IN THE POLITE WORLD.

A Columbian Party at the Capital City.

THE VERY SUCCESSFUL ST. JOSEPH'S BAZAAR

The Round-Up of Surprises, Whists, Musical, Literary Etc.

IN COLUMBIAN GLORY

was arrayed the residence of Salem's Postmaster, Thursday evening when Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Gilbert entertained in gorgeous style and with lavish hospitality. The term gorgeous will alone comprise what is meant when it is stated that the residence on corner of Liberty and Chemeketa was decorated with 270 flags of many nations and 300 yards of bunting. The only reason there were not more is because no more could be procured. Besides "old glory" which always shines with crystal fascination when brought into contrast with flags of other nations, there were silken banners of Germany, France and Switzerland, Spain, Ireland and Great Britain; two Italian and Mexican banner, Japan and China. In a Columbian bower Miss Mabel Creighton as Columbia dispensed lemonade from a large punch bowl.

OTHER DECORATIONS.

Over the parlor door was a picture of Columbus draped with the national colors of the Portugese. The wheels of progress representing the present age were made of daisies. The fireplaces were covered with festoons of miniature flags, shields and Oregon's state flower. The hallway was festooned with bunting and the chambers above were richly supplied with cut flowers, with immense collections from hot houses within reach. On the dining room table was a small model of the Pinta, which conveyed the mariner over the wave to the new world. On the cards sent out was an engraving of the flagship "Santa Maria." The Pinta rested on a mirror, bore a cargo of flowers, the admiral's flag, but the Union banner predominating as throughout the house. The Pinta sailed in a sea of glass, on billows of Oregon moss, seashells being reflected from the deep.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

of the evening that occupied the attention of over one hundred and fifty guests, consisted of a columbian program of national music by Denton's orchestra, opening with the French "Marseillaise," the German "Watch on the Rhine," England's "Rule Britania" and America's "Hail Columbia."

Refreshments were served to all, consisting of salads, cake, coffee, chocolate, ices, sandwiches and cold meats. There was a literary attraction upstairs that engaged the young people. A guessing library of twenty-four volumnes was represented by a collection of objects, the prizes were awarded to Hugh Tompson and P. H. D'Arcy, Judge Burnett acting as master of ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gilbert, Miss MollieCreighton, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner in receiving their friends, who were all given a genuine surprise by the completeness and world's-fairy effect of the whole affair. The host and hostess were warmly congratulated on the success of the first Columbian party of the season in the Capitol City.

THE COLUMBIANS.

Mr. and Mrs. A N Gilbert	
" " R D Gilbert	
" " E C Small	
" " J J Murphy	
" " E C Cross	
" " E Hofer	
" " R B Fleming	
" " F L Willman	
" " J H McNary	
" " C Gatch	
" " C D Gabrielson	
" " I L Patterson	
" " G H Burnett	
" " E B Philbrook	
" " C B Moores	
" " E M Waite	
" " J G Wright	
" " Geo Williams	
" " Z F Moody	
" " E Breyman	
" " R J Hendricks	
" " N H Looney, Jefferson	
" " R P Boise, Jr	
" " Scott Bozorth	
" " S Farrar	
" " J H Albert	
" " D F Wagner	
" " A T Gilbert	
" " M L Chamberlain	
" " A N Moores	
" " C R Kellerman	
" " Jay C Smith	
" " O E Krausse	
" " J A Baker	
" " G W Davis	
" " J D Sutherland	
" " E M Lafore	
" " A I Wagner	
" " G W Cooke	
Mrs F Steiwer	Mrs M J Creighton
Mrs A J Monroe	
Miss K Dearborn	Miss Louise Huelat
" Z Palmer	" A Metschan
" A Metschan	" J Metschan
" L Breyman	" Ella Hirsch
" Lena Biers	" Carrie Moores
" Maude Martin	" N Litchfield
" K Dalrymple	" J Dalrymple
" M Cooper	" Grace Scriber
" B Lowndale	" Ada Stapleton
" Alice Steiwer	" Helen Edes
" J Northup	" G Hughes
" A Pimmoudon	" W Bonham
" Edna Moody	" M Creighton
Miss Mollie Creighton	

Miss Rosie Gregrove, Portland.	
Miss M E Hendrick, Chicago.	
Mr Basil Wagner	Mr F H Grout
" F W Waters	" H P McNary
" R F Meredith	" F S Dearborn
" H D Patton	" F R Anson
" P H D'Arcy	" W J D'Arcy
" A E Crosby	" H A Willis
" Wm England	" Clyde Cooke
" Wm Steiger	" J Baumgartner
" E F McCornack	" Clyde Keller
" Harry Keller	" C S Hamilton
" O J Wilson	" J R Wetherbee
" H W Myers	" D W Tarpley
" M W Myers	" H H Craven
" M O Buren	" R S Miller
" Joe Albert	" J C Griffith
" J M Keene	" H S Jordan
Mr H H Thompson	
Mr R F Prael, Portland.	
G R Child, San Francisco.	

