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A Card to Owners of Rural Telephone Lines

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If the owners of rural telephone lines in this section are experiencing trouble with their service, we will appreciate their talking the matter over with our Manager or writing us fully. We will gladly do what we can toward helping you improve the condition of your line.

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BOX 188, RALEIGH, N. C.

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FREAK NEWS ITEMS.

Odd and Curious Happening Throughout the Country.

The Rev. R. M. Mills, former pastor of the Christian church at Wellsville, Mo., recently was fined \$300 and costs for selling beer. He was unable to pay or give bond, and he and his wife were sent to jail, the woman accompanying him voluntarily.

Clayton McDonald, a prominent young man of Quincy, Fla., was attacked and devoured by a panther while hunting in San Pedro swamp in the Florida Everglades. The panther was killed while devouring the body. The beast measured 11 feet from tip to tip.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vogel, 31 years old, of Denver, Col., recently passed successfully through her third Caesarian operation in three years.

J. J. Murphy, a traveling man, peacefully slept in a bathtub in a hotel at Valparaiso, Ind., when most persons sweated between stifling naps. Murphy said when he got into the tub the cooling water was so comfortable he fell asleep and did not awake until 4 o'clock Thursday morning. He said he never slept better in his life.

Wasylina Venayek, young and fair, of Winnipeg, Canada, sold her life to Steve Haryck for a pair of shoes. They were pretty shoes with high French heels. In return she promised to marry Steve and live with him for life, says Steve. But the contract has been brought into court to test its validity.

In spite of her 84 years, Mrs. Nellie France, of Beaver Hill, Tenn., enjoys remarkable health and for two days recently aided in making hay. On the first day she drove the mower and the second day went to the field and raked all day. "Aunt Nellie" also has a splendid garden which she has made and taken care of herself.

The Rev. Dr. D. H. Kress, an evangelist in Washington, D. C., has figured it out that if wives will starve their husbands they will go a long way toward avoiding divorce. He declared that a milder man and more gentle woman will follow the consumption of less meat.

Because he carelessly dropped his army rifle while in company ranks at the citizens' military training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., Quentin Roosevelt was recently confined for three days to the limits of his company street. The officer responsible for his punishment was Archie Roosevelt, his brother, who is a first sergeant.

This year's fad of stockingless girls bathers at Atlantic seashore resorts is responsible for the prevalence of sharks, in the opinion of Howard Elliott, of Sarasota, Fla., who declares he knows all about the monsters of the deep. "It is a scientific fact," he said, "that a shark will not attack a person wearing clothes."

The town of Baxter Springs, Canada, has undertaken to provide a husband for every unmarried school teacher who desires to wed. According to an advertisement over the signature of R. C. Wear, president of the board of education, every female school teacher in the country is asked to put in an application for a school in Baxter Springs. A wedding guaranteed.

Mrs. Ellen Boston, of Springfield, Mo., has filed suit for divorce against her husband, T. Y. Boston, a prosperous farmer, alleging that he has spent only one dime on her during the years of their married life. Boston is 75 years of age and his wife 72.

Dr. Arthur Warren Walte, awaiting electrocution in Sing Sing prison for the murder of his father-in-law, Dr. John E. Pack, of Grand Rapids, Mich., wounded himself this week with a piece of glass by cutting a cross on his breast. A strict watch will be kept on Walte when he is returned to the death house.

Claiming that she proposed marriage to him every day, but that he declined all proffers, George W. Lewis, a prosperous merchant of Pittsburg, Pa., recently filed answer to the best behavior suit brought against him by Mrs. Clara Preston, a wealthy widow. Mrs. Preston declared that Lewis visited her "continuously and frequently," and that in the course of an ardent courtship she learned to love him. The damage to her heart she has fixed at \$10,000.

Thirty years ago, Charles M. Hall, a quiet, shy boy out in chemistry class at Oberlin college. His professor remarked that a fortune awaited the man who could discover a process of cheapening the cost of aluminum production. The boy remembered the words for years, built an oven in his own home, and became a millionaire; he had discovered the secret. He died recently; in his will he left nearly three million dollars to the college that gave him the inspiration leading to his wealth.

