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The Merry Spring.

I need not sing, my heart is light; If I think the dull and aching...

A Little Gold Owl.

"Do you know what a famous Russian beauty once wrote in her album? No? Let me tell you, then."

novice, except in the awkwardness of her attitudes. Allow me to look at the little gold owl she gave you behind the scenes...

The Valley of the Jordan.

The valley of the Jordan would act as an enormous hot house for the new colony. Here might be cultivated palms, rice, cotton, indigo, sugar, sorghum...

A Mistake.

Don't try to give a large party if you have a small house. Such attempts are a special nuisance, a failure, and "a mistake."

Elephants Playing 'Possom.

"There are some very cunning fellows among our twenty elephants," said Mr. Durand, Barnum's agent, the other day.

A New York man has discovered an "invisible soap." It is the same article that small boys have used in their morning ablutions from the most remote period.

It must be a source of great comfort to traveling men to reflect that order is Heaven's first law.

A VERY BRIGHT CANARY BIRD.

Taught by a Little Girl to Sing Tunes and Assist in Entertaining Visitors. A family living in the Hotel Victoria have a canary bird named Beauty...

Handy to Know.

Fire insurance policies do not include in their indemnity among other things the following: Fences and other yard fixtures; also store furniture and fixtures...

Our Dinners.

English people are quite impressed by the abundance of viands set upon the American table, and rather criticize the custom. They say that in providing for their table the mass of Americans rarely consider what goes with what...

Mrs. Lelia Josephine Robinson, who desires to practice law in Boston, was formerly a reporter on the Post and on the Globe of that city.

Newspapers and Public Education.

The following are the concluding paragraphs of a thoughtful address on "The American Newspaper and American Education," read at the last session of the Social Science association by Professor J. M. Gregory, of Chicago.

The press thus directed and the school system thus newly inspired will mutually react. The papers will, as they ought, find their way into the schoolrooms.

A Doctor on the Bicycle.

"A Country Surgeon" writes to the London Lancet about the bicycle as follows: I have been a bicycle rider for the last five years, with an ever-increasing delight the more proficient I become.

Mountain Mahogany.

This wood is indigenous to the Nevada. The trees do not grow large; one with a trunk a foot in diameter is much above the average.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

According to the latest statistics the number of milch cows kept in the leading dairying countries of the world are as follows: Germany, 8,962,221; France, 4,513,765; Great Britain and Ireland, 3,708,766; Denmark, 800,000; Sweden, 1,356,576; Norway, 741,574; Switzerland, 592,463; and the United States 13,000,000.

The president of the telephone exchange at Carrollton, Ill., ran a line in the Presbyterian church, connecting it with a Blake transmitter placed at the right of the speaker in the pulpit...

The Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune publishes an extract from a private letter to the editor from Mr. Hayes, in the course of which he makes the following reference to certain published statements to which his attention had been called...

A Wonderful Lake in Iowa.

The greatest wonder in the State of Iowa, and, perhaps, in any other state, is what is called the Walled Lake, in Wright county, twelve miles north of the Dubuque and Pacific Railway...

In the spring of the year 1856, there was a great storm, and the ice on the lake broke the wall in several places, and the farmers in the vicinity were obliged to repair the damages to prevent inundation.

The water is clear and cold, soil sandy and loamy. It is singular that no one has been able to ascertain where the water comes from nor where it goes yet it is always clear and fresh.

Lack of Air.

Some workmen think themselves "tired" when they are only poisoned. They labor in factories, breathe air without oxygen, and live in an atmosphere of death.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Cincinnati lawyer has astonished his professional brethren by charging a \$20,000 fee for collecting \$53,000.

Sir Edward Watkins is president of nine English railway companies, and his aggregate salary amounts to \$100,000 a year.

Ex-Senator Hamlin, who scorns an overcoat even in the dead of winter, went to two balls and danced as lively as a cricket at Bangor.

Chicago has taken the lead among the cities against the unsightly telegraph wires by passing an ordinance compelling their burial.

The widow of Commodore Farragut was his second wife. She is described as a pleasant Virginia lady, about thirty years of age, with dark brown hair.

At Baltimore, Miss Carrie Duca was precipitated down fifty feet into a sink. The accident was caused by the floor of the water closet giving way just as she entered the structure.

Never were there so many contracts for new vessels held by the shipbuilders of Milford, Delaware. They aggregate about a dozen, and as many more could be obtained, a number having been refused.

A very handsome dining-room car has just been completed at Wilmington for the Charleston, Savannah and Florida Express line. This is a new feature in Southern railroading, but marks a step in the right direction.

The population of the brand new kingdom of Rumania is about 5,000,000. The Catholics are said to number 115,000 and the Hebrews 400,000.

The editor of the Tampa Tribune, who has just made a tour of inspection along the Caloosahatchie river, a stream that runs from Lake Okechobee to Charlotte harbor, says that the tropical productions of that part of Florida comprise all that are raised on the Island of Cuba.

Japanese auctions are conducted on a novel plan, but one which gives rise to none of the noise and confusion which attend such sales in America. Each bidder writes his name and bid upon a slip of paper, which he places in a box.

A Word for The Mother-in-Law. Are there then no estimable mothers with married daughters? The mother-in-law is not responsible for her position, probably does not admire it.

There is an abundance of stones in Wright county, but surrounding the lake to the extent of five or ten miles there are none. No one can form an idea of the means employed to bring them to the spot or who constructed it.

The Norfolk-Lanark prints a communication from a former officer of the Confederate army giving particulars of a plot, originating with Governor Wise, of Virginia, in January, 1861, for the capture of Fortress Monroe.

The question of the state seceding was pending in the state legislature. The writer induced three orderly sergeants attached to the garrison of the fort and others to place proper men on guard at certain points prepared to surrender.