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OBSERVATIONS.

May is one of the unluckiest months for marriages. The other unluckiest months are June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April.

A Kentucky man has written 33,333 words on a postal card, balancing the odd 333 on its edges. Some folks have a grand idea of his and his responsibilities.

Jay Gould's income is only \$8,000,000 per year; but he manages to get along by "scrapping" his comforts a little.

When the types are made to say that an honest man is the noblest work of God, it is time to throw glass bottles at the compositor.

Liquor is no longer considered an antidote for snake bites. It is more apt to be an inducement to snakes to bite.

Wash. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, says there is not an editor in the South who perhaps in heaven he may be induced to be trumpeted by the angel Gabriel.

The editor of the Boston Globe was startled the other day when his telephone suddenly broke loose with him: "Do you want those bags of flour put up full weight?"

Gen. Benl F. Butler having announced that he "feels like a boy again," the Boston Herald is wicketed enough to suggest that he probably means the "old boy."

The young Jerseyman who married a girl in spite of her suddenly becoming blind after the engagement, will get his reward. His wife will never see him do anything but weep.

The State of Vermont makes the boast that it never owned a slave, and that no State in the old thirteen can say so much. The Green Mountains boys did not think slave-holding would be profitable.

Song of the bee—"Hum, hum, sweet, sweet, see it ever so bumble, there's no place like hum."

The Rochester (N. Y.) Herald is level-headed when it remarks: "A wagon wheel will go without grease, but after a while you'll hear it squeal."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Gen. Butler averages \$300,000 from his law practice every year. His political onslaughts in Massachusetts are merely his diversions.

In 1872 English manufacturers exported to the United States carpets to the value of \$1,610,511. In 1879 the trade had fallen to \$365,401.

The Woman's National Christian Temperance union numbers 50,000 members. The women of the South are taking up the work, and the membership is rapidly increasing in all the States.

It is estimated that the internal revenue receipts will aggregate this year \$135,000,000, or about \$10,000,000 more than last year. The increase is due to the increased production of cigars and cigarettes.

Some Texas farmers will try the experiment of importing the Lubbock beetles from Russia. These beetles are very voracious, and live on grasshoppers, locusts, cotton worms and everything else that destroys crops.

A citizen of the neighboring State of Ohio says: "Gen. Garfield is an Ohio man, proud of the fair fame of his great names, and he has long burned with passionate indignation over Conkling's trailing Kate Chase's reputation in the mud. It is a feeling that has given Gen. Garfield's heart many a passionate throb, and has long made him dislike Mr. Conkling and anxious to see him take a back seat in American politics."

The first telephone was finished January 15th, 1876. During the succeeding five years the wonderful little instrument has come into daily use in civilized countries, as well as in Egypt, China, and other places not usually included in the term civilized. Only one city in the United States is now without a telephone exchange. There are 408 of such exchanges, and 132,392 instruments in use in the country. Speech was recently transmitted from Tours to Brest, a distance of 800 miles.

Several weeks ago a remarkably beautiful model was posing before the "life class" of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington. She was all the models are, was provided with a mask to hide her identity. She was posing as "Psyche" when suddenly she fell forward in faint. Her mask flew off, and the student recognized the features as those of the widow of an ex-General in the Union army. She is possessed of a large fortune, but her very remarkable splendid figure induced her to appear as a model.

The latest novelty in the building line, says a London letter, and one that seems to top all others "before or since," is Mr. Sassoon's whim of constructing a stable on the top of his house, just built in Belgrave square. Ground is, of course, very valuable in this aristocratic locality, and is a matter of consideration to a man of even Mr. Sassoon's wealth, and a double purpose is achieved by putting the horses upstairs. The smell of stables is avoided. So far the experiment has succeeded admirably. The horses are hoisted up to their sky-parlor in a shuttered lift, and do not seem to object in the least to their novel mode of ascent.

"Gath" and Postmaster James. "Are you less happy here than when postmaster of New York?" asked Gath of Postmaster-General James.

"In one respect I am relieved. My financial responsibility as postmaster of New York was so terrible that I sometimes at night, while in my bed, I would begin to think it over, and it would make me so sleepless that I would get up and put on my clothes and come down to the post office at night. You see, the money-order business of the New York post office is over \$50,000,000 a year. For every cent of that I was responsible as long as it was in my custody. Then I was responsible for all the postage stamps sold to me as postmaster. My securities were bound to the government for everything that could be stolen. There had been some defalcation just previous to my time, out of which my predecessor only escaped by the sacrifice of his property, though some of the mere clerks were at fault. I have to give no security as post-master-general, and therefore have only to think of the administration of the department and not about the weakness of human nature."

A North Carolina Cotton Picker. Memphis Appeal.

O. R. Smith writes the Raleigh (N. C.) Observer that he has worked his cotton picker for two years, worn it out, and proved that he is the first man that ever picked a bale of cotton with machinery and sold it for the same as hand-picked cotton, and never touched it. The machine gathers three-fourths of the open cotton in going over once, and shows a better sample of cotton from the same field than hand-picked, for it gathers nothing but the perfect cotton. It can be made to gather a bale an hour, where the cotton is well opened. Smith says that he will have one of his machines on exhibition at the Atlanta exposition next October. If he could not send one to this city for exhibition, he would like to have it on the 25th.

