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The axle of a chair car on the Santa Fe route is now generating the current that is furnishing the illumination for the car. When the car is at rest the light comes from the cells in which the current has been stored.

The governor of Texas has been urging the legislature of that state to enact a law which will require all life insurance companies doing business in Texas to invest in that state at least 50 per cent of their gross receipts from their Texas business.

The revival of the Mobile fruit trade has been delayed to Saturday, the eleventh the day by the arrival of the steamship Columbia, the initial steamer of the Snyder Banana Co. Her cargo consisted of 16,000 bunches, uniting her to the honor of bringing in the "banana cargo."

TWO of the most interesting automata now working within the limits of the Union have been exhibited by the government for counting and tying postal cards into small bundles. These machines were made in Connecticut, and the two are capable of counting 500,000 cards in ten hours and wrapping and tying the same in packages of 50 each.

A PRODUCT called "wirglasses," which it is claimed is an effective barrier against fire, consists simply of a mesh work of wire imbedded in a glass plate. Even when licked by flames, it will not melt or disintegrate, nor fail to protect, and it not only resists the heat of fire, but also the startling effects of cold water, poured over it while it is yet glowing hot.

It appears a substance which has the texture of the chemist's native into ink. It is formed by the union of two rivulets, one is strongly impregnated with iron, while the other contains pure lead, manganese, and is heavily charged with gallic acid. Letters have been written with the wonderful ink compound formed by the union of gallin acid and iron.

E. H. Mote, of Leesburg, Fla., has just shipped the first-car-load of cabbage from his 150-acre vegetable farm. Mr. Mote says that he will ship three or four car-loads during the month. He began with 100 car-loads, he will, perhaps, ship a car-load per week January is a month earlier than Mr. Mote began shipping cabbage last year. It is claimed to be \$5,000 tons, but probably not quite so large.

KANSAS CITY is the center of the greatest broomcorn producing country in the world. There are two great broomcorn producing states—Kansas and Illinois. In Kansas first, then Illinois, and after them follow Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma. This year Kansas produced such a large crop that the estimate is somewhat unreliable. It is claimed to be \$5,000 tons, but probably not quite so large.

A LOUISIANA man died the other day at the age of 90 years without ever having seen a railroad. He had never seen a train, ran daily seven miles home for years, says the Baltimore Sun. Ten or twelve years ago the parish in which he lived voted bonds in aid of railroads, and the old man was opposed to the scheme and the result of the vote so exasperated him that he swore he would never look upon a railroad train. He kept his word.

It is quite evident that the wild cattle that formerly inhabited the plains of the northwest were the descendants of tame stock that the Indians crossed with domestic animals. It is possible that when the mound builders were, in some way, exterminated, their herds ran wild and multiplied on the prairies. In such a case the animal would tend to some extent, since nature always adapts her creatures to the circumstances by which they are surrounded.

The late superintendent of the census shows that the reduced rates for passenger and freight services the railroads of America in the last ten years have lost less than \$15,000,000 of income, an average of \$1,500,000 per year. The reduced rates in this country are far below those charged in Europe. For example, he shows that if the rates prevailing on the London & North Western, the Lancashire & the Pennsylvania, the earnings of that one system alone would be annually saved not less than \$12,000,000.

CHARLES W. CHASE, son of the late Senator Chase, the young man who was a member of the congress of 1861, is in session, being only 25 years old. He is also the newest member. He was sworn in December 19 as a representative from the Third district of Indiana. In view of the sickness caused by his father's death, the house departed in his case from the rule requiring formal credentials. Instead, he accepted as satisfactory evidence of his right to be a state representative telegraphed by Gov. Atkinson, and the youthful member took his place amid cordial applause.

The most formidable reform movement ever pursued in Alabama is now being waged against pool selling on horse races run in or out of the state. By arrangement preachers in all parts of the state delivered sermons on the sins of gambling, say a Birmingham dispatch. Sunday afternoons and night mass meetings were held, and ministers and church deacons delivered addresses on the evils of horse racing. Large congregations participated. Large congregations were present at all of them.

THE NEW CABINET.

President-Elect McKinley Has the Places Nearly Filled.

Names of Those Who Will Occupy Distinctive Positions—Only Two More Seats Are Left to Be Filled.

Canton, O., Jan. 29.—Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, said Thursday evening: "I have been tendered the appointment of secretary of the treasury by Maj. McKinley and have accepted it." Mr. Gage arrived at Maj. McKinley's residence before three o'clock p.m. Thursday, and was received by the president-elect who straightway withdrew him for a private conference, which lasted till six o'clock. The president-elect and his secretary of the treasury had a full and very satisfactory talk, in which they

general and senator is believed to have only recently been had. Gen. Alger served one term as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Ex-Congressman James Wilson, of Iowa, has accepted the office of secretary of agriculture in President McKinley's cabinet. Senator Chandler has a telegram from Mr. Wilson saying he had accepted.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Scotland, and will be the only person of alien birth in the cabinet. He is 52 years old, and has been a member of the Iowa legislature and president of the Iowa State Agricultural society. He was a member of the Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth congresses.

NEARLY COMPLETE.

Offices of Postmaster-General and Attorney-General to Be Filled.

