you have no cards, ladies," said the doorkeeper, "perhaps you know one of the senators and can get a card from him."

"Oh, no, we don't know any senators," they said hastily.

"The doorkeeper bowed low.

"That, ladies," he said, "is very much to your credit. Pass right in."—Washington Star.

Why She Wept.

A young man who is very particular about his washing recently wrote a note to his washerwoman and one to his sweetheart and by strange fatality put the wrong address on each envelope and sent them off. The washerwoman was sent the invitation to take an auto ride the next day, but when the young lady read, "If you crumple my shirt boom as you did last time I'll go somewhere else," she burst into tears and vowed she would never speak to him again.—Florida Times-Union.

Well Described.

Small Sadie was walking along the street with her mother when a ferocious looking but friendly bulldog approached. With a little scream she clung to her mother, crying, "Oh, mamma, look at the dog with the tangled face!"—Chicago News.

Consolation.

"Waiter, how do I know this isn't horse meat instead of beef?" "You probably don't, sir; all kinds of people come here to eat."—Chicago Tribune.

Curious.

It is curious how much faster a street car bumps along when you are running after it than when you are riding in it.—New Orleans Picayune.

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A Critical Cow. The city girl boarding in the country spoke to the farmer about the savage way in which the cow regarded her. "Well," said the farmer, "it must be on account of that red waist you're wearing."

The Jester's Dream. I dreamed—I'm ever dreaming thus—That I bestrode old Pegasus, And through the day and through the night Across the miles we took our flight Until at last, my winged horse stood Plunged downward, and we stood upon The earth—beside the fount, indeed, Of Helicon!

And I was happy, not because I knew that by the poet's laws I too, belonged to that bright band And with the laureled throng might stand. Nay, I was glad because I'd be Prepared to answer by and by That chestnut, "Did you ever see A horse fly?" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cause For Sorrow. "What's the matter, Freddie? You appear cast down." "Annette's father refused to accept me for a son-in-law." "Well, cheer up; there are other girls." "It isn't that. I'm thinking what a chump I was. I let her father's bulldog bite me eleven times."—Exchange.

Song For a Suffragette. When Phyllis pours the kerosene along the castle's stairs How soft and dainty is her mien, how rapt the look she wears! And, ah, what chants could poets sing to spread abroad her praise If near they might be lingering when Phyllis sets the blaze! But of her mad and merry moods the one that I love best, Comes when the somber midnight broods above a world at rest, Below the quiet city sleeps, above the stars are calm; But, oh, the heart within me leaps when Phyllis hurls the bomb! —New York Times.

Very Likely. Yeast—At Swedish weddings among the middle and lower classes the bridegroom carries a whip. This is an emblem of his authority in the domestic circle. Crimzonbeak—And when he says "with all my goods I thee endow" I suppose the wife takes the whip, of course.—Yonkers Statesman.

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