THE LADIES BAZAAR

which was concluded at St. Joseph's church on Saturday evening last was the most successful social event of its kind ever held in the city. The displays of fancy needle work, artistic embroidery, paintings and fancy work were very large and were all disposed of, some two hundred articles in all. The Mt. Hood picture went to Mrs. John Darr; a very pretty hand painted table scarf went to Mrs. Beak; a handsome buggy robe was captured by Mrs. John Barr, a silken sofa cushion was won by Mr. T. Caufield; Mrs. Ira Allen of Portland got the handsome spring bonnet by guessing closest at the number of beans in the jar. Miss Lily Bernardi and Mrs. Rose Aitken conducted the Rebecca at the well lemonade stand. The Mikado stand was presided over by Misses Mollie Bernardi and Ella Burley, in Japanese costume. The musical and literary programs of each evening were well carried out and the society wishes to thank all those who assisted them. The voting contest over the most popular clerk resulted in John Albright carrying away the coveted honor. The ladies society is growing quite strong and popular and has done much good work for the church and for charity. Valuable aid in conducting the bazaar was rendered by Mrs. T. E. Caufield, Mrs. Ed. N. Edes, Mrs. Bernadi, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Baro, Mrs. Petzel and a host of others. The total receipts of the fair were about $450 dollars and the ladies feel proud of the result.

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

was given Miss Anna Metschan Wednesday evening by a number of her friends, who arrived in force of twenty-five at a few minutes after 8: Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Munley, Mr. and Mrs. Gabrielson, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willman, Miss Litchfield, Miss Hendrick, Miss Creighton, the Misses Metschan, the Misses Flora and Jessie Cunningham, Miss Mae Carpenter; Messrs. Jordan, Monell, Meredith, P. H. D'Arcy, McNary, Griffith, Carroll E. Hughes, of Portland, Wagner, Miller. Drive whist, refreshments, games and music followed and in all it was a very pleasant affair. Several of the gentlemen played the part of visiting lady as well as whist. The house of the state treasurer was a brilliant scene of enjoyment until after midnight.

THE BICYCLE CITY.

A Seattle man has been poking fun at the muddy streets of the Webfoot capital city. He seems to call it the bicycle city and reminds us of the parody:

Oh! But it's pitiful
To see a whole city full
Of big-footed girls.

Here is his screed in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"Salem is the funniest town I ever saw. They pave the streets with mud down there. When the mud gets deep in once place they shovel it up on a wagon and haul it around to some other street and dump it out so as to have the mud of the same depth all over town. You laugh and think I am lying, but that's true. Everybody rides a bicycle in Salem, and I saw no other vehicles except street cars, which have nearly been driven out by the bicycle craze. Why, the conductor of a car I rode on told me that one other stranger in town and myself were the only two men he had gotten a nickel out of that day. Both young and old, male and female, ride bicycles, and they monopolize the sidewalks. A man on foot stands a good show to get knocked out into the mud in the street. You can't imagine how funny it seems to see a gray haired man in a plug hat going down the street on a bicycle. The women there sling their babies on their backs and ride bicycles. But the air in Salem is fine. So many of those webfooted girls ride bicycles that the air is kept constantly stirred up. As the girls come along the sidewalk their feet, like big palm leaf fans, keep the air constantly moving. If the girls would do this in Tacoma it would poison a fellow, but where the feet are so big there is no bad odor from them. When church services are held the outside of the church looks like a baby carriage factary. Minister, deacons, deaconesses and all the young folks come to church on bicycles. How the boys ever have any fun going home with the girls on bicycles I don't see."

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday, April 29th, the friends of Miss Nora Walker gave her a very pleasant party at her home in East Salem, in honor of her 19th birthday. Games were indulged in until midnight, when all departed, leaving happy con-

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SECRET SOCIETIES

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Permanent Headquarters Building at the World's Fair—Masonic Notes.