CANTON, O., Feb. 2.—The announcement has been made that Maj. James S. Wilson, of Iowa, has accepted the office of postmaster of agriculture by Maj. McKinley and had accepted, fills the cabinet with reasonable certainty, excepting the offices of attorney-general and postmaster-general. The McKinley cabinet will, therefore, be approximately as follows:

Secretary of State—Sherman, of Ohio.

Secretary of Treasury—Gage, of Illinois.

Secretary of War—Alger, of Michigan.

Secretary of the Navy—Long, of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior—McKenna, of California.

Secretary of Agriculture—Wilson, of Iowa.

May CLAIM BIG TAXES.

Entire Capital Stock of Corporation May Be Assessed.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Senate has the constitutional right to tax the entire capital stock of interstate corporations doing business within their limits. This was the starting decision of the supreme court Monday in what is known as the tax on the telephone companies. There were three dissenting judges, Field, Harlan and White. The decision is a surprise to lawyers and will be the source of endless trouble to express, telegraph and telephone corporations.

It is one of the most important decisions of the Supreme court in many years, as it not only involves grave constitutional questions, but will place interstate corporations at the mercy of state legislatures elsewhere. Telephones were brought by the committee of the Adams, American and United States Express companies. They were asked in equity to enjoin the assessment and collection of taxes under the acts against them. The committee of the state of Ohio passed April 1st, 1884, and in 1884, for the taxation of express, telegraph and telephone companies, on the ground that the acts were in contravention of the constitutions of the state of Ohio and of the United States.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In the house yesterday the bill was introduced to terminate the delinquency of the Indian appropriation bill. A bill to restore Jonathan Scott, a veteran of the Fifth Iowa cavalry, to the pension roll was passed by the house yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 28.—By a vote of 131 to 119 the house yesterday passed the conference report on the immigration bill. A favorable report was made on a bill to prohibit the employment of persons under 14 years of age.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Bodies Are in Good Working Order.

Gossipy Letters Giving in Detail the More Important Work of the Senate and House of Representatives.

St. Paul, Jan. 23.—The resolutions offered by Senator Wyman last week favoring the arbitration treaty were adopted by the senate yesterday, and sent to the house for concurrence. Perhaps because U. S. Senator Hour of Massachusetts stated that the senate ought not to be dragged by sermons and resolutions into accepting the treaty, and perhaps because the Fenian spirit, they were so modified before they passed as to favor arbitration on general principles without committing the legislature to any particular method of settling. They seem to be an entirely safe position, being based on the principle of the hunter who fired in such a way as to hit it if it was a deer and miss it if it was a calf.

Another matter which agitated the senate was the motion of Senator Cole, of Fergus Falls, who wants to reconsider the vote where Frank Day's seat was declared vacant and it instead April 23, 1895. Mr. Cole comes from a section which is interested in the Anderson bill tax on iron lands, and he well knew over what he learned that his constituents feared the unsent of Day would invalidate the Anderson bill. This was argued back and forth during the three days debate, and whatever damage may result will be done by the action taken with the full knowledge of the senators. Mr. Cole's motion was laid on the table, but will doubtless be heard from.

Among the bills presented was one appropriating \$28,000 for improvements at the state fair grounds, an investment which, if made, probably benefits more people than through any other one bill. Another bill introduced was also a bill providing for placing the legislative manual in every school house in the state. This is supposed to be over the objection of those who consider a brief biography of the members of the legislature and the rising generation can have them pointed out to them by their teachers. The illustrious men of the state, so that they can go to do better.

In the house yesterday there was an interesting passage concerning the Heimerling resolution for a committee to cut county and state salaries down to \$1,000 a month. Mr. Schmitz, who perhaps differs from Messrs. Jacobson and Feig in that he does not expect to be re-elected, favored the resolution cutting everything, including the salaries of members of the legislature. Mr. Jacobson was frantic enough to say that it was nonsense to expect them to vote to cut their own salaries. They were not getting too much now and it moved to strike out the portion of the resolution which included the legislature in the cut. This was evidently a happy thought, for his motion passed and then the resolution was adopted. And now the state and county officers can look to look out for a bill reducing their salaries.

Mr. Donnelly wants to find out what the election tickets cost last fall, and the amount to pay the candidates. He thinks the state is encroaching on the right of office, and regards it as bad enough to be a candidate without paying something to the state for the privilege. Out of the 20 bills introduced were many appropriations for roads and bridges, and one appropriates \$4,000 to buy seed for farmers in Otter Tail county whose crops were destroyed by drought.

Representative Schmidt is still looking after the iron matters and had a bill repealing an old law of 20 years ago which enabled mining companies to organize without permits in the shape of paid stock. No one has been able to realize as to the relative membership of the reappportionment committee from the respective houses, but an effort was made yesterday, through correspondence, to agree upon the mosted question. Meantime valuable time is being lost and every day's delay adds to the chances of reappportionment being defeated altogether.

