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A colored man by the name of Ross, who was lately convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged at Brandenburg, Ky., was granted a new trial on the ground that he had not been convicted by a jury of his peers. There was no colored man on the jury that tried him.

The taste for realism is extending, observes the Commercial Advertiser. In Nova Scotia the other day three small boys, under eight years of age, found and gagged another small boy, and succeeded in playing "killing pig" successfully that they cut his throat fatally to get the proper flow of blood.

Lord Wolsey says that one of the bravest men he ever knew is Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald Graham, V. C., who was in chief command at the battle of El Teb, in Africa. Graham is several inches over six feet in height, and rather indolent physically. Many times Wolsey has seen him endanger his life rather than take a few extra steps in safety.

One Lafal, a weather-beaten gypsy, has petitioned the Emperor of Austria to allow him to be invested everywhere with the sovereignty of all gypsies, offering to do so in return for a small tract of land which would not let Israel go, and also, if his petition be granted, to make the gypsies cease from vagrancy and become serviceable citizens.

An international congress of nearly five hundred physicians lately in session at Paris was practically unanimous that consumption, or tuberculosis, is contagious and transmissible between man and beast. There was unanimity also as to the prime necessity of boiling milk and cooking meat well as a preventive of much of the consumption which now afflicts the human race.

Recent arrivals from the Hawaiian Islands declare that the Government is insolvent, and that nothing can prevent bankruptcy in the near future. The reform Government, which came into power on the downfall of the Gibson Ministry, has simply used any coin in sight to pay current expenses, with no thought of future settlement. The public debt of Hawaii may be put in round numbers at \$2,750,000, for which the only security is Crown lands and Government buildings at Honolulu, which under forced sale would not realize half its amount.

"Five million people upon the globe are now dependent on the electric current for their daily bread," so said Mr. W. H. Preece, at the recent meeting of the British Association held at Bath. "Scarcely a week passes," he continued, "without some fresh practical application of its principles, and we seem to be only on the shore of that sea of economy and beneficence which expands with every new discovery of the properties of electricity, and spreads already beyond the mental grasp of any one single worker." And what is in store beyond for man's research and conquest who shall say?

Statistics are not always interesting reading, observes the New York Graphic, yet can any one fail to find cause for rejoicing when he reads the fact that the army of American school children who have resumed their studies numbers over 11,000,000? The latest data furnished by the Government shows that there are nearly 15,000,000 scholars enrolled upon the lists of our schools, and that the average daily attendance is fully 11,000,000. Curiously enough the greatest progress in this line is evidenced where one would least expect it. The Territory of Dakota shows the most marked increase in the number of her schools and scholars, and is followed closely by that of Hampshire, Vermont, Ohio, Nevada and South Carolina. There has been a marked decrease in the number of school children enrolled in the central States of the North and the Southern States, while making rapid advance, still remain far in the rear as to the number of their children attending schools.

The New York Independent presents its annual statistical exhibit of the various churches in this country, compiled mostly from official sources. The following is a general summary by denominational groups:

Table with 3 columns: Denomination, Members, Clergy. Includes Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Unitarians, Universalists, Grand total.

THE MYSTIC SIGN. "Oh gorgeous poppy, of rich renown, Show us the way to Sleepy Town, Baby must go—he's tired of play; But yet I think we missed the way."

"O rippling wheat, all golden brown, Show us the way to Sleepy Town, How shall we find where the starlight gleams, On the City of Sleep in the Land of Dreams?"

"O little one, with curly crown, Do you know the way to Sleepy Town, Where faintly gleams the starlight light, And sweetest blossoms enchant the night?"

AN UMBRELLA'S STORY.

BY HARRIET LAWSON.

Clothed in rags too dilapidated to be called picturesque or even artistic, with broken ribs and warped back-bone, it is no longer a picture of a man, but a man through the abominable tangle of Arctus and Adolphus, who chose "the King's highway" and a tricycle on which to murmur sweet nothings instead of the coarse and harsh words of a man of good old-fashioned times.

"I'm sure it is very pretty to see you put your arms around me," I had no idea you were so agreeable." Dolph's vanity was touched to the quick now.

