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 FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

**Genesis of the Steamboat.**

The first steamboat was built by Dennis Papin, who navigated it safely down the Fulda as long ago as 1707. Unfortunately, this pioneer craft was destroyed by jealous sailors, and even the very memory of it was lost for three quarters of a century. In 1775 Perrier, another Frenchman, built an experimental steam vessel at Paris. Eight years later, in 1783, Jouffroy took up the idea that had been evolved by Papin and Perrier and built a steamer which did good service for some time on the Saone. The first American to attempt to apply steam to navigation was John Fitch, a Connecticut mechanic, who made his initial experiments in the year 1785. To what extent Fitch was indebted to the three illustrious French inventors named above we are not informed, but that his models were original there is not the least doubt. In the first he employed a large pipe-kettle for generating the steam, the motive power being side paddles worked after the fashion of oars on a common row boat. In the second Fitch craft the same mode of propulsion was adopted, with the exception that the paddles were made to imitate a revolving wheel and were affixed to the stern—clearly foreshadowing the present "stern-wheeler." This last mentioned boat was the first American steam vessel that can be pronounced a success. It made its first trip to Burlington in July, 1788. But, after all, it was not until after the opening of the present century that steam navigation started into actual life. In 1807 Robert Fulton (whom every school child knows was an American), in conjunction with one Robert R. Livingston, built the Clermont, and established a regular packet service between New York and Albany. The success of this undertaking was so satisfactory that four new boats were built before the end of 1811, at least two of them being designed for service in other rivers.

**Is Dr. Graves Alive?**

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 19.—Charles N. Chandler is a retired merchant and well-to-do citizen of Thompson Center, Con. He arrived in Denver on Tuesday night, in company with Stephen Morse and Mrs. Ida D. Aldrich, his sister, both also from Thompson Center. Mr. Morse and his sister went westward yesterday forenoon, and Mr. Chandler left for Pueblo at 12 o'clock yesterday noon. While in this city Mr. Chandler told a most remarkable tale. He averred that when Dr. Thacher Grave's casket was conveyed to the cemetery at Thompson Center the widow was appealed to by so many boyhood friends and relatives of the deceased to allow them a view

of the remains that she instantly consented to the opening of the casket. She was not immediately present at this time. Her representatives were present, however, and in the presence of 30 persons the casket was opened. They were astonished to find that there was neither the body of Dr. Graves nor that of any other person in the coffin, but instead a log of wood weighing about 160 pounds. It was not a log of wood which grew in Connecticut or the East, but of some foreign tree. Those present in view of the surprising discovery, decided that nothing should be said about it. The casket was resealed, and then with appropriate services the interment took place. Mr. Morse and Mrs. Aldrich confirmed the statement that this story was currently believed in Thompson Center. They each and all asserted that they had been told it by persons present at the opening of the coffin. Coroner Chivington and Mr. Rolline of the undertaking firm who shipped the body laugh at the story.—The Republic.

**WALKED HERSELF TO DEATH.**

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—Left destitute in San Francisco, Mme. de Lavalle started for Montreal several months ago with a horse and buggy. She reached here last evening on foot, and is now in St. James hospital in a dying condition from the hardship and exposure of the journey. Mme. de Lavalle's husband died about a year ago, and her three children were also carried off by the smallpox. Having relations here, she started on her journey. At the end of a fortnight her horse gave out, and from that time the widow pursued her long walk over the prairies and mountains until Detroit was reached, where she rested awhile. Sometimes she was given a ride by trainmen. For food she depended entirely upon charity, and her shelter at night was as often under a tree as in a shed or farmhouse. When Montreal was reached her clothes were in tatters and her shoes worn out. Still she persevered, and was leaving here for her home Longueuil when she broke down entirely, and was picked up in an unconscious condition on the wharf near the ferry landing and taken to the hospital. Her skeleton-like appearance and her wandering mind attest her complete physical and mental breakdown.

**Mrs. Conkling Dead.**

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Rosee Conkling, widow of the late ex-Senator, died at 3:25 o'clock last afternoon at her home in this city. She had been failing for some time, but her illness did not assume an alarming phase until about 10 days ago, when she was stricken with something resembling apoplexy. Mrs. Conkling had been unconscious for the past 24 hours and death was painless.

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Mrs. Rosee Conkling was a sister of the late ex-Governor Horatio Seymour of New York. She was a beautiful woman of stately carriage, blue eyes, and with finely etched features. During Senator Conkling's stay in Washington it was often said that he and his wife were the handsomest couple in public life. Mrs. Conkling was past 60 years old at the time of her death, but it is said to have retained traces of her original beauty to the end.—The Republic.

When is love deforced? When it is one-sided.  
 What part of a fish is like the end of a book? The fin is.  
 What is the greatest miracle ever worked in Ireland? Waking the dead.  
 Why should a testotaller not have a wife? Because he can't supporter.—The Welcome.

**RIDDLES.**

When is a butcher like a thief? When he steals a knife and cuts away with it.  
 What is the difference between a butcher and a flirt? One kills to dress and the other dresses to kill.

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