

AN UNLUCKY DEPUTATION.

The Villagers Followed the Lead of the Mayor With Lustrous Consequences.

On one occasion, while on a journey through Italy, the pope halted at a small village, the inhabitants of which resolved to send some of their principal men as a deputation to his holiness.

Before setting out the mayor thus addressed his followers: "As you do not know very well how to conduct yourselves before exalted personages, you must watch me closely and do as I do."

The procession was formed, with the mayor stalking majestically in front, furnished, like his followers, with a basin of figs in his left hand and another of cream in his right.

The pope was at first astonished, but soon burst into a fit of the most boisterous laughter, while the attendants, thinking that the deputation had come to mock their master, began pelting them with the saturated figs.

The mayor hobbled out of the room, closely followed by his brethren, one of whom whispered to him:

"How lucky it is for us that we did not bring the pineapples! How nicely our heads would have been battered by them!"—London Million.

Mrs. Stevenson in the Chair.

Mrs. Stevenson presided at the recent convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The wife of the vice president has evidently never opened the covers of her husband's authorities on parliamentary order.

The first little incident of this sort was when a motion was offered by a distinguished looking woman from the Mount Vernon chapter.

"The question before the congress, ladies, is the resolution. We can do one of two things with it. We can either—we can either what?" she blandly and frankly asked, turning to the blushing parliamentarian.

It was so openly done that it brought down the house. Mrs. Stevenson laughed, the little man laughed, everybody laughed, and order was not restored for several minutes.

Treatment of the Feet.

A writer in Boots and Shoes has been interviewing a chiropodist on the care of the feet and has got this information from him concerning the treatment for heated, tired feet after walking or standing:

He says, truly enough, that authorities differ as to the value of the various foot baths. "Hot water enlarges the feet by drawing the blood to them. When used, they should be rubbed or exercised before attempting to put on a tight boot.

"A warm bath, with an ounce of sea salt, is almost as restful as a nap. Paddle in the water until it cools, dry with a rough towel, put on fresh stockings, make a change of shoes, and the person who was 'ready to drop' will then be ready to stand up.

The ice cold foot bath seems rather a dangerous remedy to persons unaccustomed to it, and the caution is suggested to experiment with it in very mild weather.

A Practical Woman.

Mrs. W. G. Harris, president of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the First Baptist church of Boston and an active worker in the Ladies' Needlework guild, has started a new scheme for collecting funds for the poor.

THE YOUNG QUEEN VICTORIA

Her Majesty's Actions on Being Notified of the King's Death.

William IV was dead. The archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Conyngham were dispatched to inform the Princess Victoria of the fact. It was a warm night in June. The princess was sleeping in her mother's room; her custom from childhood, and had to be summoned out of her sleep.

A few hours later, at 11 o'clock in the morning, the child queen met her council. In the corridor at Windsor there is a picture which commemorates the event. Never, it has been said by an eyewitness, was anything like the first impression she produced or the chorus of praise and admiration which was raised about her manner and behavior, certainly not without justice.

Immediately the privy councillors were sworn, the royal Dukes of Cumberland and Sussex first by themselves. It was observed that as these two old men, her uncles, knelt before her, swearing allegiance, she blushed up to the eyes, as if she felt the contrast between their civil and natural relations.

Bored.

The great secret of boredom is to be found in two leading qualifications. A bore must be unable to find amusement in himself, and he must also be unable to find amusement in any one else.

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DID NOT INTERRUPT TRAFFIC.

A Railroad Bridge in Switzerland Weighing 545 Tons Raised Five Feet.

The raising of a bridge in Switzerland upon the line of the international railway, from Paris to Vienna, has attracted considerable attention from the methods pursued, which are described by Locomotive Engineering. The occasion for the change was that the river crossed—the Rhine—had lost in the sectional area of the passage between the piers about twenty-five per cent. in thirteen years, owing to the deposition of gravel and sediment.

IRRIGATION IN THE WEST.

The Vast Engineering Works of the Great American Desert Region.

Very few people realize what vast engineering and construction problems are being solved out west in what a few years ago was termed the Great American Desert region, says Laced and Water. The same desert region is of remarkable fertility when water is supplied by irrigation plants.

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HUMOR ON THE BENCH.

A Quotation Nipped in the Bud by a Demand for the Page.

When, in a trial about limestone quarries, a barrister called Caldecott, according to the Argosy, had said over and over again with dull verbosity that they "were not ratable, because the limestone could only be reached by boring, which was a matter of science,"

One of the best "legal" puns was made by Lord Chelmsford when he was Sir Frederick Thesiger. He had objected to a learned serjeant, who, in examining witnesses in a case in which he was engaged, put leading question: "I have a right," maintained the serjeant, doggedly, "to deal with my witnesses as I please."

Snake Swallowed Snake.

When the keeper of the snakehouse at the Philadelphia zoo counted the slimy reptiles in the cage reserved for the indigo species he was astonished to find one missing. He first counted heads and then, with a pole, he separated each snake from the mass into which they had woven themselves, and still the most liberal application he could make of his mathematics revealed but five snakes, where Wednesday there were six.

WESTERN COAL FIELDS.

Valuable Ranges Throughout the Pacific Coast.

High Veins in Washington—Future Possibilities of a Region Hitherto Supposed to be devoid of Fuel Prospects.

The magnitude of the coal deposits in the state of Washington is little realized away from the Pacific coast. Not all the Atlantic states combined contain such a supply, according to a writer in the New York Tribune. Valuable veins are known to exist in scattered spots of the thirty-four counties, and they cover an area of more than 1,000,000 acres.

The Skagit county mines bid fair to be of more immense value in the near future. The preliminary tests made by the Yorktown indicated that this coal is the best for steaming purposes on the sound. It also makes a very superior coke. The bituminous measures join the lignite on the east and extend to the Cascade range.

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Yard of the Hub.

Boston has one new fad which is distinguished by being sensible. It is the drinking of raw eggs. At a leading hotel restaurant it is a common sight, especially on Monday, Commonwealth avenue's shopping day, or Wednesday, after the matinees, to see a whole line of fair damask file past the man at the counter busy in breaking eggs in wine glasses.

Royal Writers.

The latest addition to the ranks of royal authors is the ameer of Afghanistan. He is writing his autobiography. Once the ameer was exiled; he triumphed over his enemies, however, and by the exercise of some very fine work in the way of practical politics defeated all their machinations, then carried them into their ranks by appearing suddenly before them at the head of an immense host of warriors.

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BALD HEADS!

What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.

Advertisement for Skookum Root Hair Grower, featuring an image of a man's head and text describing the product's benefits for hair growth and scalp health.

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