The fairy tale of "Babe in the Wood," has been duplicated in the woods near Lakeside park at Waverly, Conn., by Andrew Yankauskas, nine years old, and his sister, Mary, aged eight. The children left home one morning to go fishing. Losing their way and becoming bewildered, they remained hidden in the woods five days, living on wild berries and sleeping under trees. Their parents had given up hope, believing the children had been drowned, but the pair finally were located by a policeman.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson, living a few miles from Towanda, Pa., was horrified when she went into the yard at her home and found her two-year-old child sitting on the ground and shaking the tail of a three-foot rattlesnake. Snatching the child from the ground, Mrs. Johnson secured a club and killed the snake. Then she examined the baby and found that it had not been touched by the rattle's fangs. According to Mrs. Johnson, the child had been playing with the snake for ten minutes and had crawled over its strange playmate during that time. The snake appeared to be enjoying the child's pranks when the mother interfered.

James Alfano, aged 75 years, and Gustava Genta, aged 70, sustained fatal injuries in a terrific head-on

with knives in Hammond, Ind. Despite their ages the two men fought with all the vigor of fiery youth. Alfano gave up when stabbed near the heart. Gentle lost an ear and the fleshy part of his nose, in addition to sustaining deep body lacerations. More than 50 years ago, it appears, both Alfano and Gentle enlisted in the red shirt army of Garibaldi in Italy. Both loved the same girl. When they returned the girl was dead and the two men never met again until the day of their duel, which resulted from an argument over the girl.

Roy B. Wright, 16 years old, an employe of a butcher shop at Grocley, Colo., removed his own appendix as neatly and efficiently, physicians say, as a surgeon might have done it. The youth has spent years of his life as a carver of beavers. He was cutting meat in the butcher shop when, in stepping from one block to another, he slipped and fell directly upon a carving knife. Associates in the shop hurriedly called in several physicians, one of whom was the young man's father. The surgeons found that the knife had been turned in the wound and had severed the young man's appendix without injury to the flesh about it. He will recover.

Following a violent quarrel, Joseph Kunkis, aged 31, a miner of Curtisville, Pa., rushed upstairs, seized a revolver and returned to the dining room, where the weapon on the table was told his wife to use it on him or he would on her. The six-year-old daughter, Lela, unnervered, hid under the table. The wife, fearing he would shoot, grabbed the revolver and fired five shots under the table. The husband then knocked his wife to the floor, and as he did so he discovered the girl there, shot. He took the dying child to a nearby physician, but she expired just as he entered the office door.

Styles of shoes, especially for women, will be of the "common stock variety instead of expensive high-top kind," next season, according to statements of manufacturers made at the convention of the Illinois Shoe Dealers' association in Chicago. The colors will be dull grays and champagnes, due to the shortage of dyes. The prediction also was made that there would be an increase of from 25 to 40 per cent in the price of shoes during winter on account of the war in Europe, which has shut off the supply of dyestuffs and imported leather. "Unless the world develops a substitute for leather within two years, America will be the next wooden shoe nation," it was asserted at the convention.

Although William Beattie, of Chicago, coachman for the late James Hobart Moore, multi-millionaire, is said to possess property valued at more than \$100,000, he is today performing the service which has been his custom for nearly 25 years. Beattie had been in the employ of Moore for some years, when, as a result of the latter's Diamond Match operations, the millionaire became a pauper over night. "I was in an awful fix," Moore used to say. "I was worth less than nothing, when Beattie came to me. He had been to the bank and had drawn out every cent he had saved, \$2,000. 'Take it,' he said. 'Moore accepted the sum to tide him over, and paid back the \$2,000 many times."

Suffering from the shock of the discovery that for nine years she has been her brother's wife, Mrs. Roger Newton is critically ill in a hospital in Newton, Mass., and an interesting case is pending for the divorce courts. It is a strange happening, this story of Roger Newton and his wife—brother and sister. They were born on a farm in the eastern part of the state of Washington, and when they were young the death of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fogley, broke up the family. Nellie, a girl three years old, went to live with relatives in California, later moving to Globe, Ariz., where the family migrated there. Roger Fogley, a babe, was sent to a foundling home in Spokane, Wash. Roger Fogley later was adopted by a man named Newton, and it was as Roger Newton that he grew to manhood, left the home where he had been raised and started out in the world to make his own living. He wandered around through the Pacific coast states for a year or two, then secured employment at Globe, Ariz., and settled there. It was not long until he met pretty Miss Nellie Fogley. The friendship which followed ripened into love, and finally brother and sister, never dreaming of their relationship, were married. For nine years they lived very happily. Then, one day, Mrs. Newton went to the parrot to clean it, and, in rummaging through an old trunk belonging to her husband, she discovered an aged daguerro-type of her own parents. Excitations followed, and husband and wife stood before each other as brother and sister.

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