

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The Pathfinder, a paper published in Washington, D. C., has a plan by which it proposes to bring back the old days of the "shin plaster." It has a bill prepared for consideration in the next session of congress providing for the issue of silver certificates of the denomination of 10, 25 and 50 cents. Of course these would be issued under the same restrictions as the \$1 silver certificate, and really would not affect the coinage question in any way. It would require a quarter's worth of silver back of ever 25 cent silver certificate to redeem it—so there would be no difference as to whether the quarter was circulated or the silver certificate issued as currency on the basis of the silver on deposit.

In a statement sent out to the press the editor of the Pathfinder points out where his plan would save trouble and expense. He says it would soon do away with the post office order, the express order and other orders of the kind on account of the fact that the bills could be sent through the mails.

Of course there are all these features in favor of the plan, but after all there are objections to be offered, whether serious or not. True, it cost the individual something to purchase a post office order, but the cost thus expended goes to the support of this government, and if he did not pay it in this manner the tax would be levied through some other source.

Perhaps it might be handier for persons sending small amounts through the mails to send currency in the denominations suggested, but what security would the sender have? If some mail clerk destroyed the letter what about the currency it contained? He would lose all of it, whereas, if his inclosure was a post office order, a bank draft or an express money order, he could procure a duplicate and need not suffer the loss of its remittance. The present tax is also an insurance that the money will reach its destination safely and be paid to the proper party.

The editor gives the following reasons for his faith:

"A bill is to be pressed at the next congress providing for the issuance of silver certificates in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents, in addition to those authorized by the present law. The great popular want of a fractional paper currency, especially among publishers, mail order men and others whose business requires them to send or to receive money through the mails, has at length taken this form. The general public hardly realizes the volume of money is constantly circulating through the mails. At present the remitter of a small sum must go to the trouble and expense of buying a money order, take the risk of sending coin or impose on his correspondent by sending postage stamps. Stamps in the mails often get stuck together hopelessly, and the government does not redeem them in any case. To meet this condition it is proposed to enlarge the silver certificate law so as to authorize fractional certificates. Inasmuch as this does not raise the money question in any sense or attempt to introduce any new principle into our fractional legislation, it is believed that congress will readily accept the suggestion."

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A locomotive on a Georgia railroad picked up a pig on its cowcatcher and carried it six miles without hurting it.

A little girl of Skippack, Pa., fell on the sharp edge of a teakettle the other day and cut off the end of her nose.

A fire in Elkton, Md., destroyed a will by which a young woman of that town had been disinherited by her father and she got his property all right.

A Kentucky farmer owns a mule which has in some unknown manner acquired the tobacco chewing habit and it will not work unless it is regularly provided with its quid.

Russia photographers shame delinquent customers by hanging their pictures upside down in their glass cases. This method soon compels them to pay up.

There is a quicksilver mine in Peru 170 fathoms in circumference and 480 feet deep. In this profound abyss are streets, squares and a chapel where religious worship is held.

What was supposed to be a strange disease that was killing sheep in Wabash county, Indiana, turns out to be porcupine grass, which punctured the sheep's skin and poisoned them.

A Pennsylvania trolley company has had to pay a young man \$1,200 because its electricity got into a barbed-wire fence near the track, and when he took hold of the fence to climb it he couldn't let go until his hand and arm were shriveled.

It is stated that the annual bill loss by fire in the United States is \$150,000,000, and 3,000 human lives. Every day, according to the estimated, an average of sixty-five dwellings and two hotels are burned. Forty warehouses go up each month in fire and smoke.

A clergyman who was investigating London's slums found the body of a child occupying the only bed in the one room where a large family lived. At night the body, so he was told, was placed on the shelf where a small supply of food was also kept. In another family the children took turns in sitting up at night to protect the rest of the family from the rats.

An item is going the rounds to the effect that the sultan of Turkey eats nothing that has not first been tasted by his cupbearer, and, according to Turkish etiquette, no other personage may perform this preliminary. One evening the cupbearer was called away and did not return until late next day. Consequently the imperial dinner was deferred for five hours. Since then the cupbearer has had to taste the sultan's dishes a day in advance and then seal them up.