St. Paul, Jan. 23.—The legislative event yesterday was the debate in the house concerning the arbitration treaty, now pending in the U. S. Senate. It may not effect the question of peace or war during the centuries to come, but it furnished an episode for a day in the Minnesota legislature. Senator Wyman's speech, which caused the senate to adjourn, was in favor of arbitration on general principles, without committing itself specifically to the pending treaty. Mr. Donnelly had offered resolutions on the same, opposing the pending treaty, on the ground that it was more favorable to England than to this country. It having been advertised that these resolutions would be the special order of the house, the lame majority of the session, assembled, mainly ladies being incensed among the number. Mr. Donnelly, of course, was the leading orator, and also, of course, was antagonized by James C. Johnson, who favored the Wyman resolution. Donnelly's speech was a philippic against England, and was so long protracted that an afternoon session was necessary to decide the debate. In the end, however, the Wyman resolution was adopted, with an addition favoring the protection of the Monroe doctrine.

The debate abated so speedily so much time that the other proceedings of the house were not extended. Among the resolutions offered was one abolishing the office of bank examiner, and another opposing the passage of a bill making law making national grain inspection.

The bill forbidding flowers being sent to prisoners in jail, and also the bill making all tramps vagrants were indefinitely postponed. This is first time that a constitutional habbitus has been against a special legislation, a bill was offered fixing the salary of assistant county attorneys in cities of not less than 100,000 nor more than 150,000 at \$2,500. This is about the tenth article of the bill, and includes which applies to St. Paul alone. As the same modus operandi can be applied to any town in the state, there seems to be no difficulty in securing as much special legislation as ever.

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LEGISLATIVE ROUTINE.

Briefly Showing Bills Introduced and Pending.

St. Paul, Jan. 23.—As soon as session was opened, Senator Cole, moved to reconsider the vote vacating the seat of Senator Day. The matter was temporarily tabled. The following bills were introduced:

To provide for the extension of the work of the experimental station.

To amend the laws of 1895 for the promotion of legislative manuals.

The house was occupied nearly all the morning with reports of committees.

The following bills were passed:

H. F. No. 10—To exempt one type writer from judgment; ayes, 105, nays, 6.

H. F. No. 12—Extending power of district court so that judges may at any time grant writs of various kinds; ayes, 105, nays, 6.

H. F. No. 13—To legalize acknowledgments of notaries in certain cases.

The following bills were introduced:

To provide for the incorporation of the church of the saints, the church of the saints.

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PINE COUNTY PIONEER,

PINE CITY, MINN., FEBRUARY 5, 1887

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS.

*Local Chips Picked Up Around Town
and Shaving Offered From Our
Exchanges.*

—Band boys' masquerade Feb. 22. Tickets, \$1.50.
—A. E. Webber transacted business in St. Paul Monday.
—E. W. Doe, of Willow River, spent Saturday in the county seat.
—For Rent—One store and three rooms up stairs. Call at Mrs. Conner's.

—Take in your arrangements so as to take in the masquerade Washington's birthday.

—Attorney Saunders, of Hinckley, transacted business in the county seat Tuesday.

—We are selling Mufflers and Muff's low cost. G. A. CARLSON, Rush City, Minn.

—A. Conger, of Mora, transacted business in this place the latter part of last week.

—The Minneapolis Bargain Store, at Rush City, is closing out stock at 50 cents on the dollar.

—J. F. Stone attended the immigration convention which convened in St. Paul Wednesday.

—Everything must be sold in 20 days, at the Minneapolis Bargain Store, Rush City, Minn.

—J. D. and Geo. Markham, of Rush City, transacted business in this place the first of the week.

—Supt. Blankenship drove up to the north end the first of the week to visit the schools in that section.

—Mrs. Mary Rabenstein, mother of Rev. Rabenstein, celebrated her 70th birthday quietly at home Tuesday.

—Remember, you buy for one dollar, two dollars worth of goods at the Minneapolis Bargain Store, Rush City.

—W. H. Novak the live real estate agent, of Hinckley, was transacting business in this place Tuesday.

—Dr. Fridley, the dentist, will be at the Pioneer house in this place, Feb. 9-10, call and get your teeth fixed.

—A. G. Crocker, of Finlayson, has moved his family down to this place. He having found employment at Burger Bros. mill.

—Attorney W. R. Maxwell, a prominent citizen of Grantsburg, Wis., died on Monday afternoon, from inflammation of the brain.

—Services will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday, morning and evening as usual. All are cordially invited to these services.

—Get ready your costume and attend the band boys' grand masquerade ball on the evening of Feb. 22. Tickets, including supper, \$1.50 per couple.

—Mrs. Horace Conger is spending the week visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Blank, who reside four miles west of here on the Brundick road.

—Services in the M. E. church Sunday February 7, as follows:—Morning 10:30 subject "Conscience." Evening 7:30 subject "Immanuel, God With Us." All are invited.

—In another column will be found the school report from Meadow Lawn. Teachers of the county, send in your school reports, we will gladly publish them so as to let the parents and guardians know their children are getting along.

—Found—On the streets of this village, one day this week, a brown clasp pocket book, containing articles of value. The owner can be found by calling at the Central meat market, proving property and paying for this notice.

—Monday noon Edward Townsend, son of the firm of Townsend Bros., of Rutledge, passed through here on his way to St. Paul, where he went as a delegate from his camp to the State camp that convened at the Capitol city Tuesday.

