Hawk-Eyetems.

The mumps is (are) raging in Congress this spring. As though anything were needed to increase a Congressman's check. Nature is extravagant.

Here and there, even in Burlington, you will yet find a man who blushes and looks guilty if you ask him very suddenly if he wears a liver pad.

There is eight kinds of suckers native of Iowa waters, not to mention the varieties that live on dry land and haunt the free lunch counters of the republic.

There is no excuse for tramps this year. If there is nothing else to do they can organize new Pinafore companies. That is really the crying need of the times.

Ah, do you begin to notice just about now, innocent little items, about this lake and that lake, and the wall-eyed pike and the pickerel and the black bass, and the carp and the yellow perch and the drum-heads and bull pout and things? The summer resorts are beginning to tell fish stories.

Times have been so hard in the West this year that a great many people have been obligéd to discount their crystal and china weddings from three to seven years, in order to raise the wind at that particular time when a financial atmospheric disturbance would most happily and forcibly strike them right where they lived.

Of thirty-six members of the House who introduced financial bills Monday, thirty-five are in debt, twenty-seven of the thirty-five owe more than they are worth, and the one of the thirty-six who isn't in debt at all is mad about it, and would get in debt mighty quick if he could. But he can't. His credit isn't good enough.

You go into a county where two rival towns are fighting for the county seat, and you will find that the inhabitants make that struggle the issue in a Presidential election, and the candidate for the highest office in the gift of the nation won't get a solitary vote in the east side of the county, if he is suspected of favoring the west side.

Mrs. Walker was one of the best women in Burlington in her time, but she was passionately fond of "going," and her friends were never able to find her at home. Well, she died. And one of her neighbors said there was one consolation, anyhow. When they wanted to call on her now, they would know where to find her.

"You make me think," John William said, dropping upon the sofa beside the prettiest girl on North Hill, last Sunday evening, "of a bank whereon the wild thyme grows." "Do I?" she murmured. "It is so nice, but that is pa's step in the hall and unless you can drop out of the front window before I get through speaking, you'll have a little wild time with him, my own, for he loves you not." But John William didn't quite make it and now you can make him grow wild time and time again by simply asking him what makes him go lame when he walks. He knows, but he won't tell.

RULES OF CONDUCT.

Never exaggerate, at least don't exaggerate so excessively as to cause undue remark.

Never laugh at the misfortunes of others, save in the isolated instance of a man struggling between heaven and earth, with only the blue dome of the sky above him, and nothing to speak of under him, except a banana peel.

Never send a present, hoping for one in return. Nine times out of ten you will slip up on your expectations. Freeze to the present you buy. You are dead sure of that.

Never question your neighbor's servants or children about family matters. They are liable to fib to you. The best way is to "snook" around and find out for yourself.

Always offer the easiest seat in the room to a lady or an invalid. A hard bottom, straight-back chair is usually considered about the easiest thing there is made to sit on. A rocking chair is apt to produce sea-sickness.

Never pass between two passengers who are talking together, without offering an apology. One of them may lift you a kick that will raise you through the pier glass.

Never put a fire or warm dry sheets in the spare room. It's too awfully inviting and these are hard times.

Never insult an acquaintance by harsh words when applied to for a favor. It is just as easy and ever so much pleasanter, to lie to him and tell him you haven't got it. He may know you are a liar, but he can't deny that you are a gentleman.

Never fail to answer an invitation either personally or by letter. If it is an invitation to dinner, by all means answer it personally. If it is an invitation to a wedding or donation party, a letter will do just as well and is about ten times as cheap.

Never refuse to receive an apology. You won't be offered one more than once in twenty-five years, and you can keep them as rarities.

Never thrust your foot out across the aisle in a street car. Somebody may spit on it.

Long ages ago, in times so remote that history does not fix the epoch, a dreadful war was waged between the king of Cornwall and the king of Scotland. Scottish valor prevailed, and the king of Cornwall was defeated. The Scottish monarch, elated by success, sent for his Prime Minister, Lord Alexander. "Weel, Sandy," said he, "is there ne'er a king we canna conquer the noo?" "Ane it please your Majesty, I ken but ane king that your Majesty canna vanquish." "And whaur is he, Sandy?" "Lord Alexander reverently looking up, said: "The King o' Heeven." The Scottish king did not understand, but was unwilling to exhibit any ignorance. "Just gang yer ways, Sandy, and tell the King o' Heeven to give up his dominions, or I'll come mysel' and ding him oot of them, and mind, Sandy, ye do not come back till us until ye ha' done oor bidden." Lord Alexander retired much perplexed, but met a priest and, reassured, came back and presented himself. "Weel, Sandy," said the king, "hae ye seen the King o' Heeven, and what says he to oor bidden?" "An' it please your Majesty I hae no seen the King himself, but I have seen ane o' his accredited ministers." "Weel, and what says he?" "He says yer Majesty may e'en hae his kingdom for the asking o' it." "Was he sae cosvil?" says the king, warmed to magnanimity. "Just gang yer ways back, Sandy, and tell the King o' Heeven that for his cosvility the de'il a Scotchman shall ever set foot in his kingdom."