Knights Templars are to have permanent headquarters at Jackson park during the World's fair. It will be in the second story of the building known as Banquet hall, situated on the lagoon, close to the fisheries and naval exhibits. The building is of attractive design in the French renaissance style and is 150 by 50 feet and two stories high, with open or casino roof. The room set apart for the exclusive use of Sir Knights

BANQUET HALL.

and their families during the fair will be 50 by 60 feet and furnished with many conveniences. It will have a postoffice and a telephone service, a checkroom and a general register for all Sir Knights to enter their names and addresses, name of their commandery, etc. The room will be in charge of three trustees appointed by St. Bernard commandery. They are Eminent Sir F. C. Roundy, Eminent Sir John Woodman and Sir Knight Fred Kisner.

The seceding brethren in England, with others, organized the grand lodge subsequently called the "Ancients" in 1739.

There are clandestine lodges in New York of Spanish origin, but disowned by the grand orient of Spain.

Pennsylvania has 68 commanderies of Knights Templars.

Royal arch chapters have been lately constituted at Cawnpore, India, and at Limassol, island of Cyprus.

Six lodges in Pennsylvania bear the name of Washington.

Don't go to sleep in the lodge if you want to be benefited or enjoy the meetings.

Don't violate Masonic landmarks, usages, rules and regulations to boom the lodge or popularize yourself.

Chicago has 62 lodges and nearly 12,000 members.

Texas has a widows and orphans' fund of $28,000.

The Masonic fraternity in New York have $250,000 at interest. Ten years ago they were in debt $604,686.

I. O. O. F.

Degree of Rebekah Lodges Help the Order—Notes Along the Way.

In the degree of Rebekah the order assumes that women have moral natures and are capable of benevolent action. Wherever there is a lodge of men there should be one of women. The order that shall most rapidly draw women into its ranks will be the order of the future.

Wyoming has 17 lodges with a membership of about 850.

Canton Wabasso, No. 22, of Fort Fairfield, Me., at its last meeting mustered in 31, making the membership now 120, and more applications are on file.

Among the appropriations made by the Illinois grand lodge are the following: For Columbian exposition celebration, $5,000; Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, $15,000; Cook County (Chicago) Odd Fellows' association, $1,000.

The sovereign grand lodge will meet at Milwaukee Monday, Sept. 18, and will remain in session until Saturday, Sept. 23. The representatives will take part in the demonstration at the World's fair in Chicago Monday, Sept. 25, when they will be the guests of the grand lodge of Illinois.

In 1824 the installation ode was ordered to be read—the singing dispensed with.

Degree lodges, to confer the lodge degrees, were first chartered and instituted by the grand lodge of Pennsylvania in 1829 as a relief to the subordinate lodge noble grand.

The Seattle (Wash.) Odd Fellows are to build a new hall.

Oriental lodge of Boston has celebrated its silver anniversary.

In 1826 the title grand sire was first assumed, in lieu of grand master, by the G. L. of U. S., without formal change in the constitution, which, however, was revised and the title confirmed in 1828.

A traveling password was first adopted in 1824 for the protection of the order in the United States.

Knights of Honor.

Charles S. Clark, mayor of Erie, Pa., has creditably filled the office of state reporter for a period of 17 years.

Reports from all lodges in Philadelphia indicate large gains in membership and an active interest on the part of the brethren, which must result in continued prosperity. Energetic lodge No. 3,737, which started with 32 members in 1892, now has 102 on its roster, and this fairly illustrates the enthusiasm which everywhere pervades the order.

The death benefits so far paid by the order amount to $42,000,000.

The Knights of Honor is a fraternal beneficial society. It insures its members in the sum of $2,000, $1,000 or $500, as they may elect. The different subordinate lodges pay sick benefits in such sums as the majority of the members in each lodge decide.

The annual session of the supreme lodge will be held at Milwaukee on the first Tuesday in June. The Pfister hotel will be the headquarters of the supreme officers and representatives.

Royal Arcanum.

Significant of the health of Missouri it might be stated that the jurisdiction paid into the benefit fund $142,651 and drew from that fund but $73,500 for 25 deaths.

Massachusetts shows a net increase of 134 for the month of March.

Wekepeke of Clinton, Mass., has adopted a plan to increase attendance at meetings, holding "smoke talks."

The uniform rank, Royal Arcanum, of Illinois is neither a branch nor component part of, but is a distinct and separate organization, from the Royal Arcanum and has no legal relations whatever to the supreme council or to the grand council.

