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New Bargains!

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T. S. ROGERS.

Clerk Board County Commissioners, nov182dw

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A MISER'S DEATH.

An Eccentric Old Man Commits Suicide by Hanging.

An Albany, N. Y., telegram says: John Hurley, an eccentric old miser, a resident of Fultonville, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging himself in a dilapidated house a short distance from the town. Hurley's miserly habits had grown on him to such an extent that it was impossible for his family, who are very poor, to keep him from hanging himself. He purchased a new house a short time ago, and as the family would not live and sleep in one room as he wanted them to do, and allow him to sleep in an adjoining woodshed, he refused to support them. Upon leaving them he went to Fonda and boarded during the summer with a family a short distance out of town. He returned to Fultonville a few weeks ago, and driving a family out of a tenant house owned by him, lived there alone. It was here that he was found hanging last night by a rope which he had fastened to the rafters of the house. He had apparently been dead some time. The reason for his committing suicide cannot be explained except by those who claim that he has been deranged for some time. He threatened several times to leave his property, which amounts to about \$10,000, to the Catholic Church, instead of to his family, and it is not yet known what disposition he made of it. He was about 65 years of age, and leaves a widow, a daughter and a son. The latter is a drawing-room-car conductor on one of the western roads.

Catching Cold.

An English physician writes thus upon the subject of "catching cold."

More men understand the general principles of household sanitation than understand how to protect themselves against cold, "while women, as a rule, know positively nothing about it, and after years of experience will continue the predisposing causes with a sang froid which will be pronounced admirable or lamentable according to the degree of alarm which their colds create. Men wear warm

clothes, and sit in draughts without head covering, women bundle themselves up for a walk or drive, but sit before open windows without wraps. Invalids throw off their comforters in draughts of wind, and are

not aware that otherwise they will be chilly when out of the house. They might just as well take them off for half their journey, and wear them for the remainder. While people of both sexes will try anything, from brandy and water, or rum and honey, or rock and rye, to the colored compounds of laudanum, of which most remedies for colds are made, quoting an eminent medical authority, "there are practically just two efficient remedies, and as a rule, unless really ill, they will take neither. One is to confine the patient for forty-eight hours to a single room with an equable temperature, and the other to stupefy themselves with quinine. As it is so no use arguing with people who are not to be reasoned with, a few practical hints on preventing colds are given for their benefit. The one which our authority puts to the fore from the respect to the liability of catching cold in bed; parents are aware that little children catch cold from insufficiency of covering, but that does not deter older persons from using a regulation quantity of blanket, without reference to a thermometer, sleeping without flannel coverings, walking about the room in their gowns, and often in unsuited feet."

The head is especially liable to cold, and particularly if the hair is thin a down draught on the head will give cold to those liable to it quicker than any other form of local chill. Half the colds endured by the people over 50 would be avoided by the wearing of a little cap whenever a draught is blowing, and it is always blowing toward a bright fire. Next to draught on the head, a draught on the neck is the most certainly productive cause of colds. In most houses in dining rooms and parlors, especially of hotels, as well as in railroad and street cars, even when the doors are closed, a draught along the floor is always perceptible, and does far greater mischief than the *courant d'air* from a wide open door or window, of which the French people have such a dread. The importance of proper protection for the feet and ankles is therefore manifest. Again, an immense number of people are liable to contract cold by the mouth and nostrils. With some no part of the body is so sensitive in this respect as the membrane of the nostril, which men never protect, and women, at best, but with a thin veil. Those who are in good health may denounce wrappings, and harden themselves by facing the cold out of doors, by exercise in the open air, and by the daily douche of cold water. But those of more delicate organization will do well to heed the suggestions above given. Air, cold as it may be, injures very few indeed, but draughts are the errands of misery from colds, and the promoters of consumption.

A Remarkable Fish.

From the New York Tribune.

Quite a curiosity of the fishy tribe was recently caught here by Mr. T. S. Gaskill, it having become entangled in his nets. The fish is four feet three inches long, has wings, which are joined to the shoulders, being somewhat similar to a bird's. It is not a flying fish, but seems to be a cross between that and a shark. Its head is flat, with a very large mouth and open eyes. The fore part of the head is covered with a hard, bony armor. It is liver colored, mottled, with a beautiful streak of bright pink on its body. It has never been seen anything like it before. Six young fishes, each three inches long, perfectly formed, were found, each in its own egg, when the wonder was dissected.

Singing Doves and Taps That Play Tunes.

From the New York Tribune.

A few years ago dolls that could be made to open or shut the eyes or cry or say "mama" were considered great novelties. Now some dolls are on exhibition which sing "Wait till the clouds roll by," "Jennie," etc. Another invented is a musical toy, which, upon plays tunes.

A Druggist's Story.

Mr. Isaac C. Chapman, Druggist, New York, writes us: "I have for the past ten years sold several gross of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I can say of it what I cannot say of any other medicine. I have never heard of a customer speak of it but to praise its virtues in the highest manner. I have recommended it in a great many cases of Whooping Cough, with the happiest effects. I have used it in my own family for many years; in fact always have a bottle in the medicine closet ready for use."

Stronger than Horses.

Mervine Thompson, the champion Canadian wrestler, gave an outdoor exhibition of his great strength last evening. He said that he would pull against any team of horses in the city or county, and would give \$100 to the owner of the team if the horses succeeded in pulling him from a ladder. Thompson quickly removed his coat, vest and hat. A harness resembling a pair of shoulder braces, with a great deal of stronger, was thrown over his shoulders and around his waist, with two large straps left dangling from the small of his back. Then lying face downward upon the ladder, fixed in a horizontal position, securely lashed to a telegraph pole, he grasped a round of the ladder with both hands and placed his feet firmly against another flat round at the foot of the ladder. A team was hitched to these straps, and then commenced the tug of war. The large pair of horses started, strained and tugged. But in vain. The man pulled and the horses pulled. After making three or four futile attempts, this team was removed and a