"This having been satisfactorily arranged he asked: 'Now, tell me frankly, Arctus, aren't you a little bit ashamed to break your engagement for such a trifle?' 'I'm not a young woman, Arctus, I'm a young man, and I'm not ashamed of my engagement; who would ever suspect of such a thing. I've always been taught that man was a dangerous animal and it was dangerous to contract him when he was in a bad mood.'"

"Well," said Adolphus, highly pleased with this reply, "I suppose I shall be a fool enough to get you, phine, and he looked at her with a certain amount of interest, as if he had been struck by lightning. All of the inmates were stunned, and more or less seriously injured, and the young woman paralytic severely than the other victims. The shock completely paralyzed both her organs of speech and motion, and she lay for days in a most precarious condition. Recovery, although slow, was apparently complete, however, and in a few weeks the effect of the stroke had entirely passed away, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Possibly I'm the best judge of that," with his most lordly air, "if you don't mind paying twice as much as you would for a new one, I'm sure I've no objection to put my work on it." And then followed a discussion as to my dress and ornaments that was interesting to me, for I knew how much depended upon it. If some delicate color were chosen my work would indeed be a masterpiece, but I had been reserved for a rainy day, and I had no money to buy a new dress, and I was obliged to make do with the old one. I was laughing matter to you, very amusing, doubtless, but are you aware that that hat came from Paris; not only that, but it was made in order to match my suit, and not till this very morning did I receive it.

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BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

An Autumnal Idyl—Then You'll Remember Me—A Precautionary Measure—A Creature of Habit, Etc., Etc.

The roses from the wild rose-trees Upon the grass are falling, And gossamer in happy array, And gossamer in happy array, Upon the grass are falling.

Then You'll Remember Me. Restaurant Waiter (to departing customer who has failed to give him the customary tip)—"You'll not forget me, will you?"

A Precautionary Measure. Enamored Youth—"Your father treats me with the most distinguished consideration. The other night he called to me as I was leaving and reminded me I was a young man."

A Creature of Habit. "Are you going out riding?" "Yes." "Why do you take that bell jing instead of a whip?"

Not Due to Success. First Poetical Aspirant (to second ditto)—"So, you say you sent off more than a hundred poems and never had one returned?"

He Liked 'Em Accurate. The farmer's wife ran out to the road and looked up and down. A tramp was shuffling along, when she hailed him. "I say, did you see any cows in the corn that corner?"

Didn't Recognize the Bivalves. Mr. Ryan Kegan (to Kalamazoo, with intense disgust)—"Here, waiter, I ordered raw oysters. What on earth are these young women paralytic?"

Woman's Peculiar Malady. There is living in Cleveland, Ohio, a lady afflicted with a peculiar malady which has puzzled and baffled the entire medical faculty of that section of the country. Herself the sister of a well-known physician, she has been unable to obtain any relief, and has turned in despair from one form of treatment to another without any success.

Careful of His Mind. Woman (to tramp)—"I s'pose you've traveled a good deal in this country?" Tramp—"I know every nook of it, Ma'am, from Portland, Maine, to the Rio Grande."

Two Pictures. In Courtship—"What makes the stars so dim to-night?" she asked. "Your eyes are so bright they outshine them," he said, as he tenderly gazed at her.

What Can He Tell Pa? Clara (shyly)—"You will have to gain papa's consent first, Mr. Sampson, or I give you my answer."

Food for a Lover. He—"Amanda, this is the next little restaurant where I have those delicious lunches I have mentioned to you but can't describe, and this is Tom, the waiter who serves me my favorite dishes so nicely."

Vanquished. "You malicious nuisance!" exclaimed the angry business man, "you have been every day for the last six months. How many more times do you need to be told that I never buy anything of peddlers?"

American's First Plate Glass. There is a window on Pearl Street, New Albany, Ind., in which is set the first sheet of plate glass ever cast in America. It was made in the town by Captain R. Ford, the pioneer manufacturer of this side of the water.

Vegetables of National Importance. The importance of vegetables in the United States, says a writer in the Harper's, has been partially demonstrated in late years by the regular establishment by Congress of the "Section of Vegetable Pathology," since which this section tends to the discovery of new vegetable diseases, and also indicates those of vegetables. A small appropriation was granted to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of studying those in charge of it have already gathered a good deal of information as to the potato rot in the United States. The Botanical Division has also published 1,000 copies of the Circular on "Treatment of the potato and tomato for the blight and rot."

