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James Redpath says that John B. King was elected President pro tem. of the Senate on the death of Vice-President King in 1853 is still living in Missouri.—St. Louis Post.

Miss Nellie Hobson, of Wallingford, Conn., has been offered four thousand dollars a year as an art teacher in a Christian College in North India, but declined the offer.—Oxford Post.

A remarkable feature of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George L. McKee was the presence of six daughters and sisters of the aged groom who were at the original wedding fifty years ago. Such an unbroken family is rarely met with.—Newton (N. H.) Register.

Talk about equality of the sexes! A man was clubbed in a New York saloon for keeping his hat on, and it was evidence that he sat in the back seat. It was not a very high hat. In court the man was fined ten dollars and cost, in spite of his money that the hat was a protection against a cold draught. And yet, lovely woman can sit in the front row of the church with her head covered by all the hair and art and nature have given her a three-decker hat on top of it all, and enjoy absolute immunity.—Boston

STRIVING.

I started on a lonely road, A few companions with me went, Some fell behind, some forward strode, But all on one high purpose bent...

THE VITALITY OF CHINA.

Sudden Rise of the Oriental Nation to a Place Among the Powers.

The sudden rise of China to a place among the "World Powers" is by far the greatest change which this generation has witnessed in Asiatic politics. It is scarcely yet six years since the great empire stood as much outside the politics of the world, and especially the politics of Europe, as if she had belonged to a separate and distinct planet.

She stands, in fact, in direct contact with the majority of them. It is not too much to say that the statesmen of Pekin could overthrow any French ministry by merely increasing their pressure on Tonquin and encouraging the Annamese to attempt an insurrection.

Nutrition and Sleep.

What happens is rather a rest from the rapid movements of waking life, during which the slower activities of function have time to overtake the faster ones. Recuperation by nutrition is a more tardy process than consumption by work and heat production, and if the body were not to sleep the tortoise would be left hopelessly behind.

South African Diamond Thieves.

Some of the "dodgers" which have been resorted to in order to carry diamonds from the diggings have been not a little remarkable. We have only room, however, for a sample or two.

The Practice of Tea Drinking.

Dr. James Davis states in the Therapeutic Gazette that the Druidic college of the Twelfth century considered tanning the most potent of all the products of nature in producing sterility, and the tea drinking, as practiced by the public, undoubtedly acts in the same direction.—Kansas City Times.

A Curious Mountain.

Prospectors for gold in Calaveras county, Cal., have discovered a curious mountain. Its substance was found to be various varieties of ochre. The find was a veritable mountain of paint, containing all the primary colors with all their various shades.—Chicago Herald.

Japanese Hotel Eccentricities.

In a Japanese hotel the kitchen is always the principal room in the house, and near the entrance. The first thing that strikes us is the row of large blue platters arranged around the wall in a shelf rack near the ceiling. I have come to regard these platters as a test of the prosperity of the house.

The Beggars of London.

Street prowlers of the male sex may be classed in two distinct categories, the pertinacious and the quietly respectful. To the former belong the hulking young fellow with a bunch of groundsel in his hand, by way of protest against being "run in" by an over officious "bobby."

HARD WORKED NOVELISTS.

A Bookkeeper Thinks He Would Rather be a Laborer Than a Story Writer. "I believe I would rather work on the aqueduct than write books for a living, looking at it merely as a matter of manual labor," said a Broadway book-seller, whose experience runs back a quarter of a century.

Faults of the Ear and Eye.

Recognizing in the speaker a well known lecturer on otology, the scribe invited conversation and the gentleman continued: "And while everybody is to a greater or less extent hard of hearing, a still larger and constantly increasing proportion of mankind possesses eyesight below the normal standard." The importance of the eye and ear is strangely overlooked.

The "Tomato Pack" for 1886.

The American Grocer furnishes some interesting figures concerning the "tomato pack" of the year, showing to what enormous proportions this comparatively new industry has grown. The total pack for the year is 2,362,760 cases of two dozen cans each.

Parting Gold and Silver.

The destinies of the assay office are presided over by Andrew Mason, whose official title is "superintendent of the United States assay office at New York." The story of the assay office as told by him is practically as follows: The office is intended to accommodate the bullion interests of New York, and it is used by brokers, bankers, merchants and jewelers.

A Novel Telephone.

The newly patented Marshall telephone is said to be all that is claimed for it. Its construction is novel, no magnet or diaphragm being used, but depending for its acoustic interpretation of electric pulsations upon the alternate cohering and separation of sheets of ordinary tin foil and paper arranged as a condenser.

Bahama Negroes in New York.

A very familiar face in our domestic service is that of the West India negro getting to be. The better order of Bahama house servants began coming here some years ago, and they have become quite acclimated by this time.

Character in Handwriting.

A Hotel Clerk Who Takes a Peculiar View of the Subject. "Is it not indeed true that there is character in handwriting, especially in that you find in hotel registers?" "But why especially on hotel registers?"

"Because it is in writing his name in them that the nature of the man more truly shows itself. When a timid man, and especially one who is not much used to traveling, enters a big hotel, perhaps in company of a dozen others who are bound on a similar object, and walks up to the counter to register, he is to a certain extent intimidated, and consequently not a complete master of his actions.

Usefulness of Asphalt Paper.

The usefulness of asphalt paper appears to be demonstrated by its constantly multiplying applications. In thin sheets it is found admirably adapted for wrapping silks or other fabrics that need protection from moisture; also for lining cases, packing boxes for pianos, etc., and rolled up into pipes, for conveying water.

Prevent Pipes Freezing.

Professor Ordway recommends that water pipes exposed to freezing be covered with glazed cotton batting. It is easily applied, and should be put on to the thickness of one to three inches, according to exposure, being wound around loosely with twine.—New York Sun.

Butchers Not a Bad Set.

Butchers are supposed to be a cruel, hardhearted set of men, and yet statistics show that fewer of them are arrested for crimes and offenses than any other craft.—Detroit Free Press.

Pyramids of Egypt.

Maspera, the Egyptologist, says it is nonsense to claim that the pyramids of Egypt, were long in construction. Three or four years, he believes, sufficed for the building of the highest of them.

Cost of United States Government.

It cost the United States government \$384,637 last year to pay the salaries and mileage of senators.