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THREE is a bookkeeper in a New York wire factory who has merely to glance at broadsides of figures, row after row, filling a whole sheet of legal cap, and declares the result instantly. He doesn't know how he does it, nor does anybody else.

BETWEEN December 11, 1808, and November 11, 1809, 1,152 persons were confined in the New York Debtors' prison. None of the debts exceeded \$25. The debtors principally received sustenance from the Humane Society.

MANY persons use the phrase "in a trice," who have no conception of its meaning. A trice is the sixtieth part of a second of time. The hour is divided into sixty minutes, the minute into sixty seconds, and the second into sixty trices or thirds.

THE name assassins was applied to a tribe or clan called Ismaelians, who settled in the mountains of Lebanon about 1090 and became notorious for their murderous propensities; hence the origin of the name as applied to murderers.

A SCHOOL boy of Insterburg, Germany, recently wrote to the Emperor of China asking for some Chinese postage stamps for his collection. A few days ago the Chinese embassy in Berlin forwarded to him a letter from the emperor inclosing the stamps which he desired.

HAMILTON was in King's College at sixteen; when seventeen he made a notable address on public affairs to the citizens of New York; at twenty he was intrusted with a most important mission to General Gates; was in Congress at twenty-five, and Secretary of the Treasury at thirty-two.

It is curious to note that according to Thomas Wilworthy's "Guide to the English tongue," which was accepted as a standard in pronunciation by polite English society of a century ago, the vowel sounds in file are foil, bile and boil were pronounced alike, as also were those in tour and tower, are and air, dew and do.

A PAMPHLET condemning in moderate terms Russian reactionary policy and predicting internal disasters is being circulated in the highest circles in St. Petersburg. The pamphlet is remarkable for the elegance of its language. The police have so far failed to discover the authors of the work.

VARIATIONS in the size of rain-drops are dependent upon the differences in the height from which they had fallen and to the amount of atmospheric disturbance present at the time. If fallen from a great height the drops suffer gradual division into smaller and smaller parts until they are converted into a mist. In calm weather, with the clouds near the earth's surface, the drops are large and heavy.

THERE have been frequent losses of life through persons losing their way either in the snow or in a fog. At night, of course, there is no other course to adopt than that of reaching some shelter, if possible. But during the day, while the sun is still in the sky, the right direction may be gained it is said, by a simple means of determining the position of the sun. This consists of placing the point of a knife-blade or sharp lead pencil on the thumb-nail, which will cast a shadow directly from the sun, no matter how thick the snow or fog is.

FIRE under water can be produced by placing a small piece of phosphorus in a conically-shaped glass filled with water, and some crystals of chlorate of potash covering the phosphorus, and then pouring through a long tube funnel, or a glass tube, a few drops of sulphuric acid down on the mixture at the bottom of the glass. Tongues of flame can be seen flashing up through the water. The intense chemical action produces sufficient heat to inflame the phosphorus under the water. Where there is sufficient heat and oxygen fire will burn, whether in air or water.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

The Dunn mine at Scranton, Pa., burned. Loss, \$100,000.

George W. Rider was hanged at Marshall, Mo., for the murder of R. F. Tallent, about three years ago.

Three men were arrested in Chicago on suspicion of plotting to blow up buildings with dynamite.

The Iron Manufacturers' Association at Pittsburg, Pa., has been mutually dissolved.

Henry Ebert was hanged at Jersey City, N. J. He murdered his wife for \$1,500.

A locomotive and four cars jumped the track near St. Louis, and the fireman and conductor were killed.

A passenger and freight train collided near Birmingham, Ala., and both firemen were killed.

Murray Lewis, colored, who cut the throat of his mistress, was hanged at Greenville, Miss.

Michael Dunphy, shot his brother and himself, at Brooklyn, N. Y., while drunk.

Fred Manny, while bathing at Hoopston, Ill., was seized with cramps and drowned.

Humphreys, colored, was taken from jail at Asheville, N. C., and lynched for outraging a young white woman.

Thomas Wells, of Arthur, Ill., while pulling weeds, was bitten on the finger by a rattlesnake and probably injured fatally.

A heavy fire occurred at Chicago. A music store, carpet store and piano manufactory were burned. Loss, \$275,000.

