

Thomas A. Edison's First Check.

The other day a smooth-faced man, wearing handsome clothes and displaying a soiled collar and necktie all awry and shoes that never experienced the skillful manipulations of a bootblack...

He looked like a tramp, but he really is one of the most famous men in the world, and his name is known in every part of the globe. His name is Thomas Alva Edison, and he was once a peanut boy and a news butcher on a jerkwater railroad in the Buckeye State.

He had heard of Wall street and its bulls and bears, and had been told it was full of "sharks" who would fleece a man very quick. So he made up his mind that Wall street was a very dangerous place, and that if he ever had occasion to go there he would be lucky if he got away without losing his overcoat and umbrella.

Edison was given \$40,000 in large bills. After dividing the roll in two wads of \$20,000 each he stuffed one into each trousers pocket, buttoned up his coat as tightly as possible, and made a break to get out of Wall street as quick as he could.

Wheat Growing in North Carolina. Agricultural Bulletin. We frequently hear it asserted, "there is no money in growing wheat in this section, and it is useless to attempt it."

The Best Salve in the World for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblain, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positive cures Piles, or no pay required.

The Joyner Case—Solicitor Long Interested.

Solicitor Long sent the following letter to the New York Herald, on January 10th, in regard to the Joyner case:

The county of Randolph, wherein Roy T. N. Joyner reports that very grave assaults and outrages have lately been perpetrated upon himself and wife, in this (slight) judicial district, of which I am the State's prosecuting attorney and Hon. B. F. Armfield is the resident judge.

Found in the Newspaper. From Cresco, Iowa, "Plainsdealer": "We have never, as our readers for nearly thirty years can testify, written a puff of any patent medicine."

Proof Reading. If the readers of newspapers understood one-half of the difficulties in procuring accuracy, instead of wondering and scolding at mistakes, they would be surprised that there are not many more.

The New Discovery. You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is.

A Sound Legal Opinion. E. Bainbridge Munday Esq., County Atty., Clay Co., Tex. says: "I have used Electric Bitters with most happy results."

Ladies Have Tried It. A number of my lady customers have tried "Mothers Friend" and would not be without for many times its cost. They recommend it to all who are or to become mothers.

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ON A WESTERN RIVER.

A Story of the Days When Disasters Were Frequent. An Experiment on the Growler That Was Not the Hottest Success. The Captain Had Predicted—A Fire Alarm and Its Result.

About the time the closing scenes of the play were being enacted, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, the steamboats were burned, one after another, at various points on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers at their tributaries.

Suddenly an idea sprang up, and was seized upon as being a very good and sensible one if properly carried out. It was to organize the officers of a boat into a fire brigade and drill them in such a manner that in case of fire each man would understand his duty and be found at his post when called upon in the hour of danger and need.

Of course rehearsals were necessary and frequent to make the men perfect in the performance of their duties. The experiment soon became such a success that quite a number of boats adopted the plan and began boasting of their success.

Among those who had mentioned Old Jim Crowler, captain and owner of the one-belled, flat-bottomed, stern-wheel steamer Growler. The Growler towed rafts and did a general business on the bosom of the upper Bitowater and could run down stream like a wild locomotive when she was feeling good.

The negroes were all over the boat—upstairs and down, some singing, some dancing, some asleep. On the Growler crew, Old Captain Jim remarked to his guests: "Are you ready? Here goes. Watch 'em!"

A citizen of Exton, Ga., smokes about two pipes of tobacco yearly in a pipe that he calls "the mathematical pipe" to calculate that if that were the average amount used in the pipe since its first day, 2,000 pounds of the wood he had been burned in it, and if the first \$10 had been put out at compound interest at the rate of 10 per cent it would now have grown to the sum of \$1,755,443,200.

We Caution All Against Them. The unprecedented success and merit of Ely's Cream Balm—a real cure for catarrh, hay fever and cold in the head—has induced many adventurers to place catarrh medicines bearing some resemblance in appearance, style or name upon the market.

GOOD DOG STORIES.

Canine Wisdom, Heroism, Loyalty and Other Qualities. Remarkable Intelligence Displayed by an Illinois Dog—A Philadelphia Pet's Presence of Mind—How a Red Setter Killed a Hawk.

A dog at Greenwood Lake is twenty-one years old and has killed in his life over sixty rattlesnakes. He has been bitten by them four times and still lives. A very lazy dog lives at Oakland, Cal. He likes to lie all day in the shade of a small tree in his master's yard.

It was a wise and humane dog that saved two men's lives in Illinois recently. He aroused his master, and after persistent efforts got him to follow to the railroad track, where he found two men lying across the main track under their cart and horse, which had been overturned.

A gang of men were at work near Johnston, about the 1st of August, removing debris. Soon they came upon a pile of logs in the shape of a cone at least a dozen feet high. The logs were in such a symmetrical shape that it looked as though they were put together by human hands.

Bob, a red setter, owned by Charles W. Cooley, of Paradise township, Pa., keeps guard over the backyard fowls, follows the clucking mother hen and their broods from one place to another, and is low for her hen-hawks. Last summer Bob did nothing of the kind, but here he was seen in a corner, hen-hawk winged down and cowering off a smothering chicken, and sometimes he has taken upon himself the task of watching over all the fowls on the premises.

Something New in Snake Stories. Henry Smith, of Brook Center, Conn., was in the highway on his way to his day's work in the fields when he suddenly beheld in the road what seemed to him a curious creature.

"I see, I forgot all about the damned fool negro boy!" there, he answered, apologetically, "I ought to have told 'em 'bout it afore I hollered fire, oughten I?"

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Table with columns: SOUTHBOUND, No. 56, N. 57, and NORTHBOUND, No. 58, N. 59. Lists stations and times for various routes.

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CRAIG & CLEMENT, Attorneys at Law. SALISBURY, N. C. Feb. 3rd, 1889.

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Table with columns: Train No. 56, West Bound, and Train No. 57, East Bound. Lists stations and times.

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