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Coming.

The snow on the ground is lying
As far as the eye can see,
But the wild birds, near clouds flying,
Say, "Spring is coming," to me.

The ice king the river is keeping
Closed with an iron key
But the buds in the elm tree peeping
Say, "Spring is coming," to me.

The midwinter wind is blowing
And shouts with a boisterous glee,
But the lingering sunsets glowing
Say, "Spring is coming," to me.
—Anna B. Lovell in Boston Commonwealth.

The Oldest Pear Tree in New England.
The will of the late William Endicott, who died in Salem, Mass., July 3 last, which was probated in London, has been filed in Salem for reference. The bequests are all private, but the famous old orchard at Danvers is bequeathed to W. C. Endicott, Jr. The farm is widely known on account of a pear tree, now in a fairly vigorous condition, which was planted by Governor Endicott in 1630. Over one bushel of fruit was harvested from the tree last year. Of all the host of thrifty trees, the pride of the governor's heart, whose number gave to the manor of 300 acres the name of "Orchard Farm" two centuries or more ago, this venerable tree alone remains. It is undoubtedly the oldest pear tree in New England, and it is doubtful if it has a rival in the United States.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Deathsbeds of Great Men.

Modern newspaper enterprise and modern telegraph facilities have greatly increased the number of mourners who are virtually at the bedside of every great man who is stricken with mortal illness. For several weeks every morning newspaper office in the United States had hourly bulletins from Mr. Blaine's sickroom, and in every such office the telegraph editors, operators, printers, pressmen, etc., had to lengthen their nightly vigil a couple of hours in order to be sure that when the end came there should be no delay in announcing it to the country. The number of men whose day's work was thus prolonged is many thousand, and the same men have watched by the bedside of many famous men in the same way. During the whole 24 hours reporters were on watch at the Blaine mansion from the beginning of his illness. The English reporters who were charged with a like duty when Tennyson lay dying deserted their trust, and the poet's death was not announced till several hours after its occurrence. Such a breach of duty by American reporters is inconceivable.

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TYPEWRITERS.

Opinions of Them Dictated to One of Them
by an Accomplished Stenographer.

More trash and nonsense are written about typewriter girls by people who do not understand what good typewriting is or how to dictate to a typewriter than about any other profession or any other business in which either men or women are engaged today. The fact of the matter is that typewriting is worth anywhere from \$5 a week up to \$20 or \$25, which is sometimes paid as a weekly salary to expert typewriters who have no knowledge of shorthand.

It is no unusual thing for typewriters to earn at folio work from dictation by stenographers \$2 an hour and over, and the finest experts are worth every cent of that amount of money. Among stenographers \$1 an hour is the ruling rate, and for that \$1 a good typewriter with an expert dictator will transcribe from \$0 to 40 folios an hour of testimony. In some cases even 40 folios an hour of solid matter have been dictated. Forty folios is two columns of The Sun, and of the men who write about dictating to typewriters as though they knew about it there are probably not half a dozen in the country who can dictate so much.

Many years ago the writer was employed as shorthand amanuensis by George Alfred Townsend, well known as "Gath," who habitually dictated to him in shorthand two columns an hour and did it every day in the week two hours a day for months at a time, indicating every full stop, semicolon, quotation mark and paragraph. If "Gath" dictates to a typewriter now and has one of the best in the business, no doubt he can dictate from a column and a half to two columns an hour of original matter, and the writer knows of no other man who can do that. Of course there are plenty of incompetents who pose as typewriters and who bring the business into discredit by their poor work. For many years the writer has been thrown in contact with expert typewriters in his business as an official stenographer. In view of the many gibes and sneers in which newspaper writers indulge on the subject of typewriter operators of the feminine gender, it is matter of simple justice to say that the women with whom he has been associated in his business have been without exception well educated, refined, capable of doing rapid and accurate work, who attended strictly to business and did not waste time with frivolous remarks.