John Stuart, living on Martin's fork, in Harlem county, Tenn., shot his wife through the head, and instantly killed his cousin John Stuart, in a quarrel over a game of cards.

Four persons were drowned while crossing the Arkansas river near Arkansas. The party had been attending a dance, and were on the way home. When in the middle of the river the boat upset. The bodies were not recovered.

H. W. Moore, managing editor of the Post-Dispatch, and the wife of John W. Norton, manager of the Grand Opera house and Olympic theater of St. Louis, left the city together in a clandestine and scandalous manner.

Mrs. Mary E. Kersey, of Lebanon, Ind., visited Decatur, Ill., on a stern chase after her husband, a barber, who had deserted her a few weeks before to elope with another woman, whom he is said to have married in Decatur. Mrs. Kersey found her rival, but her husband had fled.

J. B. Carpenter, a prominent notary public of New Orleans, has disappeared and taking with him between \$20,000 and \$50,000 of his creditors' money. Carpenter was the adviser of many Creole families there, who intrusted to him large sums of money for investment.

The body of Alice Kelly, a woman of bad reputation, was found in the outskirts of Ottumwa, Iowa, with the throat cut and the head badly beaten. A horse and buggy was hitched to a tree near by. The nature of the wounds indicate murder. It is thought she was slain by some person whom she was attempting to blackmail.

Twenty men were on an excursion from Baltimore, in the schooner Lancelot down the bay. Off North Point about ten of the party got in a yawl boat to go ashore and bathe. The boat capsized, and Frank Veasax, aged 29, Wm. Finn, aged 30, and Joseph Lutz, aged 27, were drowned. The bodies were not recovered.

A cowboy walked into the bank at La Junta, Kan., and covering Rufus Phillis, cashier, with a revolver, ordered him to drop all the funds of the bank into a bag that he placed on the counter. The cashier complied with alacrity, and the daring robber at once mounted and escaped. The amount of the loss is estimated at from \$16,000 to \$20,000. There is no clue to the robber.

At Cooney island, ten miles up the river from Cincinnati, Samuel Young made an ascent of 1,000 feet in a hot air balloon, and let go to make the descent in his parachute. The parachute for 900 feet did not open, and he went down into twenty-five feet of water in the river and sank to the bottom. When he came up he got tangled in the parachute, but was rescued by a boatman unhurt.

Ed. Hill and M. Dwyer, aged 19 and 21 years respectively, were engaged in fumigating a theater at St. Louis with sulphuric acid, which Hill and Dwyer were pouring from stone jugs. Both jugs exploded at once, scattering the acid in every direction, saturating the clothing of both young men, and bespattering those standing near. Hill and Dwyer nearly crazed with pain ran through the streets until caught by a policeman, and taken to the city dispensary where their wounds were dressed.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

The steamer Daisy, from San Francisco, sank in the Sacramento river.

A Chinaman at Marysville, Cal., while smoking opium, kicked over a lamp and was suffocated in the flames.

A ship loaded with 35,505 packages of tea has just arrived at Tacoma, W. T., from China.

The wife of Chas. Brazil, of Port Townsend, W. T., ran away with their only child and \$187 in money.

A man named Frink died in a San Francisco hospital from delirium tremens.

A fire in the business portion of Calico, Cal., destroyed \$20,000 worth of property.

John A. Contolenc accidentally shot and killed himself at San Francisco, while cleaning a shotgun.

John Doucher, a murderer, committed suicide at San Bernardino, Cal., by hanging.

F. G. B. Decarvalho, aged 24, was drowned at Crystal Springs, Cal., while bathing.

A sailor named W. A. Harbight, was lost at sea from the schooner Coleman, on the trip to San Francisco.

Wm. Miller, of Aplos, Cal., was drowned while bathing in the surf near his ranch.

George Stevenson, of Glamis, A. T., was found shot through the heart. A Mexican was arrested on suspicion.

A fireman named Fish, was caught under a train in a collision near Solerante, Cal., and his leg had to be amputated to release him.

While J. Flood and Wm. Bacon were fighting at San Francisco, a bulldog belonging to Flood bit Bacon so badly that he died.

Mary Von, a convict in the San Quentin State's prison, seriously wounded the matron, by striking her on the head.