Past regents having been preferred and honored cannot afford to let their interest in their council relax. They cannot with profit to themselves remain away from the meetings of the council that has seen fit to place them at its head.

A. O. U. W.

The Reduction of the Age Limit Likely to Become General—Chips.

Following the lead of Michigan one year ago, the grand lodges have named at their sessions this year have reduced the maximum age of admission to 45 years—viz: Iowa, Tennessee, Ontario, Massachusetts, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. The proposition is being favorably commented upon in other jurisdictions where the grand lodges have not yet convened. The indications are that more and more will this proposition come under favorable consideration, and that soon all jurisdictions will have adopted the measure.

Kansas shows up well in February with 420 additions and a net increase of 331. The Dakotas are not making much fuss, but are forging ahead in good shape—[illegible] new members and a net gain of 189 for the shortest month in the year is excellent work.

Up to the close of business at the grand lodge office March 28, 1,100 applications had been received for the 28 days in March.

Relief fund disbursed to April 1, New York, $100,905; Pennsylvania, $13,019; California, $88,711; Ohio, $45,505; Kentucky, $37,294; Tennessee, $47,876; Texas, $9,044; total, $337,344. This makes payment in full to each jurisdiction as granted by the relief board and as set forth in relief call No. 13.

South Dakota has two new lodges—at Harford and at Montrose.

The masters and past masters' associations of St. Louis favor giving prizes to members for securing approved applications.

RED MEN.

Hospitality and Friendship the Principles of the Order—Notes.

The Order of Red Men inculcates the virtues of hospitality and steadfast friendship, which were such distinguishing characteristics of its aboriginal prototypes, and seeks to teach and exemplify the virtues of charity and forbearance toward its own members, while failing in none of the duties it may owe to the world. A good Red Man cannot fail to be a good citizen and a true patriot. The good influence of kindred societies is so well known that to say the Improved Order of Red Men is at least the peer of any of them in the promotion of all that is good in human nature is a sufficient recommendation.

At the trading post recently held by Chebacco tribe of Ipswich, Mass., the sum of 900 fathoms was realized, 200 of which was given to ladies of the committee to pay the expenses of instituting a council of the D. of P.

Paleface Monroe Boynton of Hiram, Me., traveled 35 miles to become a Red Man.

There is a lack of any visible action by the great council of the United States concerning Red Men's day at the World's fair.

Let each member according to his means make his donation for the widows and orphans of the order.

The regular prices as adopted in Chicago tribes is 25 fathoms ($25) for full membership. The order throughout the state of Illinois is reported by the G. C. of R. as very satisfactory and prosperous, and in the middle, eastern and far western states the order is rapidly increasing both in membership and new tribes.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Death Losses Promptly Paid In the Endowment Rank—Helmet Glints.

During the past two fiscal years there has been disbursed for death losses in the endowment rank the sum of $1,378,000, all of which has been adjusted with entire satisfaction to the beneficiaries of deceased members.

It should not be a question as to which lodge has the most money in the treasury, but which has expended the most in maintaining the principles of the order.

The annual field day and prize drill will take place on the second Wednesday in June at the parade grounds of Buffalo, where all uniformed Knights of Pythias of the Third regiment will participate, also the mounted division of Syracuse.

The K. of P. Relief association of Newark, N. J., is now thoroughly organized, and the members of the committee will explain the workings of it to their various lodges.

Rochester City lodge No. 212 is in a very prosperous condition and is conferring ranks at nearly every convention. The lodge has nearly 100 members in good standing and has about $500 in the treasury.

Maccabees.

There are 1,000 Maccabees in the city of Muskegon, Mich., and they are holding a series of meetings for the good of the order.

The cost to members under 35 years of age in the supreme tent during the past year, exclusive of tent dues, was $6 for each $1,000 of life benefits carried. At 45 years it was $9 per $1,000.

Chicago has 26 tents and 1,000 members.

The first annual state convention of Maccabees ever held in Illinois, which occurred recently, had delegates representing 62 tents.

The average age of the Maccabees is about 33 years. This is undoubtedly one great reason for its low rate of mortality and correspondingly low cost for death benefits and is one of its valuable features, one that strongly recommends it to all classes.

Modern Woodmen of America.

There is no assessment for April, and there have been but three this year, a record no similar order can boast of, and which can only be accounted for by its careful selection of risks and healthy territory.

A rapid growth and lively interest in the camps throughout the state of Michigan is reported.