—We won't agree to pay your fare to Rush City if you buy ten dollars worth of goods of us, but we do agree to sell goods so cheap that you will save more than enough.

—G. A. CARLSON,
Rush City, Minn.

—On account of the recent spell of cold weather, the Minneapolis Bargain Store, at Rush City, will continue its closing out sale for the next twenty days, in order to dispose of the balance of the stock. Call and look at the big bargains they are offering.

—Jas. W. Smith who has been busily engaged for the past month or six weeks in building his house and barn on his farm on the St. Croix road has so far completed his house that he moved his family out the first of the week.

—John Holin's horse team it seems had rather stay in town than in the woods, as they took a fly run on Wednesday morning. Starting from the copper mine and running to the west shore of Cross lake where they were stopped by Chas. Pogue.

—Sticha & Petrela are building a machinary warehouse across the street from their hardware store. The building will be a frame, 25x30 feet, and will have a shed in the rear large enough to accommodate three teams. They will handle the Champion farm machinery.

—James Brackett, who is foreman for the Ann River Logging company at Bronson, three miles south-west of Mora, on the Eastern railroad, was in this place the first of the week buying young stock for to put on the stock farm that the company will open up in the spring.

—Services in the Catholic church Sunday at eight a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Communion day for the first communicants. German sermon at the late mass. Sunday school will be resummed. Misses M. Tierney and Lillie Lambert will continue to assist the pastor in this branch of the work.

—Mr. Sullivan the general agent for the McCormack reaper and mower company, of Chicago, was in this place for a couple of days this week, and accompanied by local agent A. Biederman were interviewing the farmers relative to buying farm machinery this summer. They report having had good success.

—From everywhere come words of praise for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Allow me to congratulate you on the merits of your Remedy. It cured me of chronic bronchitis when the doctor could do nothing for me." CHAS. F. HEWEL, Toledo, O. For sale by Breckenridge, the Druggist, Pine City.

—J. M. Scanlan, a banker of Bradley, South Dakota, was here the first of the week on a short visit to his friend P. W. McAllen. Mr. Scanlan and Mr. McAllen were associated together in the banking business for a number of years. He was favorably impressed with his friend's surroundings and the country at large.

—A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Minn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably, and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by Breckenridge, the Druggist, Pine City.

—Candles, day, feast of devation was duly observed by the members of St. Mary's church. Father Rabenstein delivered a short but comprehensive explanation of the observance. The singing by the choir was exceptionally good. Let us remark that the choir is composed of Sunday school scholars, some possessing remarkable talents and sweet voices. Miss Lizzie O'Brien presided at the organ.

—We are indebted to Father Rabenstein for the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of St. Mary's church for the year just ended:

RECEIPTS.	
Furniture	\$ 50.00
Loans	25.00
Cemetery	25.00
Other expenses	25.00
Total receipts	99.00
EXPENSES.	
Parochial house improvement	\$12.00
Debt paid	15.00
Interest on deposited amount	2.00
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy	10.00
feast day	10.00
Expenses incidental	2.00
Fair and fests	4.00
Bakery	4.00
Palmer, J. T. Indianapolis, Ind.	12.00
Convent Fund	2.00
Total expense	29.00

—Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericksburg, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America, but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper, and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, and the first dose helped him, and its continued use cured him. For sale by Breckenridge, the Druggist.

It has been found that the humble corn stalk can be converted into valuable medicine powder, matting paper and a few other things, so that it fails to become popular. Paul J. Duluth Remond has always been particular about the service he provides for a party of patients to anti-slavery meetings in St. Paul, Minneapolis, West Superior, Breckinridge, Twins Falls, and other points of interest and importance. Duluth short says that this favorite route is good, always has a big run of travel, because its facilities are to run modern trains rapidly at convenient hours, and the passengers are often between handsome terminals. Always takes the Duluth Short Line, and with the crowd.

MRS. CARL SPEARING DEAD

On Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the above named lady departed to that "bourn from which no traveler ever returns" after an extended illness of upwards of a year, with a cancer. The deceased lady had suffered intensely for the past few months and her death has been almost momentarily expected for some time. During the past week she has been unable to speak.

Miss Alberta Frigolter, Wohlleben Kirchhoff was born in Pleskow, Germany November 1st, 1854, and was therefore in the 43 year of her age. She was married to Carl Speiring in Plathe, Germany, August 12th 1881. They moved to this place May 1st 1891, where they have resided ever since. Five children, the eldest being 15 and the youngest 3 years of age, together with the bereaved husband, are left to mourn her loss.

The funeral services will be held from the German Lutheran church, of which she was a member, on Sunday afternoon at 1:30, with interment in the Birchwood cemetery. The PIONEER extends its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

—Misses Mayme McDonald and Jennie McCormack, of Rush City, spent last week at the residence of Mrs. M. L. O'Brien. On Saturday night a party consisting of Messrs. E. W. Buzzell, Harry Buzzell and Frank Peers and Misses Alice Peers and Besse Taylor drove up from Rush City, and after spending a very pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. O'Brien, where a few of the young people of this place had been invited to help entertain them, they departed for home, taking the Misses McDonald and McCormack with them. We hope this is the first of a series of gatherings of this kind between the young people of Rush City and this place. A great many pleasant evenings could be spent first in one town and then in the other if the young people could only agree to it. It has been a notable fact here that Rush City and Pine City people have not been very neighboring. Whatever has been the cause we hope that the pleasant evening passed at Mrs. O'Brien's has broken the ice and that hereafter we will be more united.

