

Weather Signs.

When the finger nails are dry and brittle indications is for fair weather; when they are tough and pliable and can easily be cut without breaking, rainy weather is probable within the next few days.

Carpets drawn very tight when laid upon the floor furnish a tolerable barometer. When a storm is about to break the threads contract with such force as sometimes to tear the fabric or draw out the tacks.

The new moon falling between eight and ten a. m. in the summer means a change of weather. If it has been rainy it will become fair; if fair weather has been the rule, there will probably be a change to rain.

When the new moon comes between eight and ten p. m. the indication is in summer time for rain, if the wind is from the south or southwest; in the winter, rain or snow, if the wind is from the direction indicated.

In summer time if the new moon falls between six and eight p. m., fair weather will probably ensue; in the winter time the weather will be fair and frosty, provided the wind is from the north or northeast.—Ex.

First Things in United States.

The first turnpike road was laid between Lancaster and Philadelphia in 1794.

The first night watchmen were licensed by the New York common council in 1697.

Brass pins were first made in New York by English machinery in the year 1812.

The first table cutlery made in the United States was in Greenfield, Mass., in 1834.

The first temperance society organized in the United States was organized in Saratoga, N. Y., in 1808.

The first religious journal in this country was the Recorder, at Chillicothe, O., in 1814.

Philadelphia was the first city to issue a directory, its first edition coming out in 1785.

The first patent was issued to Sam Hopkins in 1790, for making "pot or pearl ashes."

The first fire engine used in this country was brought from England to New York in 1731.

The first agricultural newspaper was the American Farmer, begun at Baltimore in 1819.

The first iron nails made in this country were hammered into shape at Cumberland, R. I., in 1777.

The first Sunday paper in this country was the Sunday Courier, begun at New York in 1825.

Blood-purifiers, though gradual, are radical in their effect. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is intended as a medicine only and not a stimulant, excitant, or beverage. Immediate results may not always follow its use; but after a reasonable time permanent benefit is certain to be realized.

A Queer Explosion.

The Fayetteville Observer reports a queer kind of explosion in that place, something we never heard of before. It was a pneumatic tire. It was a pneumatic bicycle tire. It says: Monday morning about 11 o'clock a report like a gun shot sounded in the direction of King's Drug Store, and it was heard all over the business portion of the city. A wild rush was made from all quarters, and great excitement prevailed. To the astonishment of everybody—who expected to see the bullet ridden-body of one man at least—a wrecked bicycle lay before them. The bicycle had been placed in the sun in front of the drug store and one of the tires had exploded, wrecking the wheel and shattering other parts.

Word of Wisdom.

Cleverness is a sort of genius for instrumentality. It is the brain of the hand.

People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy after.

An old truth stated in a new way will hit and stick where it has often missed. The injuries we do and those we suffer are seldom weighed in the same balance.

If idleness does not produce vice or malevolence, it commonly produces melancholy.

Nurture your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic heroes.

When we stop looking toward the wrong place we will not find it so hard to stay in the right place.

You never know how dear things are until you buy them, nor how cheap they are until you sell them.—Exchange.

A European statistician who has been figuring on it informs us that 32,214,000 human beings die annually, or 98,780 every day, 3,020 an hour and 67 a minute. This would be somewhat alarming if he didn't assure us that the births number 36,792,000 a year, an average of 100,800 a day, 4,200 an hour or 70 a minute, so that the human family is in no immediate danger of becoming extinct while this condition of affairs lasts.—Ex.

To Render Tobacco Harmless.

Dr. Gautrelet directs to steep a piece of cotton wool in a 5 per cent. solution of pyrogallic acid and insert it into the pipe and cigarette holder. He claims that this method will neutralize all possible ill effect of the nicotine. Such ill effects as headache, furring of the tongue and more serious ills he claims can thus be avoided.—Exchange.

The Hen in Politics.

A newspaper in Oklahoma celebrated the victory of the women in a recent town election by coming out with a hen at the head of its political column in place of the customary rooster.—Ex.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

THE TOILET TABLE.

How to Build and Appoint a Dainty Bedroom Furnishing.

Every "lady in the land" is fond of dainty and artistic equipments, not only for her personal and home adornment, but in the little every day appointments of her dressing table as well, and that this should be is but the evidence of a refined and cultivated nature.

What could be prettier in a daintily decorated chamber than the richly draped toilet table, with its glitter and sparkle of silver and crystal appointments—its air of refinement and luxury so dear to the heart of every true woman?

That daintiness and refinement may be expressed in the simple everyday appointments of a modest home is unquestionably true. A little time and judgment spent in selecting the necessary fittings of the toilet table of the plainer sort will reward the buyer to the fullest extent, as in these grades there are great variety and wide range of price.

To be sure, the glass need not be cut crystal nor the finish solid silver, but pressed glass comes in great variety of pretty and useful forms, and aluminium has the brilliancy of silver and needs but little care to be kept bright and attractive. As a basis for the toilet table on which to display these dainty appointments an average sized kitchen table may be used. The unvarnished sort will cost but \$1.25.

We will simply offer a few suggestions as basis on which to work. Screw securely to the back of the table a pine board about 4 inches

wide and 2 feet or 2 feet 6 inches high. At the top of this fasten a crosspiece a foot long and about 1 1/2 inches wide; on this tack the muslin in plaits, perfectly flat and spreading out wider at the bottom, to each extreme end of the table back, extending down in fan shape. This will give a background to add other drapery and flounces at discretion. In the center of this at a convenient height hang a full sized mirror, the frame of which may be covered with plush of a dainty color.

Of course the body of the table should be covered with flounced lace to the floor and the table top itself covered with a plush mat of the same dainty color as the frame.