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WITTY WAIFS FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The name of the lady to whom James Gordon Bennett is said to be engaged is Amelia Caroline Gasparine Leopoldine Henriette Louise Elizabeth Françoise Maximilienne. When Jim asked her to be his, he had the name set up in small pica type, and a proof of the article taken. Then when he came to that part of the declaration where it was necessary to call her by her name, he handed over the proof slip.

A gentleman met a rather "uncertain" acquaintance the other day, when the latter said: "I'm a little short, and would like to ask a conundrum in mental arithmetic." "Proceed," said the gentleman. "Well," said the "short" man, "suppose you had \$10 in your pocket, and I should ask you for \$5, how much would remain?" "Ten dollars," was the prompt answer.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Correspondents are notified that the sentence, "This sad event has cast a gloom over the entire community," is kept standing in this office, so that it will be unnecessary to include it in reports concerning the demise of agricultural machinery. "Proceed," said the gentleman. "Well," said the "short" man, "suppose you had \$10 in your pocket, and I should ask you for \$5, how much would remain?" "Ten dollars," was the prompt answer.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Norman Lockyer, the astronomer, has discovered that the moon is getting off its balance and will some day pay our earth an unexpected visit. As if there are not enough moon-struck people on this earth without such a catastrophe! Anyhow, we shall "not be at home" when she makes her visit.—Norriston Herald.

The population of Rhode Island has increased so much within the past ten years that the bootblack there has been obliged to hire an assistant.—Philadelphia News. The immigrant who has caused this rush of business is probably from St. Louis.

Of the cultivable land in this country only 11 1/2 per cent. is in use. And yet lots of young men had rather brace up against the side of a brick block and decorate the pavement with tobacco juice than to seize the plow and go sowing wheat.

The Oakland girl never resents a slight or injury inflicted by her lover. She is tranquil, self-centered and superior to temper, but with sleepless and impatient malevolence, she awaits her opportunity and marries him alive.—San Francisco Wasp.

"Oh Lord," prayed a Methodist minister, "keep me humble and poor." Oh, Lord, if thou wilt keep him humble," said the deacon, who next prayed, "we will keep him poor."—Galveston News.

Brady and the Campaign Soap.

A Washington paper prints the following, which the friends of the Starry and Dorsey claim represents the Dorsey and Brady side of the story about the letter from the President in regard to raising funds:

After the government clerks, messengers, scriveners and common laborers had been assessed three times, and the money was nearly all spent, Congressman Hubbell bethought himself of the Star mail contracts, and with the industry and sagacity for which he was noted, made his way to the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Brady, and laid the case before him. The committee wanted money. All branches of the public service had been tapped but the mail contractors, and the demand for soap was still urgent. Indiana had to be bought, and the army of negro colonists and black and white ballot box stuffers, precinct workers, detectives, clerks, stump speakers, and special agents, supported for nearly two months, Brady knew who could afford to be tapped, and just how much of a drain they could stand, and consequently Mr. Hubbell expected him to co-operate with him immediately and efficiently. To his great surprise, Brady refused to comply with his request. Hubbell urged and Brady consented to act, provided the President, Mr. Hayes, authorized him to do so in writing. This Mr. Hayes declined to do. The method was too notorious, it was said. Brady was again appealed to, and again refused to act, either directly or indirectly. The pressure grew stronger as the need for money became more urgent, and it was at last agreed that if the candidate, Garfield, would write to him (Brady) to do so, he would in some roundabout way undertake the job. The amount required, or at least expected, was \$25,000, although at one time \$40,000 was the figure contemplated.

The next step was to induce candidate Garfield to make the request, and accordingly a letter was written him by Congressman Hubbell, in which he informed him that if he asked General Brady in writing to raise the money required, or any part of it, out of his department, the request would be acceded to.

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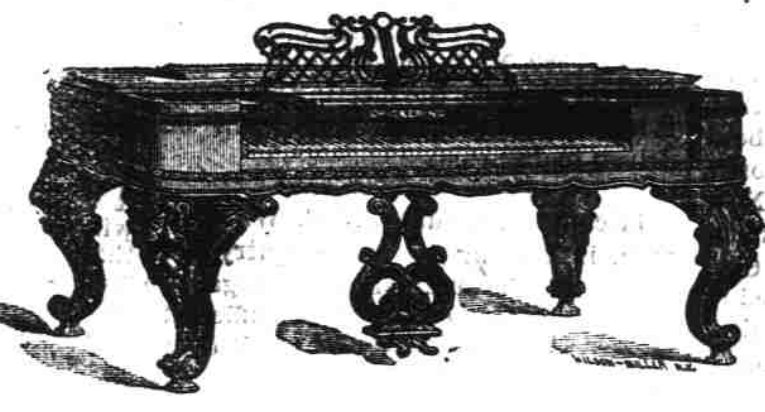
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