

In China people in easy circumstances buy their coffins long before they need them, and exhibit them as ornamental pieces of furniture.

The ravages of the birds in the cornfields of Barnwell county, S. C., are almost without precedent. In many places the fields have been planted the second time, and now the birds are devouring the young corn as fast as it appears.

Great progress is being made in dentistry for animals. Barnum's hippopotamus lately sat and had a bad tooth extracted without a growl and the same operation is now practiced on lions and tigers. When the wild beasts are all provided with false teeth we propose to interview a few of them in their cages.

A faithful and true friend is a living treasure, inestimable in possession and deeply to be lamented when gone. Nothing is more common than to talk of a friend; nothing more difficult than to find one; nothing more rare than to improve by one as we ought.

A new boy preacher has been creating quite an excitement in Georgia. This latest evangelist bears the unpoetic name of Jimmie Cook. He is 12 years old and weighs about fifty pounds. He delivers stirring sermons from biblical texts and has converted quite a number of people.

Aaron Harvey, a sea captain of Machias, Maine, departed on a voyage in 1860, leaving at home a wife and five children. He has just returned, after twenty-nine years' wandering in all parts of the earth. He finds his children grown up and married and his wife living with another husband.

The rapid increase of the foreign population in France is causing great concern to the government. Since 1856 no less than 482,000 Belgians, 264,000 Italians, 100,000 Germans, 78,000 Swiss and 80,000 Spaniards have gone into France in addition to the foreign population previously resident there. In 1851 there were but 331,000 foreigners in a total population of nearly thirty-six millions. In 1886 the foreign population exceeded 1,000,000, while the native population remained nearly stationary.

Some Maine lumbermen who were annoyed by a bear stealing their molasses out of the camp store room put up a job on him. They got an empty molasses keg, filled the sides of it full of sharp pointed nails, inclined toward the bottom, poured a little molasses into it, and set the whole arrangement out in the bushes near the pigpen. The next morning it was found some distance from the camp. The bear's head was inside. He had stuck it in and couldn't draw it out. A rifle ball ended his misery and his thieving.

There is a discussion among physicians in England as to whether or not ill health is a necessary accompaniment of genius. It is supposed by some that the type of humanity which bestows the rare boon of genius or superlative intellectual power is usually associated with feebleness of physical development. Others maintain that the mode of life usually adopted by great geniuses is the cause of their ill health. No one ever hears any thing about the ill health of Shakespeare; so it is reasonable to suppose that both his constitution and his mode of life were good.

The friendship of the Republicans for the colored people before an election is very deep. The leaders are wont to lament that the race has not been recognized more substantially by preceding administrations, and to promise with out reserve that this shall be all remedied in the future. After the election this regard for their colored brethren disappears as rapidly as love after a honeymoon. It would seem that this simple confidence game would be understood after it had been tried once, but the Republicans have banished the colored people out of their votes for twenty-four years with great success.

PROVIDING FOR THE FAMILY.

Those who expected that President Harrison would exercise great discretion in his selection of men who should hold public office are much surprised at the designation of his brother, Carter B. Harrison, as United States Marshal for the district of Tennessee. While the appointment may not be objectionable on personal grounds there is the strong objection that the appointment comes to the man in Tennessee solely because he is the brother of the president. Such a choice from that standpoint shows the act of the executive to be neither that of a statesman nor a sagacious politician. The introduction of nepotism into our politics is something to be deprecated and frowned upon. It is bad enough for a man to pay his political debts out of the public treasury, but when he adds to that the discharging of the obligations he owes his kinsmen it is too bad to even be tolerated without a protest. The example of his earlier predecessors seems to have been lost upon President Harrison and he prefers to follow in the footsteps of one whose illustrious services in the field did not allow him to escape serious condemnation for his violation of sound policy. The pretenses of the president and his administration are fast falling to the ground and broken pledges will rise up against the party in many respects at the next summing up of public opinion.

A diamond owned in Buffalo and known as the "Buffalo gem" weighs sixty carats and is supposed to be the largest in the United States. It is about the size of an almond and before cutting weighed nine five carats. It was bought in Amsterdam for \$30,000.

A young lady, well up in society circles in Baltimore, accepted a wrger to walk along the principal street of that city arm in arm with a young man clad in rough working clothing and then had her picture taken together with his. Baltimore beauties have plenty of grit.

The latest novelty carried around by the peanut and magazine fiends on railway trains are revolvers of various sizes made of transparent candy and loaded with peppermint balls which can be fired out.

Singular as it may appear, Jay Gould cannot see any public slanger in the accumulation of great wealth in the hands of a few individuals. He thinks rich men—or at least one rich man—rather desirable than otherwise. And this is a subject upon which the opinion of Jay Gould is valuable.

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