Anniversary Weddings.

The first is the paper wedding, which takes place one year after marriage. The invitations should be issued on a gray paper representing thin cardboard. The presents, if given, should be solely of articles made of paper.

The wooden wedding is the fifth anniversary of the marriage. The invitations should be upon thin cards of wood, or they may be written on a sheet of wedding note-paper, and a card of wood (plain or painted in some pretty design) inclosed in the envelope. The presents on this occasion may range from a wooden spoon to a complete set of parlor or chamber furniture.

The tenth anniversary of the marriage is called the tin wedding. The invitations may be made upon cards covered with tin-foil, or printed upon heavy silver card-board. The guests have the whole list of articles manufactured by tinners' art to select from here.

Next is the crystal wedding, on the fifteenth anniversary. Invitations may be made on thin, transparent paper, or colored sheets of prepared gelatine, or on ordinary wedding note-paper, inclosing a sheet of mica. The guests will make offerings to their host and hostess of trifles of glass, which may be more or less valuable, as the donor is inclined.

The china wedding occurs on the twentieth anniversary. Invitations should be issued on exceedingly fine, semi-transparent note-paper or cards. Various articles for the dining or tea-table, for the toilet-stand, vases or mantel ornaments, all are appropriate for this occasion.

The silver wedding occurs on the twenty-fifth marriage anniversary. The invitations issued should be upon the finest note-paper, printed in bright silver, with monogram or crest upon both paper and envelope, in silver also. All presents should be of silver.

The close of the fiftieth year of married life brings round the appropriate time for the golden wedding. The invitations for this golden celebration should be printed on the finest note-paper in gold, with crest or monogram on both paper and envelope in highly-burnished gold. The presents offered are also in gold.

Few, indeed, may celebrate their diamond wedding. This should be held on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the wedding day.

It is not required that all guests at such weddings should donate gifts. The donors on such occasions are usually only members of the family or intimate friends. The invitations vary somewhat in their wordings, according to the fancy of the writer, but they are all similar. They should give the date of the marriage and the anniversary. They may, or may not, give the name of the husband at the right hand side, and the maiden name of the wife at the left. What the anniversary is should also be indicated.

The following form will serve as a model:

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A variation of the dates and the insertion, in the place of the word "silver," of "paper," "wooden," "tin," "crystal," "china," "golden," or "diamond," will make this form suitable for any of the anniversary weddings. It is not unusual to have the marriage ceremony repeated at the silver or golden weddings. This gives them a certain impressiveness and solemnity, to see a husband and wife who have remained faithful for a quarter or half a century publicly renewing their vows of fidelity and love, which then can only mean, "till death do us part."—*The Household.*

Orange Groves and Alligators.

Florida is an "earthly paradise" of somewhat contradictory delight. Mr. Edward King, correspondent of the *Boston Journal*, describing the country back of St. Augustine, speaks of the orchards first and then of the swamps.

On the Ball estate, there is an avenue of great length, bordered by orange trees, the boughs of which bend under hundreds of oranges. To right and left, paths lead away to conservatories, gardens and lawns, swept by fresh breezes, and dotted with pretty groups of flowers. This is a little earthly paradise during the winter months.

Dr. Anderson's grove is one of the most famous in the South, and is exceedingly profitable. His residence fronts on a street charmingly embowered in orange, lemon and magnolia trees, and lined with handsome cottages.

Outside the town, a road leads across the marshes on a causeway, and on the marshes snipe abound just now. A Northern visitor who was passing these fens with me, laughed at the sign, "No Trespassing Here," which arose on a pole out of some suspiciously resistible soil, but if we had known that it was a snipe country, he would not have laughed.

It was in these bottoms that an alligator-hunter was once nicely caught, as he told me some years since. Coming home from a chase after the skins of the wily saurian, he was wading the marshes wearily, with his gun on his shoulder, when he felt his right leg seized, and looking down, saw that a moderate-sized alligator had grasped him.

Nothing but his heavy boot-leg saved him from being very badly wounded. He brought his gun down with terrific force on to the creature's head, uttered a fearful yell, and managed to jump clear of his adversary. His hair stood straight on end ere he stopped running at the edge of the swamp.

A Touching Love Story.—I, along with several others, yesterday, observed a swallow enter an exhaust-pipe in the roof of one of the Grand Trunk workshops, evidently for the purpose of building her nest in it. Unfortunately for her, she could not get out again, and her partner entered the pipe also and backed out again with a feather in his beak. Three times did he ineffectually attempt to rescue his mate. When work was resumed at 1 P. M., the swallow was blown out of the pipe by the force of steam and lay dead on the roof of the building, the survivor standing by showing signs of intense distress.—*Montreal Witness.*

The late Duke of Newcastle is supposed to have had the greatest amount of insurance ever written on one life. His policies aggregated $2,500,000.

Notes From Naples.