A colored man was shot dead by three deputy sheriffs while resisting arrest by force of arms, at Albuquerque, N. M.

A report reached Laredo, Tex., of the disastrous wreck of a construction train on the Mexican National railroad at the front, in which fifteen men were killed. A relief train was sent to the scene from Saltillo.

Fifteen houses in the Chinese quarter of Oroville, Cal., were destroyed by fire. The fire started in the Chinese Masonic hall, a two-story frame, and burned seven houses on each side. One brick store, supposed to be fire proof, was destroyed. Loss, \$10,000; insurance small.

E. G. Marshall, a brakeman, while running on top of a moving freight train at Daggett, Cal., fell between the cars, badly mashing and cutting his left leg above the knee, making amputation necessary. Five cars passed over him. He died during the operation. He is about 35 years old.

J. T. Butler, an old resident of Los Angeles, Cal., was thrown out of a wagon, the wheels of which passed over his hip and chest. A number of railroad ties with which the wagon was loaded also fell on him from the wagon and broke his neck. He leaves a wife and three children.

While a construction train was being loaded on the line of the California Southern, between San Diego and National City, Cal., a huge mass of earth caved from the bank, covering W. Slauson and Samuel S. Stanley. When the men were dug out it was found that both were injured so that they will die.

James Brown, a colored horse trainer, fatally stabbed a white man named Harvey Hawkins, also a horse trainer, at Sacramento, Cal. The men had a quarrel over a young white woman, and Brown waylaid Hawkins on the street and stabbed him in the abdomen.

In a runaway accident at Seattle, W. T., Captain Norman Penfield, superintendent of the Seattle Gas Works, an old pioneer of Seattle, was pinioned against a shade tree by an overturned express wagon. His collar bone was broken and he received internal injuries which may prove to be serious.

The San Luis Obispo and Templeton stage was robbed five miles north of San Luis Obispo, Cal., on the mountain. Six passengers were robbed, the mail and Wells, Fargo's bags and boxes were broken open, and probably \$2,000 taken. The sheriff and district attorney, with a posse, are in pursuit of the robbers.

A caboose and car loaded with wood, and attached to a freight train, were thrown from the track near Marysville, Cal., by the switch being left open. They fell down the grade, and the wood car was completely demolished and the caboose badly broken. In the caboose was a young man named Frank Calvert, who was taken out unconscious and badly injured about the face and spine. He is not expected to live.

MARKET REPORT.

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EGGS—Per doz, 22 1/2c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 25c.; pickled, 25 @ 30c.; inferior grade, 15 @ 20c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 16 @ 20c.; Oregon, 14 @ 16c.; California, 14 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1 50; cabbage, per lb., 2 1/2c.; carrots, per sk., \$1 25; lettuce, per doz. 20c.; onions, \$1 00; potatoes, per 100 lbs., 90c. @ \$1; radishes, per doz., 15 @ 20c.; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c.; strained, 5 gal. tins, per lb. 8 1/2c.

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GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$2 00 @ 2 50; Sicily lemons, \$6 50 @ 7 00; California, \$3 50 @ 5 00; Navel oranges \$6 00; Riverside, \$4 00; Mediterranean, \$4 25.

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WOOL—Valley, 17 @ 18c.; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 15c.

HIDES—Dry beef hides, 8 @ 10c.; culls, 6 @ 7c.; kip and calf, 8 @ 10c.; Murrain, 10 @ 12c.; tallow, 3 @ 3 1/2c.

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SALT—Liverpool grades of fine quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4 50; pinks, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4 50; Limas, \$4 50 per cental.

MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 3 @ 3 1/2c.; dressed, 6c.; sheep, 3c.; dressed, 6c.; hogs, dressed, 8 @ 9c.; veal, 7 @ 8c.

COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 17c.; Costa Rica, 18 @ 20c.; Rio, 18 @ 20c.; Java, 27 1/2c.; Arbuckle's roasted, 22c.

PICKLES—Kegs quoted steady at \$1 35.

SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden C, 7c.; extra C, 7 1/2c.; dry granulated, 8 1/2c.; crushed, fine crushed, cube and powdered, 8 1/2c.; extra C, 5 1/2c.; halves and boxes, 1/2c. higher.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—It is the dry-goods clerk who most frequently sales under false colors.—New Haven News.

