

We are told that the wolves devour twenty thousand Russians a year.

A ton of ropes, made from the hair of the women of Japan, is used in building the \$3,000,000 Buddhist Temple at Kioto.

Toronto, Canada, with 150,000 inhabitants, has no Sunday paper, no open saloon, nor street cars on the Sabbath.

A well known historian has made the discovery that George Washington never danced. There were times in his life when he walked in a dignified way through a minuet. But the Father of our Country never capered.

The Consolidated Railroad of Connecticut has adopted a belt-ringing toll to save workmen of a bridge. The car wheels strike an automatic fixture on the track as a bridge is approached, and the warning is then given the whole length of the train.

The Portland Statesman speaks of Oregon as the land of "the big red apples." The San Francisco Alta suggests adopting the name in place of "Web-foot." "The Red Apple State" sounds appetizing, and is full of the sentimental memories dear to people who love the king of fruits.

It is said that one effect of the Emperor William's death is that fully 30,000 Germans who fled to England to escape conscription during the Franco-Prussian war will now be at liberty to visit the fatherland without being arrested for desertion, as their offense was only coeval with the Emperor's reign.

The Japanese students at Cornell University have a way of cooking English sparrows so that they make a very palatable dish, and the faps like them so much that they make a standing order of three cents apiece for all the sparrows brought to them.

Says a Washington correspondent: "There is no reason for the absurd report that Chief Justice Fuller will have to shave off his big, beautiful white mustache in order to meet the traditional wishes of the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Matthews, Mr. Justice Field and Mr. Justice Lamar, of the present Court all wear mustaches."

A great prodigy of memory was Daniel McCartney, who died in an Iowa poor house last winter. He could repeat 200 hymns verbatim, and remembered what he had eaten for breakfast, dinner and supper for forty years back. He could rattle any number under 40 to its sixth power instantly. And even if given a number above 40, as for instance 89, he would give it its sixth power, 496,981, 209,961, in a few minutes.

Flowers are making gardens of the pavements in New York, announces the Graphic. Women seem to be wearing them more than ever. At four o'clock in the afternoon on Broadway the pink, yellow and white blossoms will tend to the promenaders a festive air. There are forms of extravagance which everybody tolerates, and buying flowers is one of them. A florist asserts that he did a business of \$47,000 last year in bouquets and boxes of loose flowers. When to this trade is added the dinner and call orders the business of this one man must be easily over \$100,000 per annum. It may be safely assumed that more than a million dollars are annually expended for flowers in New York City alone.

The United States Treasury pays \$32,000 a year for reporting the debates, whether Congress sits for one month or for twelve, as the official reporters, like most of the clerks, are paid by the year, though they seldom do more than twelve months' work in the twenty-four months that make up a Congressional term. Over \$150,000 are appropriated for clerks to committees who have about the suggestiveness of the performance of their duties, and that only when Congress is in session. When the adjournment takes place the good clerks go home, and on the first of every month the Sergeant-at-Arms forwards a check for the salary due him, just the same as if he were engaged in the Government service every working day in the year. It requires \$684,000 to keep up the annual pay roll of the officers, clerks and messengers that stand about under the dome of the Capitol to do the bidding of our 401 working Congressmen.

Another idol is shattered in the person of Miss Minnie Freeman, the Nebraska school teacher, who was reported at the time of the great blizzard in January last to have saved her pupils after a difficult and heroic struggle. It appears that the story was an entire fabrication, and was telegraphed by her lover, a telegraph operator, to an Omaha paper. The facts in the case are, that instead of tying her pupils together and accompanying them home, two of the large boys escorted her home, and say she would have perished if they had not done so. Notwithstanding the situation, she continues to receive money which the stories of her heroism had prompted kind-hearted individuals to send her. The Nebraska States Journal suggests that she would do an extremely graceful thing by turning over the contributions she has received to the unfortunate teachers, Miss Royce, Miss Chatterock and Miss Lena Welfale, who really performed heroic deeds on this occasion. Such an act would be all the more appropriate because Miss Freeman is rich and well, while the other teachers named are poor and suffering from their injuries.

A STREAM THAT FLOWS FOREVER.

In Willow Brook I lost my hook, And long I stood and waited; But not a trout could I fling out; Though well my hook was baited; Nor did I complain, while yet no gain Repaid my stick endeavor; I only sought to take a thought From the stream that flows forever.

But I was told by one not old (I wondered he should know it), The hook must skip, and bob, and dip, And so, and so, you throw it, And many a trout was hurried out To pay his debt endeavor—I only sought to take a thought From the stream that flows forever.

His trout now dead, had others bred, For life is ever flowing; This sorrowful, unfurled to-day, Six thousand years ago, I thought, The ripples glided, and tripped, and danced, With steps that lingered never; While yet I sought to take a thought From the stream that flows forever.

The brooklet drains the hoarded gains The mountain-bank secure; Each drop is dead that fills its bed, The stream alone endures. Be woe to those who, like the fish, Succession thoughtless hurry, Jehovah's thought both all things caught In the stream that flows forever. —A. E. Allaben, in Overland.

A "TERRIBLE MISTAKE."

Mr. Jones Jones requested to draw two weeks' salary, and for reasons with which I trust you are acquainted, seek another position.

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"A BANK IN A HOLE."

DROVERS' DEPARTMENT BY AN OLD EM-PLOYE.

What was that? The Drovers' Bank defrauded? Why, he used to be cashier at the Drovers' Bank. What a long time it seemed since he had stood at the cashier's desk, and yet it was only yesterday. He didn't care now about Mr. Knicker's note. Beth's message had indicated a so much deeper sting that he had almost forgotten the note, but he would read the article, and he thought he should feel pleased to learn that Knicker had been cheated.

"This morning when P. V. Knicker, the President of the Drovers' Bank, reached the office, he found a note telling him that his cashier, John Jones, was ill, and would be unable to be at his desk to-day. Mr. Knicker is a very careful man in business matters, and he decided to take the duties of cashier upon himself until Mr. Jones was in a condition to relieve him. He, accordingly, unlocked the vaults and prepared for work. Soon after Mr. Knicker's son presented a check for a large amount, and upon referring to the record of yesterday's business, Mr. Knicker found a package of ten \$100 bills had been deposited. He immediately decided to use one of those bills in vaulting the check, and, going to the vault, removed the package supposed to contain the \$100 bills. He immediately decided to use one of those bills in vaulting the check, and, going to the vault, removed the package supposed to contain the \$100 bills. He immediately decided to use one of those bills in vaulting the check, and, going to the vault, removed the package supposed to contain the \$100 bills.

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