The principal event of general interest the past week has been the celebration of the King's birthday, when, there being several dignitaries in Rome, a grand review was arranged, and all arms of the service represented. The crowd as usual gathered by eight o'clock in the square near the railway station, Piazza Independenza. Our party, as well as the foreigners generally, helped to make up the assemblage. Just beyond, all the troops were gathered, and the balconies being filled with handsomely dressed ladies, the general effect of the scene was very pretty, especially when, about 10 o'clock, following the booming of cannon, the King appeared in the square, dressed in the uniform of a general, and riding a fine bay horse, with the Austrian Ambassador, Baron Kendal, on one side, and the Minister of War, General Marji de la Roche, on the other, followed by a brilliant staff of generals, high officers, and attaches of different embassies. A file of His Majesty's body guard in armor, both led and closed the company, as escort. All along the way they were greeted by enthusiastic shouts of "Long live the King," "Long live Humbert I." Arriving in front of the troops the Duke d'Aosta and General Bariolo presented them to him, when His Majesty reviewed them; we being entertained in the mean time with the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen. Her cortege consisted of three carriages, she being in the first, dressed in pure white, even to her white parasol trimmed with white lace, which, altogether, made her appearance very lovely; and accompanying her were the young Prince, her son, in the uniform of a Naval Corporal, and the Prince of Carignano, in the uniform of an Admiral. In the other carriages were ladies of honor and two or three officers, the attendants being in red, excepting knee breeches of blue, with powdered wigs, and cocked hats. This detachment of the royal family being drawn up on one side.

Shortly after a flourish of trumpets announced the return of the King, who, with his attendants, saluted the Queen, she receiving them standing. The whole of this brilliant cavalcade then formed in line, the King remaining near Her Majesty's carriage, the troops passed in review, the young Prince Amadeus, the King's brother (who was for a short time King of Spain,) at the head of the Roman division, riding first and alone. As he passed his brother he saluted, and whirling about, after saluting the ladies, took his place beside the King. All the other principal officers followed his example, as they came up, while the soldiers were marched onward until the first reached the Quirinal Palace, when they were ranged all the way from the palace to the piazza, on either side of the way, forming two living walls between which the royal party returned to the palace. Soon afterwards the whole building was surrounded, and those who were fortunate enough to be in front of the palace were favored with two appearances of the King and Queen upon the balcony, where bareheaded, they stood for some time returning the salutes of the people, who shouted and cheered as if they could never be satisfied.

It was certainly a sight never to be forgotten, the soldiers being mingled with the motley mass of people, while in the midst the solemn obelisk which has looked upon the triumphs of kings a thousand years ago stood to-day and saw the dawning of a new life and hope for Italy.

A practical turn was given to the jubilations later in the day when the new iron bridge across the Tiber, at a point near the Piazza di Papolo, was opened, heretofore crossed by an inconvenient ferry.—*Correspondence of Boston Traveller.*

Competition Not the Life of Trade.

"Eight sweet Florida oranges for a dime, here: fifteen cents a dozen!" bawled an orange peddler, as he stopped his wagon close to the curbstone on Fifth street yesterday, where a small crowd was congregated.

Another peddler of oranges drew up to the same spot and went him one better, as follows:

"Eight sweet Florida oranges for nine cents; the only oranges in the State of Ohio that are fit to eat."

"Eight sweet oranges for eight cents," screamed No. 1; "rich and juicy, and not picked by yellow fever patients, like some oranges I know of."

"Eight large, fine oranges for seven cents," retorted No. 2, and the crowd began to manifest an interest in the proceedings.

"Eight delicious oranges for six cents," yelled No. 1, and looked black as the Moor of Venice at his competitor.

"Eight overgrown oranges for five cents, and they're the only oranges in the city not stuffed with saw-dust."

"Eight for four cents!"

"Eight for three cents!"

"Eight for two cents!"

"Eight for one cent!"

"Eight for—nuthin', by gracious!" yelled the desperate dealer.

"Nuf ced!" exclaimed his rival leaping to the ground and beginning to transfer the eight-for-nothing fruit into his own wagon; "nuf ced, yer oranges ain't worth no more than that nohow, but seein' it's you, I'll take the whole lot at that price," and all the while he was scooping them out in handfuls of a dozen.

"I'll take a hatful at them figgers!" yelled a newsboy, as he climbed upon the wheel.

"So'll I!" screamed another.

"Here, too!"

"Make room on that wheel for uncle!"

The unfortunate man whose stock was being reduced at such unprofitable figures whipped up his horse and escaped with a few oranges under the seat, and as he whirled around a corner he stopped swearing long enough to say he could kill the man who said that competition was the life of trade.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Catching Ants.—In New Mexico the following method of catching ants is both popular and efficacious: a few large champagne bottles are buried in the ground, near the entrance to the nest, till their tops are flush with the ground. Every ant going to or coming from the colony will at once walk up, peep over and then drop in. When he gets to the bottom he finds himself in the middle of a free fight, in which legs and antennæ are chawed off with alarming recklessness. Two or three days suffice to accumulate half-a-dozen quarts of ants, and completely exterminate the colony.

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