—An enterprising pork packer of Cincinnati, who tried the faith cure on a lot of hams, says it's no good.

—Watch dials are now made by photography at a mere fraction of their former cost. They all used to be painted by hand.

—A report of a recent picture auction says: "A Jockey" was knocked down for \$100." It would have been a happy bit if it had been "A Pugilist."—Puck.

—Trumpley—"They say that Miss de Romer's hands are too small to strike an octave." Browne—"That's the kind of girl that I want to marry!"

—"Wife—"That man has been staring at me for five minutes." Husband—"Well, you wouldn't have known it if you hadn't kept your eyes on him."

—"The man who steals from an individual alone is a rogue; if he steals from a great many people he's a sharp fellow.—Merchant Traveler.

—"A—"My people, Miss Deveronx, came into England with Strongbow, you know." "Are you quite sure it wasn't Longbow, Mr. Snooks?"—Punch.

—"I am tired of your complaining," said the landlady to the Chronic Grumbler; "even a worm will turn—"

"Yes'm; but this grub doesn't."—Detroit Free Press.

—Said a very old man: "Some folks are always complaining about the weather; but I am very thankful when I wake up in the morning and find any weather at all."

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MEN'S TEMPER.

The admixture of different temperaments among the brothers and sisters of the same family is a notable fact in various causes which act in different directions. It is best to consider them before we proceed to collect evidence and attempt its interpretation.

Granted, the tempers of progenitors do not readily blend in the offspring, but that some of the children take more after one of them, some after another, but with few threads, as it were, various ancestral tempers woven which occasionally manifest themselves. If no other influences intervened the tempers of the children of the same family would, on this score, be almost as varied as those of the ancestors, who married at hap hazard so far as their tempers were concerned, therefore the numbers of good and bad children in families would be regulated by the same laws of chance that apply to a gambling table. But there are other influences to be considered.

There is a well known tendency to family likeness among brothers and sisters which is not due to the blending of ancestral peculiarities, but to prepotence of one of the progenitors who has stamped more than his fair share of qualities upon the children. It may also be due to a family occurrence that deserves but has not yet received a distinctive name, namely, where all the children are alike and yet their common likeness can not be traced to their progenitors. A new variety has come into existence through the process not of individual but of confraternal variation.

The most strongly marked type that I have personally met first arose simultaneously in the brothers of a family who trace their peculiarities with unusual exactness to numerous descendants through at least two generations. Other influences act in antagonism to the foregoing; they are the events of daily life, which, instead of accentuating tempers, tend to accentuate their differences in them. Thus if several members of a family are a little subservient by nature, others who are naturally little domineering are tempted to come more so. Then the acquired influence of dictation in these reacts upon others and makes them still more submissive. In the collection of histories of twins who were born alike, the statement was constantly made with that one of the twins was spoiled by the other. I suppose that many childish struggles for supremacy each finally discovered his own strength of character and the stronger developed into the leader while the weaker contentedly submitted to the position of being led.

Again, it is sometimes observed that a member of an easy-going family covered that he was she may be considered power by adopting the habit of being persistently disagreeable whenever he or she does not get the first and best of every thing. Twins contrive to tyrannize over each other who are mild and sensitive, hate family scenes and dread the grace attending them by holding themselves in readiness to fly into a rage whenever their wishes are thwarted. They thus acquire a habit of being out, to use a term familiar to the officers of female prisoners and the connections would describe the persons by severe epithets, yet if they married masterful husbands their actors might have developed favorably.—Fortnightly Review.

—Mrs. Vanderbilt recently visited Joseph Hofmann, the child prodigy, at an afternoon musical performance. The boy was billed for \$100,000, but Mrs. Vanderbilt would not attend at an expense of twenty-five dollars, the estimated receipts of the matinee, which was postponed until it was to play at her house.

—Miss Kittle C. Wilkins, the queen of Idaho, is somewhat of a high forehead, regular features, rather light hair, being somewhat blonde. Her eyes are dark, and her manner very charming. She impresses one as a very young woman of about twenty. She owns nearly eight hundred

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