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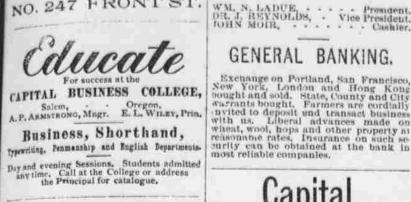
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much should be sait enough for once and one day each saited it in turn without saying any thing to the others. Seven big handfuls of salt went into tha kettle of mush and nobody could eat it, of A certain farmer's family in Nebrasks had long been troubled by the freshness o the mush. Whether the mother or one of

the girls made it, it was always too fresh The grandmother, who lived with them, and was not as amiable as some people's grandmothers, scolded a good deal about this lack. One day, while the farmer was digging r shallow well in the pasture behind the barn to furnish more water for his cattle, he was National Bank, surprised to come upon a stream of very salt and very warm water. The moment an

opening was made for it, up it gushed in a sparkling little fountain. He ran to the house in great excitement, and called "the folks" to come and see. All were amazed of course. His old mother stood with arms akimbe Capital Paid up, - - - \$75,000 for a little while and watched the spurting waters, then she bent over, thrust he fingers into the fountain and tasted the sail water. Her face glowed with delight. "I'm thankful to live to see this day," she

said. "Nebrasky beats the land o' Canaan It flew with milk and Loney there, it's true but nobody can't live on such victuals a that. But here's the salt water all heater for our mush, and yonder the corn is a growing to make it with. The good Lord LOANS MADE fo furmers on wheat and other market-able produce, consigned or m store, either in private granaries or public warehouses. be praised, we've done with fresh well water for the mush cooking. Yes, Nebras-ky beats the land o' Canaan." And she started at once for the house to

fetch a tin pail to get some of the welcome water, while tears of pleasure' rolled down her withered old cheeks. MOURNFUL STORIES.

A Series of Tales Invented by a Young Lady for the Benefit of Bores.

There is a very nice young lady in Wash ington who, according to the Post, has a way of ridding herself of bores to be com mended for uniqueness at least. She tell the tiresome party a story; then a second if the second doesn't start him, the third one is almost sure to. In case that fails the fourth never missed its man. She calls them her "Undertaker Series." They are as follows : "Ohidear," said the beautiful daughter of a prominent undertaker, "I am afraid ] shan't be able to go to Saratoga this sum mer. Papa says he never knew people to be so frightfully healthy. If some one doesn't die before long I shan't even have a new spring hat." The second runs as follows: A New England gentleman went to Florence in the last stages of consumption, lingered a few months and passed away. His bereaved widow telegraphed home: "John is dead Loss fully covered by insurance." Sb then set about preparing the remains for shipment to the North. The local undertake: was called in. The season was about over and his large and select assortment ha-been reduced to a single casket, which proved about two feet too long for the de ceased. "Never mind," sobbed the widow, after she had baggled the price down to the lowest possible figure; "the box is too long, but I can fiil the end in w-with oranges !" And the third is like unto this: A certain undertaker's energetic wife ekes out the family purse by keeping a board ing-house. The boarders claim to be abl to tell, with unerring accuracy, when the husband has had charge of a funeral, be

ause the next day there are f

relative, but even an absolute pre-emi

nence. The order of attendance in theology

(both Protestant and Catholic faculties be-

ing reckoned together, when in the same

institution) was, Berlin (794), Leipzig (073), Halle (598), Tubingen (514). In law, the

capitals of the largest two States come

first, Berlin (1.282), Munich (1.136), fol lowed by Leipzig (738), and Tubingen, a bad fourth (348). In medicine, the capitals

again 18ad, but in reversed order: Munich (1,350), Berlin (1,297), Wurzburg,

however, has here a specialty (935), which

puts her ahead of Leipzig (781). In philos-

the others far in the rear.'

ophy, Berlin (1.884) and Leipzig (1,040) leave

A Laugh-Producing Plant.

Palgrave, in his work on Central and

Eastern Arabia, mentions a plant whose

seed produces effects analogous to those of laughing gas. The plant is a native of

Arabia. A dwarf variety is found in Kasum,

and another variety at Oman, which at-tains a height of from three to four feet,

with woody stems, wide-spreading branches

and green folinge. The flowers are pro-duced in clusters and are yellow in color.

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### THE STUDY OF SELF.