—The following is a report of the Meadow Lake School for the month ending January 29.

NUMBER ENROLLED 23. PRESENT every day—Mary Hathaway, Gervais Hathaway, Oscar Smith, Jessie Kilgore, Rhoda Smith, Almon Smith, May Smith, Ida Hathaway and William Hathaway.

Absent 4 days—Sylvanus Holler, Clarence Holler, Carl Cummings, Oliver Cummings, Sylvanus Holler, Clarence Holler, Edgar Kilgore and Lester Kilgore.

PERFECT spelling lessons during the past week—Florence Hathaway and May Smith.

—The following is a list of ten persons being held at Pine City, being held for trial for various crimes. Carl Cummings, Oliver Cummings, Sylvanus Holler, Clarence Holler, Edgar Kilgore and Lester Kilgore.

C. T. GUNDERSON, Teacher.—LACK of space last week kept us from noting several things that took place during the week, one of which was a surprise given Chas. Wilson to the tune of his mother a week ago last Friday night. About twenty of the young people and myself went in a body to the Nasom home where the evening was spent in playing games, singing and recitations until about eleven o'clock when refreshments were served, after which festivities were continued until after one o'clock when all adjourned to their several homes, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

A GOOD LETTER. FROM THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, FERNANDINA, Fla., Feb. 28, 1886.

J. M. GEORGE SCHURICH, Druggist, City.

DEAR GEORGE.—I send you a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not feel very well if there was any fault in it. I have given it a full test, and consider it one of the very best.

Yours truly, J. M. GEORGE SCHURICH.

JOSEPH F. J. RYBAK, Money deposited for furniture.

Total receipts \$990.76

EXPENSES.

Parochial house improvement

Debt paid

Interest on deposited amount

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

feast day

Expenses incidental

Fair and fests

Bakery

Palmer, J. T. Indianapolis, Ind.

Convent Fund

Total expense \$990.76

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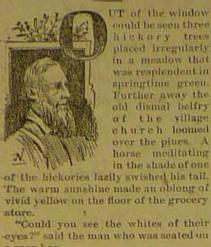
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THE VETERAN.

BY STEPHEN CRANE.



OUT of the window could be seen three hickory trees placed irregularly, one of which was resplendent in springtime green. Further away the old dismal belfry of the village clock tower over the pines. A horse meditating in the shade of one of the hickories had just swished his tail. The warm sunshines made an oblong of yellow on the floor of the grocery store.

"Could you see the whites of their eyes?" said the man who was seated on a soap box.

"Nothing of the kind," replied old Fleming, "but a lot of fitting shapes, and I let go what I meant to be thickset. Bang!"

"Mr. Fleming," said the grocer, "His deferential voice expressed somehow the old man's exact words. "Mr. Fleming, you never were frightened in them battles, was you?"

The veteran looked down and grimmed. Observing his manner, the entire group tittered. "Well, I guess I was," he answered, finally; "pretty well scared, too. Why, in my first battle I thought the world was falling down. I thought the world was coming to an end. You bet I was scared."

Everyone laughed. Perhaps it seemed strange and rather comical to think the old man, so stout and grim, had been in the tone of their laughter there was probably more admiration than if old Fleming had declared that he had always been a lion. Moreover they knew that he had ranked as an orderly sergeant in the army, and that his heroism was fixed. None, to be sure, knew how an orderly sergeant ranked, but then it was understood to be somewhere just shy of a major general's star. So when old Henry admitted that he had been frightened there was a faint smile.

"The trouble was," said the old man.

"I thought they were all shooting at me. Yes, sir, I thought every man in the other arm was aiming at me in particular at me. And then I so darned unresponsible, you know, I wanted to explain to 'em what an almighty good fellow I was, because I thought then they might quit all trying to hit me. But I couldn't explain, and I thought I'd better get married—plain—hang on to me."

Two little triangles of wrinkles appeared at the corners of his eyes. Evidently he appreciated some comedy in the recital. Down near his feet, however, little dimples grinned. His hands were clasped nervously and his eyes were wide with astonishment at this terrible scandal, his most disgruntled grand-father telling such a thing.

Old Fleming, Jr., started with his grandfather. He was half the habit of skipping along on the stone pavement in front of the three stores and the hotel of the town and betting that he could avoid the cracks. But upon that day he walked soberly, with his hand gripping his grandfather's shoulder. Sometimes he looked abstractedly at dandelions that curved over the walk. Anybody could see that he was much troubled.

"Peter's 'skid' cut over in the 'pender' door," said the Swede. "Don't you wish you owned one like him?"

"Um," said the boy, with a strong lack of interest. He continued his reflections. When finally he ventured:



"YOU BET I WAS SCARED."

"Grandpa, you're right, true what you was telling those men?"

"What?" asked the grandfather.

"What was I telling them?"

"Oh, about you running."

"Why, yes, that was true enough, Jimmie. It was my first fight, and there was an awful lot of noise, you know."