A suit at Oklahoma City has brought out a most curious train of circumstances. A woman secured a divorce from her husband, together with a large amount of alimony. The divorced husband then entered into an agreement with a good looking young man in the neighborhood whereby the young man was to pay court to the woman, marry her, get control of her property and divide it with the divorced husband. The young man carried out his agreement to the letter and then fled the country. The suit is now brought by the woman to recover the property of which she has been defrauded by the conspiracy.

JARRED HIS NERVES

Domestic Troubles Provoked by a Mannish Shirt Waist.

Mrs. Lieutenant De Bride had won her husband's heart by her womanliness, relates the Detroit Free Press. Her manner, her bearing, her language, yes, and her dress, too, all combined to make her appear in the eyes of the lieutenant the most womanly woman he had ever met. He went on happily picturing her to himself at his office and dreaming of the sweet sunshine that radiated from her in their home. Women "as are women" are scarce nowadays so thought the lieutenant, and the regard he had for his wife, all questions of love aside, was deep and heartily genuine. That is why his ideals were so rudely shocked the other day when Mrs. Lieutenant exhibited to him a new tailor made gown cut in the most extreme mannish fashion.

"But, my dear," expostulated Mr. Lieutenant, "don't you think it a bit too masculine?" "Why, Mr. Lieutenant," disagreed his wife, "not in the least. Besides all the women I know are wearing gowns cut in a similar manner and they are to be all the rage this season."

Mr. Lieutenant was too gallant to interpose further objections, but he thought about that dress considerably. And the next day he received another shock and a greater. Mrs. Lieutenant showed him the shirt waist she intended to wear with the new gown. It didn't look a bit like a shirt waist to Mr. Lieutenant. Just a plain man's shirt, collar, cuffs, bosom and all.

He expostulated. His wife smiled sweetly and answered his objections with: "Why, it just harmonizes with the suit, you know. And it's so easy to put on, too," she added, "there's no fussing with hooks and eyes, and ribbons and tying strings and all such. I'll just have to button it together around the collar, the same as you do, and that's all. That ends it."

What further could he say? Nothing. He went down town, however, thinking deeply. She had agreed to meet him at 3 o'clock in her new gown on the campus.

At the appointed hour he was on hand. He waited forty-five minutes. Mrs. Lieutenant did not put in an appearance. He went home.

Arriving there, he found the wife of his heart bathed in tears and lying on the divan just on the verge of hysteria. He rushed over to her and kneeling exclaimed: "Tell me, till me, what is the matter?"

And between her sobs Mrs. Lieutenant replied: "For—for two mortal hours I've—I've been trying to button this collar—and—and I j—j—j—just c—c—c—can't manage these darned old buttons."

A Man-eating Plant.

"Now children, I am going to show you a few curious experiments with the sundew, which I believe were first tried by a celebrated man named Francis Darwin. On this plate I have a pill box full of fine gravel, another filled with finely chopped raw meat, the third holds raw white of an egg, and this one has in it small chips of wood. Now, Eva, take a small pinch of sand, sprinkle a few grains on this leaf and tell me what you see. Don't push, children. There is plenty of room for everyone, as I said before. I will sprinkle some on a second plant, so you can divide into two parties. Tommy, stand by me. I know there are seven, but I count as one, so now there are four at each pot. Well, what do you see? A feeble chorus of "Nothing, oh, nothing," did not depress Uncle Grim. "Look again. I take a different leaf on each plant and I drop a little white of an egg from the blade of my knife. Now watch." "Oh!" "Ah!" "It's shutting up!" "It's eating it!" were the cries, after a minute or so. "Quite right. You see we cannot cheat this plant. It knows what suits it and what does not, and it is neither so ignorant nor so foolish as to eat gravel, which it could not possibly digest. Now I offer a third leaf on each plant a chip of wood, and you see they both again have nothing to do with it; and last of all see how these small leaves which refused not a morsel ago the chips of wood now close

tightly over the pieces of meat."—From Cansell's Little Folks for May.