This should exactly cover the top and be edged with a neat colored cord binding, with tassels to match at the corners, or a full lace flounce finished at the corners with bright ribbons. Ribbons of the same color should hold in place the overdrapery of the upper part, as the taste of the fair owner shall dictate.

These simple suggestions and a fair amount of good taste and skill in arranging should offer opportunity for very pleasing results, and when all is artistically completed the dainty appointments of the toilet artistically and neatly arranged in their places "my lady" has something that has cost her but a comparatively small amount of money, and her reward for the time and ingenuity expended will be derived from the satisfaction of possession.—Philadelphia Times.

The First English Shilling Magazine.

As we all know, Alexander Macmillan was the first to project a shilling magazine in place of the old quarterlies at 5 shillings and magazines at half a crown. The new venture, Macmillan's Magazine, was made in the autumn of 1850, soon after the establishment of the London-busines in Henrietta street, with Professor Masson as the first editor. A name for the new periodical was a long time under consideration. Tennyson's "Idylls of the King"—the first volume—was then fresh in men's memory and admiration, and a title in some way arising out of the "Idylls" was seriously contemplated. King Arthur and The Round Table were two suggested, and one or the other was very nearly adopted.

The present writer well remembers being one of a party of friends of the firm assembled in Henrietta street on the evening when Professor Masson's counsel was finally accepted that the periodical should bear only the name of its founder. A trace of the original suggestions is still to be seen in the design on the cover, where "the blameless king" appears in the center medallion at the top, the other three completing the design, being Chaucer, Shakespeare and Milton.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Important Correction.

Under the terror in France people learned to be excessively cautious in all they said and still more cautious in what they wrote.

An old letter is said to be in existence of the revolutionary period, in which the author had at first written to a friend, "I write under the reign of a great emotion."

Then, apparently reflecting that it was dangerous to speak of "reigns" at such an epoch, he amended the sentence thus:

"I write under the republic of a great emotion."—Youth's Companion.

POP ALLEN'S LITTLE JOKE.

How He Abused the Confidence of "Commuters' Row."

In a suburban town about 15 miles from New York there is a street the real name of which does not matter, for it is rarely mentioned by the residents. Owing to the fact that the men of nearly every family along this thoroughfare are engaged in business in the city and spend a part of their lives traveling back and forth with ceaseless and monotonous regularity the street itself was long ago rechristened "Commuters' row." At the head of the "row" and farthest from the railway station lives a man who is the veritable father of commuters. Old residents can scarcely remember the time when Pop Allen, as he is irreverently referred to by the younger men, was not actively engaged in catching trains. Long experience has enabled him to reduce the matter to an exact science. He reaches the station each morning just as the 8:07 pulls in, having not an instant to spare, but never missing the train.

The younger and sprier inhabitants of "Commuters' row" have always considered it peculiarly fortu-

nate that Pop Allen should live at the upper end of the street. This circumstance compels him to pass each of the various houses in turn, and his fellow travelers have been in the habit of eating their breakfast with their eyes fixed upon the window.

When the familiar form goes by the door with its measured, military stride, each man knows that the supreme moment is at hand. There is a general and immediate exodus from all the houses on the row, and by hurrying a trifle the belated ones are able to overtake Pop and catch the train.

This universal dependence upon his movements was not lost on the old gentleman, and one day he conceived the mischievous idea of giving the "boys" a surprise. The innocent victims of his plot found to their astonishment that they were able to come much nearer than usual to finishing their breakfasts that morning. Two or three even indulged in a second cup of coffee, and still Pop had not appeared. But their suspicions were slow to arouse, for the clock was known to be irregular compared with their model. At last the watchers beheld him striding by and rose with relief to follow. The procession was well underway with Pop still in the lead and the others gradually gaining when they arrived in sight of the station. The younger commuters could not believe their eyes. The 8:07 was just pulling out. Looks of mingled amazement and indignation too deep for words were turned upon Pop Allen, who seemed not in the least ruffled by the occurrence.

"Why, boys," he said, looking around from one to another, as if just then conscious of their presence, "are you all going to take the later train this morning? It's queer, but I just happened to miss the 8:07 myself."—New York Tribune.

Curious Crater.

About 40 miles from Flagstaff, A. T., in the midst of a great plain, there is a saucer shaped hollow about three-quarters of a mile across and 600 feet deep. The rim of this strange crater rises between 150 and 200 feet above the surrounding plain. Rocky fragments are scattered for several miles around the crater, decreasing in number until they disappear. Among these rocks many fragments of meteoric iron, some containing minute black diamonds, have been found. The inner walls show that the crust of the earth was broken when the crater was formed, yet no volcanic rocks exist there.

Geologists have recently proposed several theories to account for this singular phenomenon. One theory is that an immense meteorite made the hole, and that the meteoric fragments just mentioned are remnants of the falling star. Another theory ascribes the origin of the crater to a tremendous explosion of steam in the rocks beneath, and a third combines the first two by suggesting that the blow of a falling meteor, striking the earth's crust at a point where subterranean water had accumulated in the neighborhood of heated rocks, was the cause of the explosion.—Philadelphia Press.

Repertee.

Cleverly and Dryly were sitting in the cafe over cocktails when young Richly entered. He nodded to Cleverly and passed on to another table. Cleverly, turning to Dryly, remarked with the inflection of which he is proud:

"I wish that fellow Richly would swap his money for my brains, but he doesn't know enough to make the exchange."

"He does not, I suppose," answered Dryly, "but you do, don't you?"—New York Sun.

Inexperienced.

Butcher (to young housekeeper)—I have nothing left, mum, but a hind quarter of lamb and deer.

Young Housekeeper—Very well. You may send me a small hind quarter of liver.—Texas Siftings.

A fabric made of pine and spruce wood pulp is made into overcoats in Leeds, England. It looks like frieza.

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