

Bitter Recollection.

A sad looking man went into a chemist's. "Can you give me," he asked, "something that will drive from my mind the thought of sorrow and bitter recollection?" And the druggist nodded and put him up a little dose of quinine and wormwood, and rhubarb and opium salts, and a dash of castor oil and gave it to him, and for six months the man could not think of anything in the world except new schemes for getting the taste out of her mouth.

A London dispatch from Vienna says that it is reported the powers have addressed a collective note to Greece demanding the withdrawal of her naval and military forces from the island of Crete within forty-eight hours, failing which, the port of Pirraeus will be blockaded and general hostilities commenced.

A Toothless Family.

A queer family was found near Lapaz, Ind., the other day. It consists of a family without a tooth. James Leonard is the father. He is past fifty years of age, and has passed this much of his life sound and healthy, without the assistance of a molar or even a baby tooth. None ever grew. Twenty years ago he married a woman who had as fine a set of teeth as could be found. She still possesses them. They had four children, all of whom are full grown and perfect in regard to health, but who, like their father, never had a tooth in their head. Their gums, however, come down much further than is ordinarily the case, and are as hard and firm as a bone. No member of this family ever lays awake at night with the toothache.

The Small Boy.

An exchange says that a teacher in a school in one of the Western cities was trying to impress upon the mind of the smallest class in arithmetic the value of United States money. She first asked the children how many dimes made a dollar, and they readily answered "ten." To her question of how many cents made a dime she received the same reply. She then said: "Now, children, I am going to ask you a more difficult question. Can any one tell me how many mills make a cent?"

At first there was silence, and then a small boy near the foot held up his hand, and on being told to give the answer, said:

"My papa says now that McKinley is elected not a damn mill will make a cent."

A Contested Election Case Decided.

A contested election case of long standing—Quinn vs. Lattimore—was finally decided by the Supreme Court last week, Judge Furches writing the decision.

The action was brought by quo warranto for the purpose of trying the title to the office of clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, resulting from the election of 1894. Quinn is a populist and Lattimore a democrat.

The judgment of the court is that Quinn was duly elected to the office of clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, and is entitled to the same, and the fees and emoluments thereof from the first Monday in December, 1894, and for the next four years then next ensuing.

Force of Habit.

A laughable story is told of an old miser, who, being at the point of death, resolved to give all his money to his nephew at whose hands he had expected some little kindness. "Sam," said he, for that was his nephew's name, "Sam, I am about to leave the world, and to leave you all my money. You will then have fifty thousand dollars. Only think! Yes, I feel weaker and weaker. I think I shall die in two hours. Oh, yes, Sam, I'm going! Give me two per cent, and you may take the money now."

Mr. St John Dead.

A private telegram informs us that Mr. Wm. F. St. John, the patriotic New York bank president who resigned his highly salaried position rather than yield his convictions on the subject of free coinage, and afterwards became treasurer of the national silver party in the late campaign, died suddenly Monday morning—Fayetteville Observer.

Dr. Eugene Gleason, formerly superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum, is now assistant physician of Colorado Asylum. His health is restored—News and Observer.

Things Worth Knowing.

Congress has appropriated \$250,000 for the free distribution of seeds.

The debt of the world amounts to the enormous sum of \$22,000,000,000.

The United States last year produced 36,000,000 barrels of fermented liquors.

Last year 14,094,918 head of cattle were delivered at the Chicago stock yards.

Philadelphia consumed 1,996,734 barrels of beer in 1896, an increase of 176,630 over 1895.

Thirty years ago Berlin was smaller than Philadelphia, and now it is larger by a half a million.

The citizens of New Hampshire have raised \$8,700 with which they will erect a statue of President Pierce in some appropriate place.

Surgical instruments are now made of wood, which is afterwards completely covered with a layer of nickel, electrically deposited.

Sir John Lubbock who has been considering the ant and its ways for many years, has ascertained that these active insects may live to the age of 15 years.

A Vermont man, who has carried the mail twelve miles twice a day and received the munificent sum of 1 cent for the four years, is to have \$96 for the next four years.

There is at present but one living ex-President of the United States, and but one living ex-Vice President of the United States, and both were recently at the capitol on the same day.

The Boston library has 628,000 volumes, with 13,000 separate editions of Shakespeare's works. It stands second to the congressional library at Washington in the number of its volumes.

In a recent editorial the New York World springs a lively sensation by charging that the sugar trust on a capital of only \$24,000,000 clears annually something in the neighborhood of \$38,000,000.

Some years ago the Rev. Dr. Crano, the father of Stephen Crane, the novelist, wrote a tract on popular amusements in which he condemned novel reading as one of the vices of the age.

Queen Victoria's apartments in the new hotel at Cimiez comprise more than 140 rooms. Most of them have been sumptuously decorated for royal occupancy, much of the furniture having been purchased in London. The queen's bed, easy chair and footstool were brought from Windsor castle.

The Rhode Island Agricultural Station, has published a bulletin giving the results of experiments made by planting potatoes in pots in a greenhouse, then transplanting them out of doors. Another method was to expose small potatoes as large as hen's eggs to heat and light for six weeks, to develop a strong bud and roots before planting them. Both plants gave a better yield especially the last, which resulted in a gain of thirty-two bushels to the acre.

Straight whiskeys make crooked roads.

When anger arises good judgment takes a back seat.

An explosion in a sausage factory is what produces a meteoric shower.

A faint heart never won fair lady, but a faint whisper often catches her.

You very often run against men who are not so anxious about the dollar of their fathers as they are about the dollar of their father-in-law.

It is said that George Washington offered himself to five women before he was accepted. Just think how this country had to go around begging for a mother.—Orange [Va.] Observer.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert witnessed the naval manoeuvres of the North Atlantic squadron at Charleston, S. C., last week.

Joseph Iasiga, Turkish Consul General at Boston, Mass., is locked up in the Tombs prison, New York, accused of embezzling over \$200,000, in connection with the trusteeship of two estates in Massachusetts.

One reason why the people never pay attention to the signs and advertisements daubed on old fences, stables and bridges, is because they do not know whether they are reading advertisements of some firm that is still in business, or one that has been dead for years. When people read the advertisements of a newspaper that is up to date they know the advertiser is alive and doing business.—Morristown [Min.] Press.

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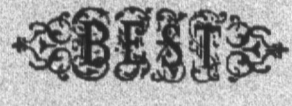
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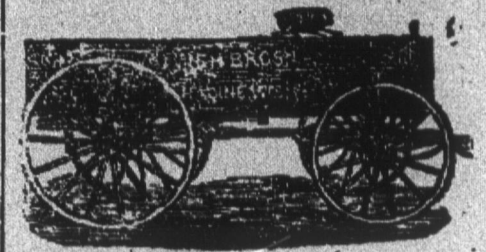
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