

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Editorial Success Called by the Detroit Free Press. We call the following from the last issue of The Arizona Kicker: SOSPENDED.—With this issue we suspend the agricultural department, established five weeks ago. We instituted this feature as an experiment, and to help out a literary tenderfoot from the east, who was bare-footed and penniless, but who was fertile of suggestions. The experiment was a failure. We have bidden the tenderfoot a permanent and lasting adieu, and we now bid farewell to agriculture as a set thing. We shall occasionally refer to the subject in a reckless, offhand way, taking chances on results, but there will be no further studied attempts to make the starchy plains get up and hump themselves into fields of waving corn, and we shan't cover the rocky hillsides hereabout with vineyards or patches of delectable buckwheat. Good-by, tenderfoot—good-by, agriculture!

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.—We cannot return rejected manuscripts. If not accompanied by stamps we use them to light the office fire. If stamps are sent we use them on our business letters. If the author of "Seven Buckets of Blood," or the Contributor's "Revenge," will send her address to this office she will hear of something to her advantage. We have received a sketch entitled "Bob-tailed Bob, or the Bobbers of Bobber's Hill," which we will publish on receipt of the author's check for \$50. We must respectfully decline the stories entitled "Her Father Booted Me" and "An Adventure with Indians in France." They seem to have an immoral tone.

STEADILY IMPROVING.—Since our last issue Col. Fairbanks has had three rods of beautiful picket fence erected in front of his abode, and the Gen saloon has received three barrels of whisky and a new pier glass. We chronicle these improvements in no boastful spirit, but simply that outsiders may know that the spirit of progress is not dead within us. We are going right to the front as a town.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Maj. Jackson, one of the pioneer residents of our little city, kicked at his dog last Saturday and drove his big toe back into his heel by hitting the corner stone of the new Masonic temple. The major was our second subscriber. We sympathize with him in his dark hour of trial, and trust that he may soon reap among us. Should his condition become critical we shall issue daily bulletins from this office.

GO HOME.—A correspondent wishes us to explain the meaning of the term "From Alpha to Omega." We shan't do it. We have had politics enough for one season, and propose to let up on the machine. We never heard of Alpha, anyhow, and as for old Omega, may be he is buried.—Detroit Free Press.

He Had Tried It. Mrs. Fitz Noodle had company to tea. Little Fitz Noodle had been told just how to behave, and a good big bribe was promised him if he acted out his part of the programme. He did very well until he saw the company beginning to eat some jam that was served in small dishes. Then fixing his round eyes on a majestic old lady opposite to him, he bewailed in the sweet tones of childhood: "Did yer taste the pill?"—Detroit Free Press.

Having Prepared to Criticize. Young Writer to friend—I say, Fred, have you seen my book which was published a little over a year ago? Fred—Oh, yes; I bought it the first day it came out, Charley! Young Writer—Thanks, Fred. Did you find it interesting? Fred—Well—or—to tell the truth, Charley, I haven't finished it yet.—Harper's Bazar.



A Compromise. O'Roney (entering hardware store)—The boss said to buy a pane of glass, sin be fourteen. Waggall Clerk—Well, Pat, I don't think I can give you a ton by fourteen, but I can let you have a fourteen by ten, if you think you can make that do. Pat (struck with a bright idea)—Be liberal! Pat give me a ton by four, and I'll let turn 'em sideways as it upsides down, an' Ol don't believe the boss would ever know 'em difference.—Toronto Grip.

A Safe Conclusion. A New York Judge says that if a man was missing 100 years he should consider him to be dead. It would be a pretty safe conclusion to arrive at, especially if the missing man was 60 years old when he disappeared.—Bristolown Herald.

A Sign of Cold Weather. Mrs. Bluffers—Here is an advertisement for a man weighing not less than 300 pounds. I wonder if he is wanted for a dime museum? Mr. Bluffers—Dunno. May's they want him to drive a coal cart.—Philadelphia Record.

ODE TO A MODERN SHIP.

Child of the dismal mine, Compact of chilly steel, Flowing the blind Thou canst not surely feel That sense divine Which, urged by sail and oar, The good ship felt of yore, Constructed, deck to keel, Of Pontic pine.

Then every seasoned plank That sailed the sea, Rose softly, softly sank, Riding the waves in buoyant majesty, And fair white sails, Fall apart with streamers decked, Bent to the rising gale, That with crisp foam the heaving ocean decked.

Why Men Prefer Marriages. The habits of modern young men are antagonistic to that prudence and preparation which make it possible for them to marry at twenty-five. There are many exceptions of course, but it may be safely said that a vast number of the young men who live in our time fill their spare hours with expensive luxuries. It costs them a great deal to dress, and still more to keep up their social engagements. In a score of ways they accustom themselves to ways of life that leave no margin between income and outgo. This having gone on until they are twenty-five it then calls for more resolution than many of them command to begin the sacrifices which accompany the saving of money. Without money they cannot marry.

Not a few greatly exaggerate what it should take two sensible young people to begin life on, and hastily conclude that it would be impossible, on an income of \$1,000, to start in comfort. So they put off marriage until after thirty, or do not marry at all, and it is well that such men should remain single. We do not need any such weak fiber in the coming generation.—John L. Payne in Ladies' Home Journal.

One Way of Telling the Time. "I can always tell the time by looking at the people who pass my store door," asserts a Choptown street merchant. "In the early morning the workmen go down; about 8:30 the clerks and typewriters form the crowd. From 9:30 to 1:30 the solid merchants, bankers and millionaires appear, and then up to 3 or 4 o'clock the shopping army of women are in the majority, mingled with the dudes and men of leisure. The solid men next appear on their way home; the clerks and office people follow at 5 o'clock, and from 6 to 7 the workmen and girls walk up the thoroughfare."—Philadelphia Press.

Great Infants Acumen. Great infants acumen was displayed by the small boy in a suburban town who swallowed a penny. "Kitty," called his alarmed mother to her sister in the next room, "send for the doctor. Willie has swallowed a penny!" "No, mamma," interposed the terrified and frightened victim, "send for the minister." "Why?" faltered his mother. "Because papa says our minister can get money out of anybody."—New York Tribune.

Storage Batteries for Dwellings. A company has been formed in Vienna with the idea of serving charged storage battery cells to the houses, in the same way in which milk, ice and other commodities are served. The wagons for supplying these accumulators make regular trips through the suburbs of Vienna daily, distributing their cells fully charged and taking away others whose energy has been exhausted.—Exchange.

Capt. Charles Kinz, the novelist, does the greater part of his writing with his left hand. His brightest thoughts are evolved, he thinks, when the right lobe of his brain calls for the use of the motor muscles of his left side and vice versa.

Woolen cloth was first made in England in the year 1234, though it was known in oriental countries since time out of memory. It was neither dyed nor dressed in England until the year 1667.

SET HIM RIGHT. George Augustus Sala, the well-known English writer, on his last Australian trip wrote as follows to The London Daily Telegraph: "I especially have a pleasant remembrance of the ship's doctor—a very experienced maritime medic indeed, who tended me most kindly during a horrible spell of bronchitis and spasmodic asthma, provoked by the sea fog which had swooped down on us just after we left San Francisco. But the doctor's prescriptions and the increasing warmth of the atmosphere as we neared the Tropics, and in particular a couple of ALLCOCK'S PODUS PLASTER changed one—on the chest and another between the shoulder blades—soon set me right."

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