One of the hired men, a Swede, decided to drive to the county seat for purposes of his own. The old man loaned a horse and an unwound buggy. It appeared later that one of the purpose of the Swede was to drive home.

After quelling some boisterous frolics of the farmhands and boys in the carret, the old man had that night gone peacefully to sleep, when he was aroused by the sound of a frantic knocking at the door.

He grabbed his trousers, and they wayed out behind as he dashed forward. He could hear the voice of the Swede, screaming and blubbering. He pulled the wooden door, and as the door flew open the Swede, pale and streaming with sweat, dashed across the room, chattering weeping, still screaming: "De barn fire! Fire! Fire! De barn fire! Fire! Fire!"

There was a swift and indescribable

change in the old man. His face ceased instantly to be a face; it became a mask, a gray thing, with horror written about the mouth and eyes. His hoursly shuddered at the sight of the little, rickety stairs, and immediately it was evident that there was an assassin's man. No one knew that during this time the old lady had been standing in her nightclothes at the bedroom door yelling: "What's th' matter? What's th' matter? What's th' matter?"

When she had dashed toward the barn it presented to their eyes its usual appearance, solemn, rather mystic in the black night. The Swede's lantern was overturned at a point a short distance from in front of the barn, and the young man had a little conglomeration of his own, and even in their excitement some of those who can feel a gentle secondary vibration of the thrifty part of their mind at sight of the perturbed landscape, may circumstances it would have been a calamity.

But the cattle in the barn were trampling, trampling, trampling, and above this noise could be heard a humming like the song of innumerable bees, and a yellow flame leaped out at one corner and sped and sped and wavered: frantically up the old gray wall. It was glad, terrible this single flame, like the wild banner of deadly war.

Social Tie.—"Have you lived next to the Snoberry's three years and don't know them yet?" Well they have spoken very kindly to us several times when we have come to our bicycle pump."—Chicago Record.

"I wish there was some new way of killing time," said Mr. Point Breeze to Miss Homewood last night. "I can suggest one way of killing time which was not possible for a long while," replied Miss Homewood. "Wait for 'Sleight of Hand' to arrive."

A lively stable was run by tele-

—Chicago Chronicle.

—English Sunday School Teacher (solenely)—"And now, Albert Edward, you may relate the terrible fate of the Prodigal Son, and of his father, and mother, and sisters, and brothers, and sisters-in-law, and nieces, and nephews, and grand-nieces, and grand-nephews, and so on."

With a look of pride he told his tale, and the audience clapped their hands.

—Social Tie.—"How do you like the new way of killing time?"

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Stealing Newspaper Subscription Lists and Exploiting with Other Businesses.

Persons who sell circulars from swindlers often wonder how these names are obtained by the latter. The ways are various. Subscription lists of the city weeklies are bought or stolen, and nearly every swindler manages to get hold of the addresses of those who have ever advertised with other swindlers in similar lines of business.

Hence, the recognized fact that after a person has once been caught by a swindler he is much more likely to be swindled again. Nearly all the dealers in objectionable goods who advertise "your future husband-hunting," "for friends told" and "retired clergyman" sell their letters for one cent each or more to the bogus money operators. So it will be seen that some lines of swindling have their money invested in them.

A firm of "swindlers" speculators at one time bought 30,000 letters received by a concern that had realized \$50,000 out of a certain bogus sewing machine. This man had a number of cast iron and steel parts, and a small hand mill. It would save two pieces of the street meat together, but anything coarser would demolish the whole machine and render it useless. The same enterprising firm bought about 40,000 letters from a woman in Brooklyn who advertised "your future husband-hunting," "for friends told" and "retired clergyman" sell their letters for one cent each or more to the bogus money operators. So it will be seen that some lines of swindling have their money invested in them.

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AN OLD WEDDING RING.

What a symbol of love is that circle of gold, the token of which our devotion was? How our youthful affection shines out, as it seems, in that glow of the romance around it! It glows! And it knows no beginning or ending, or its continuing course should not run until we die.

And a sign and a seal of our reverence, too, that ring was our creed, when that old ring was new! Our kiss was pressed on its rim, and our kisses were pressed on its skin. For the sake of gold seemed a hollowing pledge Of a homage profounder than words dare say.

But the metal that's purest wears quickest away; And that old wedding ring has grown dimmed and dim. Yet the hand which it graced graces it in its turn. With a slender, light hand was update to his lips the ring he had given. And our kisses were pressed on its skin. Finger tips, for the sake of gold seemed a hollowing pledge Of a homage profounder than words dare say.

Suddenly, while he gazed at the ring, the hand which it graced graces it in its turn. With a slender, light hand was update to his lips the ring he had given. And our kisses were pressed on its skin. Finger tips, for the sake of gold seemed a hollowing pledge Of a homage profounder than words dare say.

For your charity's touch has so filled it with grace That that hand never lacked to the hungry and cold.

And the summer may come, and the sunmers may go.

And the winters may whiten the hair with the snow.

Still the hand which a lover delighted to kiss.

Weary the signs of half a century's pile.

No more than that ring and its cycle of love.

—W. D. ELLSWATER, in N. Y. Sun.

CHANGE IN GHOST STORIES.