The Modern Woodmen of America employ no agents, no commissions are allowed to imposing solicitors, and the salaries paid to its executive or clerical officer do not exceed $2,500 per annum.

There are 9,000 Woodmen in the state of Nebraska.

The application of any one who has passed his forty-fifth birthday cannot be entertained, and if past 41 years of age for $2,000 only.

National Provident Union.

The next session of the National Provident Union congress will be held in Boston in June.

Reports from Texas indicate very active work in that state. Councils are being formed in Waco, Dallas, San Antonio and La Vernia, with others to follow shortly.

Renewed interest and activity is noticed in the various councils in the state of New York. Many which had lapsed into a quiescent state have, under the stimulus of social features, shown increased membership and a determination to make the year 1893 the banner year in the history of the order.

A NATTY COSTUME.

Neat and Pretty and Just the Thing For a Summer Tour.

This girl's traveling gown is of bluish gray mixed goods. She may have had a hankering for the brownish colors, but she realized that bluish and greenish grays are far cooler looking and con-

A SENSIBLE TRAVELING SUIT.

sequently more attractive on a hot day. The skirt is reasonably full and clears the ground all around. It is finished by a band of navy blue braiding.

The waist is plain, but it fits perfectly. Its only decorations are a narrow little vest of navy blue braiding, a braided collar and braided cuffs to the tolerably large leg o' mutton sleeves.

To complete this natty costume she wears a double cape trimmed with row upon row of narrow blue braid and finished with a rolling braided collar. The cape is lined with dark blue surah. A little dark blue felt walking hat and buttoned suede or lightweight dogskin walking gloves give the finishing touches to one of the neatest, coolest looking young women who will travel this summer.

Pancakes.

Mix the yokes of 2 well beaten eggs with a dessertspoonful of ground rice and a gill of cream. Add 2 ounces of caster sugar, a small piece of powdered cinnamon, a blade of mace pounded and a dash of nutmeg. Rub a perfectly clean frying pan with a piece of butter tied in a cloth. Fry the pancakes a light golden color and as thin as possible. Roll them and lay them not more than 5 at once on a hot dish screened with an ornamental paper. Garnish with green sprigs of myrtle and serve quickly. If too many pancakes are piled upon the dish, they become sodden and heavy.

Some Fashion Notes.

A fine quality of ladies' cloth, which is now called habit cloth, is an extremely popular material. It comes in all the exquisite new shades and is used not only for tailor made costumes, but for those that are much more elaborate.

The old fashioned rolled hem, held in place by blind stitches, is used for the lower edge of the fashionable flounce, while the upper edge is a standing ruffle of the material doubled.

Gorgeous little house jackets, closely copying those worn by the Turkish ladies, show rich embroideries of untarnishable gold thread upon a blue, black or scarlet velvet background.

The favorite shape in ladies' rings has either a long marquise setting or is a straight band of gold set around with gems. The smallest band rings, which are the merest edges of gold, set half way round with diamonds, rubies or emeralds, are still worn in groups of three, including one ring of each kind of jewel. Sometimes a single ring of this kind is worn as a guard to a more valuable one.

The old fashioned china silks have returned to favor and are exhibited in beautiful tints. They come with bunches of chrysanthemums, poppies, bouquets of flowers, etc., in the most exquisite combinations of colorings.

Well to Know.

Articles of plate that are not in daily use, and which may yet occasionally be wanted at a moment's notice, should be rolled in long strips of green baize, made for the purpose and with strings to tie. When not in their appointed places in the chest, they should be kept in a dry drawer close at hand. All the larger ornaments, too, should have their own bag, to keep them free from dust and as much as possible out of the reach of atmospherical changes, which more than all else go toward tarnishing their brightness.

Becoming Frocks.

A trim gown for a young lady is presented. It comes from Paris. It is in light cheviot. The shirt waist is of silk, and the figaro jacket has revers and collar of bengaline. The silk girdle is fastened with a buckle.

A pretty wash dress for a young lady is a delicate pink gingham, made with a ribbon collar and a straight, gathered skirt with five graduated tucks around the bottom, which when laundered hold

GOWNS FOR YOUNG LADIES.

the skirt out very stiffly. The style of the dress is in the arrangement of pink ribbon on the waist, which is shown by the sketch. Another very becoming little gingham frock has five small knife plaited flounces on the skirt, with a baby waist and puffed short sleeves, to be worn with a white "guimpe." These "robes d'enfants" will, it is said, be very popular next season.

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The People's Clothiers.

Where Egrets Come From.