It seems unfair to judge of any business or profession by the weaklings engaged therein, whether the work be law, medicine, the ministry, shorthand or typewriting, and any one who cannot accomplish twice as much dictating to a good typewriter operator as with a pen is unable to do that either because he does not know how to dictate or because he has an inferior operator. It took just eight minutes to dictate this article to a typewriter who does not claim to special expertise and whose charge was 25 cents.

(The above was not altered in any respect by the editor, and the printers were requested to follow copy. The reader may therefore judge of the accuracy both of the dictator and the typewriter.) —New York Sun.

Why Beer Kegs Are Made So Thick.

It takes long while for a beer keg to wear out. It has a tough constitution and is protected from internal decay by a coat of pure and hard pitch. The pitch used on the modern keg is much superior to that formerly used. It is clear, tasteless and tough. An empty beer keg will stand a great many hard knocks before the pitch scales off.

The kegs wear out, when they do wear out, externally. They are wet and dry alternately, and this promotes decay. Then they get a great deal of unnecessary banging around between the time they leave the brewery and are brought back again. Everybody, from the driver and railroad and steamboat hands down to the barkeepers, seems to think the kegs are indestructible. A whole car load of empty kegs is frequently thrown from the car down to the ground. A single empty keg is often thrown 15 feet. It really isn't necessary to make the kegs as heavy, so far as the keeping of the beer is concerned. They began by being made heavy in the old days. The brewers then deemed it absolutely requisite to make them that way to withstand the pressure of the beer. The very fact that they were made heavy and clumsy subjected them to rough handling. Now they have to be made heavy and extra material has to be put into the heads and staves simply because of this handling and not from any danger on account of the internal pressure of the beer.—Chicago Tribune.

Easy to Make a Strong Cigar.

A tobacco manufacturer who moves in a select coterie of tobacco loving friends was recently told by one of those connoisseurs that he had yet to find a cigar that was too strong for him to enjoy. Acting on the suggestion, the manufacturer took occasion to have a cigar specially constructed of stems and neatly covered with a rich, appetizing Havana leaf, rolled into points at both ends. This he presented to his friend with the wish that it might prove strong enough to suit his taste. Suspecting nothing, the friend proceeded to smoke, and was soon surprised to see coals like redhot nails exuding from the end of the cigar. As the skin peeled off his tongue his brain began to reel, and he soon gave up in an old fashioned attack of nausea. He no longer boasts of his capacity before people who are in the business.—Philadelphia Record.

A Discovery.

Little Girl—It's all nonsense 'bout me maid never tellin' their age.
Little Boy—Why?
"Queen Elizabeth was an old maid, wasn't she?"
"Yes."
"Well, the paper says Professor Dry-as-dust is going to lecture on 'The Age of Elizabeth,' so there."—Pearson's Weekly.

Lady Jeune on Overdress.

Lady Jeune is of the opinion that if women would determine to discard the ornaments, the garnitures, the trimmings and the stuffs of French manufacture and return to the simplicity and plainness of dress which satisfied their mothers and grandmothers they would give a stimulus to home production, and if they insisted on a certain standard of excellence in the material they purchased they would soon find their example followed by women of all classes. As it is, she can only groan over what she calls "the craze among women to overdress themselves and multiply their gowns."

It is no uncommon thing, as she says, for people to wear four or five gowns a day. Gowns must be changed—morning, walking, afternoon, evening, each has its separate apparel—and the tea gown, which is an invention of the last few years, is perhaps the most gorgeous and extravagant article in the list. It used to be said that women dressed to please men. If so, says Lady Jeune, those days are passed. Now they dress to outvie one another.—Exchange.

LIFE OR DEATH?

It is of vital importance that it should be understood that the condition of things is finally indicative of a state of the organs where life hangs in the balance. Bright's disease, diabetes, albuminuria are all diseases of a very obstinate character in their nature, and they have a fatal tendency. They often belie the most practiced medical skill and the most approved remedies of materia medica. But opposed at the outset—that is to say, when the kidneys begin to discharge bright's disease, diabetes, albuminuria, the Stomach Bitter, the digested tonics, emetics, are checked. Very useful also is this household medicine for those ailments of common occurrence—constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia and nervousness. It is a safeguard against malaria, and averts chronic rheumatism.

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