He had been dead for a matter of 112 years, so naturally the place looked strange to him.

What he now saw had never been part of his physical existence, but he wondered if he could not go back to the graveyard and have conference with some fresh corpses who would know all about those things which has thus early filled him with doubts and misgivings. From the newly deceased he could obtain information which might enlighten him concerning his present condition. But, as he calculated upon it, such action, it seemed to him, would make him a laughing stock for all the foot ghosts in the neighborhood. They would doubt him as a jay bird who did not know how to conduct the business of setting at it without a gravestone or a time card or a letter of advice and credit. They would gather around and hoot and jeer and sham him half to life, for they couldn't shake him off, and he having been dead for a good 112 years.

"I wish," he said to himself, "that I had exerted myself a little to keep abreast of the times. Here I find myself with my entire death wasted. Just lazing around in a comfortable chair in the sun, and not even having time in disputing with a lot of old fossilized sixteenth century ghosts concerning things of no interest whatever. I have allowed opportunities to pass me, and lots of people who were very much born, much less dead, when I died, have pushed me aside and I am just a piece of old furniture. If I were a thousand years old or something like it that would be better, for I could lie and swear and talk and do all sorts of foolish things and assume my proper position in spiritual society. Why, just think of it! Dead 112 years and have never scared any one yet! Never screeched at a schoolboy in a lonesome wood or ground down in a deserted house, or any thing."

You could see that he was ashamed of himself and that he was determined to rectify his errors of omission. To be sure, he was a bit nervous, but he was also a bit afraid of exposing it, and it's next to impossible to confess to a ghost, inasmuch as his nervous system is generally supposed to be compressed air or fog or something of that kind. He felt that it was a pretty serious undertaking for a strange and passive being to expose his secret sins, and the avowed purpose of haunting it into a state of terror, but he was an innocent old soul, and buckled down to business with determination.

"As I have always understood it," he remarked, "the only thing needed to begin with a demonstration in the matter of blowing out lights. I remember when I was alive that they used to talk of ghosts sneaking up behind one and blowing out the candle, and it always made me shiver. It's a most terrible thought, what invented it? I don't know if I'm a tomfool!"

The city was dark, it being after midnight, and all was very still. Suddenly, however, as he turned up against a window, cut through with a faint light, streaked its way. At a desk a man, dozing over a book, it was a beautiful chance. The ghost quietly slipped in side.

"There is going to be a festival of fire right here in about four seconds," he murmured softly to himself.

"Oh, I guess not," he thought. "Just imagine how he will feel, how his hair will raise, how his flesh will crawl when I leap over his shoulder and blow that light out! Why, it almost scares me myself!"

He leaped over and blew.

The light continued to burn steadily. The ghost had struck and was ready to give vent to a wild demoniac laugh. As he did, he believed, for such cases made and provided, but he did not laugh. There was nothing to laugh at. The man continued to read on undisturbed in his dozing fashion.

"That's funny," the visitor said to himself. "Haven't I got any lungs any more or any strength of breath? Well,

she goes again." And once more he leaned down and "whoofed" at the light. It did not shiver.

The ghost stepped back into the middle of the room, and the hand with the pockets and the ring at the light. "Well, I guess," he said to himself. "Now, what do you think of that? I know enough windat that thing to extinguish a bonfire, and it doesn't even flicker."

As he stood in the ring, the light, which had been dimmed by the hand, grew steadily, and with a waver stepped out into the hallway. Strange as it may seem, this rather relieved the ghost, for he wanted to investigate without the presence of inquiring and embarrassing witnesses.

For the sake of gold seemed a hollowing pledge.

Of a homage profounder than words dare say.

But the metal that's purest wears quickest away; And that old wedding ring has grown dimmed and dim. Yet the hand which it graced graces it in its turn.

With a slender, light hand was update to his lips the ring he had given.

And our kisses were pressed on its skin.

Finger tips, for the sake of gold seemed a hollowing pledge.

Of a homage profounder than words dare say.

For your charity's touch has so filled it with grace That that hand never lacked to the hungry and cold.

—W. D. ELLSWATER, in N. Y. Sun.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS

THE ROAD SCRAPER.

It Has Awakened the Spirit of Improvement in Many Farmers.

It is intended to promote good farming, and to bring the spirit of improvement into the mind of the subject of good roads will be overlooked. When a man gets the spirit in him to improve his farm, his crops and his live stock, his improvements will be checked there, but necessarily, it must be extended to his buildings and fences. Who ever knew a farmer to erect a substantial fence along the highway who would not also cut down the unnecessary trees, and clear the land where drainage is needed and how the roadway could be improved, and then resolve that it shall be done at the first opportunity? A good farmer is always a good road maker.

Just now many things are conspiring to assure good roads in the near future. A few years ago the road-scraper on wheels came into vogue. A law was enacted to permit a few adjoining roads to be made at the same time, and to allow the owner to use a common, or a single machine to be used on them. This was an expensive piece of machinery, and rarely a single district could afford to purchase one alone. Now these machines are common all over the state, and through their means, many roads have been made and strived. It is not necessary to describe all their good

work, but I can safely say that they have greatly assisted him. Then a thought came to him, "What would the world say if I had a road-scraper?" "Wha-wha-wha-did that?" he tremulously asked himself. Then as a thought came to him, "What would the world say if I had a road-scraper?" "I bet," says he, "you some great story, and when you have listened a little while, you find it is merely a desire to tell them something about themselves."

