

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

BORN WITHOUT DIGITS.

Baby Girl That Possessed Neither Fingers Nor Toes.

A bright, healthy girl baby, born without fingers or toes, is now at St. Mary's Hospital getting a set of its...

By a neat surgical operation the child now has both fingers and thumbs, but is still toeless.

The child was born in Fresno county about six weeks ago to the wife of L. S. Goodwin, the father being a school teacher of that county.

Both parents are well formed and under middle age, but it is understood that a near relative was affected in a similar manner as their only child was at birth. Last week Mr. Goodwin brought the baby to this city for treatment and decided to place her in St. Mary's Hospital, here, after consultation with Dr. T. Leonard, an operation was decided upon.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

The fingers and thumbs of both hands, as well as the toes, were rigidly joined together, so that a hand or foot appeared to be a single member without any division of digits. Merely a very slight depression could be seen when a close examination was made, which served to indicate that the bones were separated. It was found the finger bones were the same as those of any ordinary baby.

Dr. Leonard, in performing the operation, did not cut the flesh down between the bones—or, rather, cartilage—as the deformity would not be permanently remedied by this means, because the flesh would again unite upon contact. Instead of this an incision was made along the upper surface of what would be the first finger when the operation was finished. The blade penetrated to the skin's thickness. Another incision was made on the under side of the second finger. Then the skin of the first finger was lap-sed over on the second, and that the second on to the first, and two new fingers were made.

THE OPERATION A SUCCESS.

This was continued until eight perfectly artificial but new fingers and two thumbs took the place of what before did not bear any more resemblance to the nicely formed digits than a block of wood. The operation is not considered very difficult one, but it was necessary that much care should be exercised in its performance for the perfect formation of the fingers. The baby is now doing very well, and in time it is believed the fingers will grow to be as perfect and as well developed as any. So far it has not been determined whether to treat the feet in the same way. Possibly some appliance will be used instead when the child is old enough to walk.—S. F. Examiner.

SENTIMENTAL ARITHMETIC.—Sentimental arithmetic calculation thus; Two looks make one sigh; four sighs make one waltz; three

waltzes make one palpitation; two palpitations make one call; two calls make one attention; two attentions make one fool (sometimes two); two fools make one flirtation; one flirtation, plus two bouquets equal to one engagements, equal to one marriage.—Roseburg Review.

A LADY KILLED BY A CRANK.

Deliberately Empties His Revolver Into Her Body.

CLEVELAND, March 30.—A tall young man rang the door bell at the residence of Herbert O. Fitch, No. 29 Jennings avenue, about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and Mrs. Fitch came to the door. The man grabbed her by the hand and exclaimed: "Why, Jennie!" "Why Frank, is that you?" returned Mrs. Fitch, with a pleased expression. "Oh, you know me, Jennie? Well, you will be sure now." Then, dropping her hand, the man drew a revolver and fired, the bullet passing clear through Mrs. Fitch's breast and coming out at the back. The wounded woman screamed and turned to run, when he fired three more shots at her, all three taking effect in her back, and she fell to the floor. When neighbors rushed in they found the fellow coolly re-loading his revolver. Some one suggested that a doctor be sent for. "There is no use," said he; "I have done my work too competely for that. I came here from Fort Wayne this morning to kill her; that is all I came for. If I had found her son anywhere around I would have killed him also." To the police he said he was Frank R. Draeger, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and gave his age as 20. When asked why he had shot the woman, he said: "She and her cursed son have had me under a spell for five years and I have just got free. I came here to kill her and I don't feel sorry. I have wanted to do this for some time and I am glad it is over." In a statement which he had prepared, Draeger says that Mrs. Fitch and her son have had a strange influence over him and he thinks they hypnotized him. The spell was over him for five years and it just left him last Saturday. Draeger is undoubtedly insane. Mrs. Fitch who is still alive, but gradually sinking, is 38 years of age. Her husband is a conductor on the Valley railway and her son is employed on the same line. Her brother is the husband of Draeger's sister. Draeger hung around the neighborhood of Fitch residence all the forenoon and got two boys to inquire at various houses until he found the right one. A dispatch from Fort Wayne says that Draeger has acted queerly for some time.—Telegram.

Chinese Find a Way to Cross Our Northern Border.

MONTREAL (Quebec), March 27.—The Chinese and their Canadian lawyers have succeeded in driving a coach and four through the present anti immigration laws of the United States. The present treaty with Great Britain provides that any British subject shall be given free entry and right of residence in the United States, irrespective of race, creed or color. On Thursday six Chinamen, recently arrived from Vancouver, presented themselves before the Superior Court and were duly naturalized as British subjects. They were given their usual papers and went away yesterday evening. Three of them left for New York via the Canadian Pacific. United States officers stopped them at the border, but were compelled to allow them to pass after examining their papers. A prominent United States Treasury official, now in Montreal, says that the Chinamen have at last succeeded in finding a way to evade the United States law until the law is amended to suit the case. "As British subjects," he adds, "Chinees can flood the United States, and the only people to get a benefit will be the Canadian Government, which will be able to collect its \$50 per head from largely increased immigration."

Birmingham, Ala., March 22.—Following close after the visit of Senator Hill came a Cleveland boom to-night. The largest gathering of Democrats seen in Birmingham for years convened at Erswell

to-night and organized a Cleveland Club of 2,000 members. The hall would not hold more than half of those who wanted to attend the meeting. E. H. Cabaness was made temporary chairman, and J. P. Tillman elected permanent president. Speeches were made by Colonel Sumter Lee, E. H. Cabaness, Rufus N. Rhodhs, Judge Arnold, C. A. Cowles and others. Every mention of Cleveland's name was cheered. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed. Colonel Lee in his speech said that 90 per cent. of the people of the South, as well as of all Alabama, favored Mr. Cleveland's nomination. He said the politicians objected to Cleveland because he was too big a man for the Presidency. He added that Hill was too small for it. [Applause.] The speaker paid Cleveland a glowing tribute for his policy toward the South, especially in putting Southern statesmen in his cabinet. He predicted Cleveland's nomination. Mr. Cowles, lately of Connecticut and a member of the New York Reform Club, said that if Cleveland was nominated all of New England except Maine and Vermont would go for him. Resolutions were passed favoring Cleveland's nomination and urging that the club make every effort to send a Cleveland delegation to the Chicago Convention.—The Republic.

Cricketers are reported to be hatching out in great numbers in Lincoln county, Washington, and also on the Indian reservation at Warm Spring, Oregon. At the latter place they consumed the crops last year.

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