The Trout and the Ring.

The tale I sing is a song of spring, And is true beyond a doubt; The players are Miss Clara Carr, Myself, Uncle Jeff and a trout.

'Twas Clara's wish to take a fish From the bridge across the brook; So I rigged her a line, both strong and fine, And baited her Limerick hook.

With a spring and a snap and a speckled old chap, Snatched the bait and made the line sing;

I gave a shout at the sight of the trout, And Clara dropped her ring. We searched for days, in many ways, We raked and dragged and sounded;

We sifted ooze, but 'twas no use— In short, we never found it. Many a trout was taken out Of the pool where the stream was crossed,

And opened with care, but no ring was there, And we gave it up for lost.

'Twas a year, I guess, when Uncle Jess Caught a big trout on the fly; It was plump and round, and weighed a pound,

And he brought it home to try. His eyes shone bright as he told, that night, Of the ring lost a year ago,

On the very spot where his trout was got, And never found, high nor low.

"Now, what do you think?" asked he with a wink; "I'll bet you never could guess What was in that trout." "The ring!" they shout!

"Nothin' but in'ards," said Jess.

"Just a Minute" with Dewey.

When Dewey met the German there among the Philippines, He didn't like his uppish air, provoking stormy scenes;

And when the German craved a fight and panted to begin it, "If war you want, you'll get it, sir," said George, "in just a minute!"

"Go, tell your admiral," he said, "the speech that I have made, And tell him if he dares to cross the line of my blockade,

I'll blow his ship to kingdom come, and everybody in it, And he'll have war to give away, in just a minute!"

"I'm here to flat the Stars and Stripes; all other flags are barred; A rag like yours a man can buy for 30 cents a yard!

Keep off the grass! Take down your sign, or else you won't be in it, For I will turn my gunners loose," said George, "in just a minute!"

Particular About Trousers.

A leading citizen in a little town in the north of Scotland was asked to take the office of the elder in the kirk, says Tit-Bits. He seemed reluctant to accept the honor till a wag, who knew his weakness, whispered to him that if he became elder he would get £5 and a pair of trousers at the end of the year.

The year passed away, and when the promised garment did not appear the elder went to the minister and said: "I haven't got the breeks yet."

"What breaks?" said the minister. The elder explained and the minister smiled and declared that the promise was only a silly joke.

The elder expressed great disappointment about the trousers and was turning away when the minister said: "You seem to care more about the breeks than about the money."

Professional Amenities.

"Just fancy," said the leading man, by some strange lapse straying from talk of the "profession," "fancy being a missionary and getting boiled alive!"

"Really," asked the sourette, in the languid drawl that she hoped would star her in the society drama some day, "are the benighted heathen educated up to the delights of boiled liver lobster?"

The New Pastor.

He was a new pastor and found it somewhat difficult to get acquainted with his flock.

On his way home after his first sermon he overtook a comely young woman whom he recognized as one of his congregation.

She greeted him with a smile, and he felt emboldened to talk to her seriously. "I was glad," he said, "to see you in church. It always gratified me greatly to observe a young person voluntarily seeking the one true heaven—"

"Excuse me," interrupted the girl, with a slight blush, "you haven't got the name quite right. It's Havens, Jim Havens. He passes one of the plates."

Then the pastor changed the subject.

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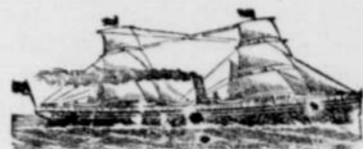
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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, March 22nd, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3rd, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

MILES FLYNN, of Astoria, county of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3084, for the purchase of the Lots 3 and 4 and E 1/2 of Sw 1/4 of Section No. 3, in Township No. 4 N, Range No. 9 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Thursday, the 15th day of June, 1899. He names as witnesses:

Michael Kenney, of Svensen, Oregon; James Lawlor, of Astoria Oregon; James Burke, of Seaside, Oregon; Joseph R. Johnson, of Seaside, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of June, 1899.

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