Look out! Blives, then soreness and stiffness. Use St. Jacob's Oil—then a cure.

A success of years ago, in order to attend to all occasions, a young man had to learn how to milk a cow.—*Atchison Globe.*

Vibrating in Tuneful Accord,

The strings of a musical instrument, the piano, the organ, and the violin, in sympathy with other pieces of the system. But weakness or overexertion, it jarries most powerfully, and causes rheumatism, neuralgia, and gripes, especially when, with the change of the season, the price rises until the store keeper or grocer is paying a little above the agreed average price, the buyer makes very commonly reported that the cows are not good, and the milk is bad. Once a customer, however, has paid a little above the great transmiser and tonic, Hester's Strong Bitter, which promises a silvery glow, a glowing complexion, a regulation of the bowels, and prevents malarial, rheumatic and asthenic complaints.

Persons in inclement weather would cause a great deal of suffering, and when her fall in a fall when her husband is sounding her.—*Atchison Globe.*

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Over \$40,000 earned. Why not let No-To-Bac save you money, and earn you money. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, \$65 and \$100, all druggists.

Jesuit (who had been a shopkeeper)—To you it will be like a blessing to anybody.

—*Dr. J. L. Stephens, Lebanon, Ohio.*

Wax bilious or sensitive eat a Cassaree, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, No. 25.

Persons in inclemency just enough to conceit talk too much.

A sprain cannot cripple if you use St. Jacob's Oil. It cures it.

It Is Needed in the Production of Really First-Class Butter.

It was a remarkable discovery from Denmark who first advanced the startling theory that microbes are required to make first-class butter. This theory, which was received with scorn, is now advocated by many scientific men, and the creation of interest money in the "butter belt" of Iowa.

When the road-machines came into use, nobody had thought of bicycles.

A better machine could not have been invented, especially for the purpose of making roads. The road-scraper is now the old-style hand road-scrappers still in use.

In removing earth from gutters into the wagon-tracks, they left two small ridges along the space they traversed, which would be a hindrance to a wheel could travel them at all, they would certainly go "bumpity-bump."

Bicycles rarely have a clear course in a traveled wagon-track, for there are more or less stones and hummocks in them, which they have to travel continually.

The modern road-machines, where used for some time, have had the effect to cut off the shoulders of the roads and pull them dry, so that the surface of the track is now as smooth as a polished floor.

When the road-machines were invented, it was thought that the roads would be inoculated, the other was not.

They stood in the same room, at the same length of time, and were subsequently cleaned. Both lots of cream produced by the road-machines No. 41 had a rich and odor decidedly different to that made without it.

A large number of persons tasted it, and no one hesitated in deciding that No. 41 made the superior butter.

The first attempt at an estimate at bacteria in butter was made in March in 1891. It was found that there are about 2,000,000 in a grain.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

NEAT FEEDING DEVICE.

One Should Be Introduced Wherever Calves and Sheep Are Kept.

An excellent plan for feeding sheep or calves is shown hereewith.

The front of the pen is hinged along as much of the length as is needed, in the manner shown in the cut. Behind these hinged

doors are slats, laid to keep the hens from falling into the pens of feeding time, and to keep the sheep or calves in place and from attempting to clamber up the door. Hay placed between the door and the slats falls down as fast as it is eaten.

With such a device the animals readily get to the hay, nor can they come into the feeding floor, as they do in the average barn. After the ration has been eaten the doors can be closed.—N.Y. Tribune.

POOR FEEDING CALVES ON SHEEP DOORS ARE SUITABLE.

There is money in poultry and hundreds of men and women are making comfortable incomes from their flocks. Unfortunately there are thousands

who rush into the business at a venture, and make a fortune of it, and then suddenly are forced to leave it.

Friends that there is nothing in it. An eastern editor recently expressed it in a simple way when he wrote: "Don't rush madly into it, study it, learn it and build a solid foundation for the business, and then you will be successful."

This sets them to thinking, and they generally conclude that their safety lies in keeping the track clear of all obstructions.

If a horse stumble over a loose stone in the track, even the smallest animal will be the means of throwing him, and so would they if a bicyclist should take a header over a loose stone and receive an injury in consequence.—Galen Wilson in Farm and Fireside.

UMITED EVILS.

To remove stones or too much clay in the top layer of soil, sand will make a surprising difference, say.

Of the best road in the land.

If we just know how to do these things.

If we make a road that's sure to please.

When property is well taken care of.

—L. A. W. Bullock.

While feed is as necessary as bread,

no amount of feed will make a good milker out of a cow that is not so naturally.

CONTRACTING BUTTER.

How to Secure a Good Average Price the Year Round.

There is scarcely any farm butter maker having a reputation for making good butter, and there is not within a few miles of an ordinary western country town who cannot find a regular customer or customers who will take butter the year around at a good price, which will be a good round average price for good butter.

All that is necessary to make contracting of this kind easy is that the butter maker establish a record for having everything that is both good and clean, and for having a good average price.

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