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HOUSEHOLD MATTERS. To Clean Paint Work. A steamboat steward says that house-keepers should go to a steamboat for lessons on cleaning paint work. The cabin of a steamboat, painted a clear white, is kept quite as if the painter had just left it, being not only clean, but having a beautiful polish. All that is necessary is a little water, a sponge, pure castile soap, and a smooth cloth for rubbing after the dirt has been washed off with the sponge. The rubbing restores the paint to its original condition, and every year, whereas if the paint is washed in this way it will show clear and with a high polish for four or five years.—Harris Farmer.

Use Plenty of Apples. Apples are abundant and cheap this year, says the New York Witness, and there is no more useful fruit, I saw, stored and preserved, than these wholesome, toothsome and nutritious. The fall apples are the most juicy and delicious, but do not keep, and for that reason have to be sold cheap. Every good-sized family should buy a barrel of them at once for immediate use, and save them from spoiling by eating them up. A considerable portion of them will also be made into jelly by cooking them and boiling them in a little water. The color of the skin gives a fine rich tint to the jelly. A liberal allowance of lemon juice and sugar added to the apple, and an equal weight of sugar added to the whole boiled into a jelly. It is the cheapest of all jellies, and remarkably good when well made. Bought apple pie is a metal vessel in which to be relied upon. It is frequently made from the refuse of the evaporating establishments, that is, the cores, and skins and wormy apples.

Pickles. For pickles of all kinds use the best cider vinegar and not an acid, vinegar, so-called. It cannot be too strong, as it is weakened when scalded. Unscaled vinegar does not keep well with pickles. Never use a metal vessel in which to be relied upon. It is frequently made from the refuse of the evaporating establishments, that is, the cores, and skins and wormy apples.

Penelope's Words of Comfort. "Penelope, can't you say something to soften the blow?" implored the young man. "Oh, Phil, Philip! What can I say? It is all over between us."

Household Hints. Use a warm knife in cutting warm bread and the like. A paste of water and benzine will remove spots from marble. A salt ham should be soaked overnight in plenty of soft water previous to boiling.

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LOVES SUFFICIENCY.

'Tis said by the poet, 'It is better far To love and lose, Than never to have loved at all. But I— I may not choose, For there has come into my life a love So fierce, so strong, That I am helpless in its grasp, content To die to love.'

At first I knew not 'twas Love's son I had met, but now I know, For he has come, So happy, stout on, with half-closed eyes, Through shade and sun; What heeded I which way I went, with him My boat to guide!—What dangers had the unknown sea, if he Was by my side!

I wote to find myself in waters strange, No land in sight, All things seemed radiant, new. A mighty flood Of rare delight Swept over my starved soul, she sky, the waves With glory shone, As was revealed the rapturous thrill of love, Till then unknown.

And now let shadows fall, let storms arise, On his dear breast, Shielded and safe, I, while she's straining, The night may come, it holds no dread for me; His tender kiss Soothes all my fears, and fills my happy heart, With perfect bliss.—Frank Leslie's.

A leader of men is often a follower here. He was only a fish-hawk given when he fell from the trapeze and broke his neck. Very often the "May I" of courtship answered by the "You must" of matrimony.

In teaching a boy drawing give him the premises and let him draw his own conclusions. In all the vocabulary of quarantine there is no such word as hospitality.—Pennyroyal.

That bread riot in France was participated in by loafers.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

When poverty is abolished, what a hard time every one will have doing all his own work. In Texas a man rarely cuts an acquaintance, but a stranger from the East has to be mighty careful.—Harper's Bazar.

The man who falls out of a balloon realizes the gravity of the situation before he has dropped five miles.—Harper's Bazar.

The difference between being burned out and fired out is that in the former case you get the insurance.—Danville Breeze.

Tom—"Do you know, Jack, that woodpecker reminds me of my tailor." Jack—"Why? Because he bores so with his bill."

A man that marries a widow is bound to give up smoking and chewing. If she gives up her heels for him, he should give up the weed for her.—St. Louis Democrat.

The leadless brown and scarlet are losing all their grip; The winter has taken the branches, And the robin has his single mate; The snow is on the ground, and the birds are scarce.—Life.

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