Many ladies who wear the pretty, delicate plume of the egret on their bonnets do so in the belief that this ornament is manufactured by the milliners from common feathers. Mr. W. H. Hudson, author of "The Naturalist In La Plata," who has too often witnessed the slaughter of the white heron for its feathers, corrects this little mistake.

Whatever part the art of millinery may take in combining and arranging the egret plume the material itself is the spoil of cruelty. Nature made it the "nuptial adornment" of the parent bird, and it is sought for and stolen at the season of its growth by unfeeling men who profit by catering to fashionable vanity.

Mr. Hudson says that the egrets are in nearly all cases actually made of the slender feathers that grow at one time of the year on the egret's back and droop gracefully over the back and tail of the bird. Those who engage in the business of procuring these plumes know that to obtain a good supply with little trouble the birds must be taken when the breeding season is well advanced.

The best time to attack them is when the young birds are fully fledged and not yet able to fly, for at that time the solicitude of the parent birds is greatest, and forgetful of their own danger they are most readily made victims. When the killing is finished and the few handfuls of coveted feathers have been plucked out, the slaughtered birds are left in a white heap to fester in the sun and wind and in sight of their orphaned young that cry for food and are not fed.

Two Letters.

An industrious young man who looks after the correspondence in a Wall street banking house is an adept and enthusiastic manipulator of a typewriting machine. His sister, a self reliant girl of more than ordinary cleverness, is employed as a stenographer and typewriter in a large manufacturing establishment in Buffalo. The young man mailed a bulky letter to his sister, with whom he is fond of joking, and as a smart reminder of April Fool's day he inclosed two large sheets of foolscap paper. On one sheet he wrote, "Ha! ha! He! he! April 1," and the other sheet contained the words, "Now you owe me a good long letter—a long one, mind you." A few days ago this funny young man received an express package on which 40 cents charges were due. It looked like a small can of tea, but when opened proved to be a roll of ribbon paper about 10 yards long, on which, in closely written characters, was a long and friendly message from the sister in Buffalo.—New York Times.

Troubles of the Prince of Wales.

The salary and emoluments of the Prince of Wales, supposed to be about $200,000, would probably be enough for his private needs were he not put to so large an expense in performing royal and social obligations which should be undertaken by his royal mother.—New York Press.

THE FLY EATING PLANT.

A Curious Operation of a Vegetable Devouring Animal Life.

One species of the drosera has its leaves rounded, while the other has them elongated, but both alike have them reddish in color and covered with short hairs or filaments. At the end of each of these hairs there is an enlarged gland which secretes a tiny drop of what appears to be harmless dew. Harmless, however, the liquid is not, for to most insects, especially small flies, the drosera is a most insidiously baited trap. The liquid is in reality a sweet, sticky substance, and if the very smallest fly does but touch it ever so lightly it sticks there and dies. The manner in which the plant afterward actually digests the bodies of the flies it entraps is interesting in the extreme.

Within a short time of the capture of a fly—so excessively sensitive are the glands—all the filaments growing around the one which has made the capture commence to bend inward, covering the luckless insect until it is securely within the grasp of the relentless plant. Each gland then pours out upon the body a digestive liquid, not altogether unlike the gastric juice of animals, and in the course of a day or two the fly is completely digested, the nutritive parts have been wholly absorbed by the plant and the filaments have bent back to their original position, ready to make another capture upon the first opportunity.

If, however, the substance caught by the leaf is of an indigestible nature, such as a grain of sand or a piece of stick blown by the winds on to the glands, the leaf does not remain closed more than a few hours. The number of insects thus caught must be very great. The plants themselves are very abundant in most upland bogs. Each plant has five or six leaves, and as many as thirteen dead flies have been found on a single leaf.

Curiously enough, Darwin, whose researches into the subject were of a most exhaustive and interesting nature, found that the leaves on his plants were killed when he gave them a surfeit of cheese and raw meat. The excessively sensitive nature of the glands almost surpasses conception. Darwin found that the absorption of only the 1-20,000,000th part of a grain of phosphate of ammonia or thereabout was sufficient to cause the filament bearing the gland to bend toward the center of the leaf.—Good Words.

At an agricultural fair held at Northampton, Mass., lately a baby show was made a feature, and the infant industry drew five times more of a crowd and about ten times more money than the agricultural exhibit.

A hansom cab "warranted to last a lifetime" broke down in Manchester, England, after a month's use. The purchaser sued for breach of contract and was awarded thirty pounds.