The Way to a Proper Valuation of Our-selves and Our Attainments. It is a little singular that a quality which is really essential to decency, not to say excellence, is yet one capable of producing a leterioration of character, quite as low in its descent as its opposite is lofty in altitude, says Harper's Bazar. For a sertain amount of consciousness of ourseives is good and necessary, while too great an amount is debasing and unworthy. With-out a proper pride, as it is called, where are We are almost without self-respect. wel. For pride of a personal kind keeps one in the observance of those lesser duties, which not to observe would render one recreant in one's own estimate. It will allow one to do nothing at odds with one's ideal of honor, of honesty, of civility, of kindness, and, where religious props and stays are miss-ing, it keeps one from much of the evil that lies in wait. If it is not good morals in itself it enforces good manners, and leads the way to good morals by such regard of the real reason and motive of good manners as springs from the Golden Rule, if having nothing to do with that rule in itself. But, indulged beyond a proper point, this characteristic is capable of asuming a double mask, either aspect of which is hateful. It has on the one side arrogance, an expression of self utterly out of proportion with right and truth, where the claimant gathers to himself all the wisdom and virtue and admirable quality that there may be in question, and if he does not exlaim : "I am Sir Oracle, and when I speak let no dog bark," he thinks it, and therefore bears himself as if he were infailible. It is into this detestable quality that pride of birth and pride of money merge themselves. Adventitious circumstances as both birth and money are, the person who manifests pride in them, and claims superiority be-cause of them, acquires unconsciously a haughtiness of manner that makes him not mly unbearable but laughable, the haughtiness being only the external manifestation of the undue estimate of the facts of one's ndividuality, and showing, on the whole, less nobility and worth than there might have been, without either high birth or great wealth, inasmuch as pride in material and perishable things is less to be esteemed than pride in spiritual ones. A man of proper pride could never arrogate to timself the possession of the merest triffe that was not really his; he would consider it as all of a piece with any other dishonesty, and he will never drag his name in the dust of assertion, struggle and dissent; but an arrogant man, assuming to be the equal of his superiors, is never any thing

but a ridiculous object to those whose finer senses are not offended by him. The other aspect of this double mask is that presented by the activity of vitality and self-conceit. Not that the presence of vanity always implies that of an overweenng conceit; it may be that its possessor by no means overestimates a particle of his powers or belongings; he may have all that of which he is vain, and be really a marvel of capacity or beauty, or whatever is the thing most valued in his category. When preacher said: "All is vanity," he the meant to use the literal signification of the word-all is hollowness; and hence someimes we attach to the word an idea of faisity and pretence, which, as the word is now used, is erroneous, as one is vain only of what one actually possesses, or sincerely thinks he possesses, and vanity pure and simple is as much an expression of active nterest in one's self as any thing else. There is, indeed, a certain questionable variety of vanity which is so spurlous and depiorable as hardly to be claimed by either pride or vanity, and is to be classed under the head of self-righteousness; but kept out of sight it does no special harm to any one, and if it does not clog his moral endeavor, acts only as a stimulant to the possessor; always odious in the angelic and superior eyes, it is only when it be comes so overtopping as to obtrude



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and Eats Tobacco. From out of Taylor's Bottoms, back of Newport, Ky., has been brought a living curiosity much above the general order of

freaks, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. It was discovered by Henry Cohen, of Kline & Cohen, bought by him and removed to this city. At present it is housed in the firm's stables on Liberty street, near Central avenue. In form its body is that of a mule of diminutive stature, but in every respect a mule all over. Its head, however is a curiosity. It is much shorter than the ordinary, and the ears are the only parts about it in keeping with the body. The face resembles closely that of a full-blooded negro. The forenead is full over the eyes and receding. The nose is a perfect repro-duction of the African human type, though on a much larger scale, and the nondescript expands and contracts the nostrils in a manner remarkably manlike. They are set some distance above the usual location, making room for a long upper lip. The mouth, instead of being set in the middle of the muzzle, is more toward the top. The upper jaw is short, the lower projecting over two inches beyond it, and the animal when chewing moves it up and down and without the sideways, grinding motion used by all grass-eating animals. The hair on the face is of a woolly nature. The animal is about four years old, and, having been a household pet, is very tame. There are many visitors at the stable daily, but admisalon is generally denied. While being shown yesterday the animal chewed a handful of tobacco with much gusto,

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