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A legislature in the South wants to abolish flirting. That is what comes of summer sessions.

NEW YORK is about to deepen Hell Gate, presumably to relieve the congestion of the Great White Way.

It's a hard hearted preacher who will dwell on the subject of future punishment on a hot Sunday morning.

AN Ohio man has invented a machine that will do away with typewriter girls. That man's wife must be a cat.

A Florida town has passed an ordinance regulating the speed of airships overhead. "Reform is marching on."

If John D. Rockefeller is a stickler for the eternal fitness of things, his forthcoming book will appear in oilcloth binding.

"A spinster is not always to be blamed for her condition," says the Omaha Bee. No, indeed often she is to be congratulated.

"WILL Tom Watson get the electoral vote of Georgia?" asks the Macon Telegraph. Yes; right where the chicken got the ax.

CINCINNATI proposes to stop the spouting in the parks thereabout. We judge from this that Cincinnati is thinking of abolishing its parks.

A Texas physician says it is impossible to overeat. Doubtless he has reference to the average man's income, however, rather than his physical make-up.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Dress the
Signature of
John H. Fletcher

Tinny are selling booze in walking cases in Birmingham, Ala. It is said that practically every man in that town has developed a tinnythere of late.

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Mr. Taffy's braggadocio reminds us of the old negro who when asked by the judge, "Are you the defendant in this case?" replied, "No, indeed, boss, I've just the nigger that stole the chickens."

At Fresno, Cal., a butcher has been arrested on the charge of gathering in many stray dogs and working them in bologna. Somebody must have found a piece of the muzzle in the sausage.

Can it be that the man taken in to custody at Pomona, Cal., will remember nothing of his past? He is simply a railroad official in training for his appearance before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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Quaint and Curious Items From Everywhere.

William McCauley, statistician in the Philadelphia marriage-license bureau, says the decrease in the number of marriages in that city is due to the Merry Widow hats, which keep men at a distance.

Everybody in the town of Ortonville, La., owns a motor-car, but there are only four families in the place.

So many houses are closed in Pittsburgh that numbers of gas are in need of food, and recently children have been attacked on the streets by the animals.

A. O. Calhoun, of Vicksburg, is Missouri's honey king. He has 5,000 pounds of honey in sight from the flow, and as much more will be collected in the autumn.

John W. Gates expects a visit from William Howard Taft at Purr Arthur, Texas, and when he arrives the largest watermelon on record—107 pounds—will be presented to him.

ECCENTRIC WEATHER WAVES.—The weather of the past few weeks has been a trial of patience and physical endurance even to those who ordinarily accept uncomplainingly the heat and cold of the seasons. Some of us may have concluded by this time that the climate of the whole country is actually changing—that the summers are getting hotter and the winters getting colder.

The records, however, says the Boston Globe, show that for scores of years in New England there has been no such eccentricity of weather as afflicted this region in the not remote past. In his "Recollections," S. G. Goodrich, the original Peter Parley, preserves an account of the extraordinary weather of the summer of 1816, which was the coldest that had been known here for a century, when in New England, from Connecticut to Maine, there were severe frosts in every month. In that year crops were entirely destroyed or reduced in volume to less than one-half the normal harvest, and the hills in June were almost as barren as in November.

So severe was the cold that many thousands of people believed that New England was to become a part of the frigid zone, and in consequence of this impression there was a great tide of emigration from this section of the country to the West.

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to green's everyone as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, will true even a coffee expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it! Pure healthful coffee, dried grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderful coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute" too. No testis 20 minutes boiling.

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It is evident that the Democrats are going to assume the offensive from the start to finish, and they are going to assault and storm the Republican breast works all along the line. While Mr. Roosevelt has been a popular and patriotic president, they point to the fact that the Republican party at heart was bitterly opposed to him as it is to Bryan. In turn, the Republicans also thoroughly wedded to the trusts and corporate interests and to the interests of what Mr. Roosevelt calls the "wealthy individuals" that Mr. Roosevelt has been utterly unable to accomplish in his administration.

In fact the Republicans in this campaign seem to point to a single item of relief that has been afforded the people as the result of the Republican administration. Furthermore, they point to the fact that all of the policies of Mr. Roosevelt that have excited such tremendous popularity and approval were promulgated by Mr. Bryan long before Mr. Roosevelt has gained popularity only by carrying out of Mr. Bryan's principles which were not only preached by Mr. Bryan but have been incorporated in Democratic platforms as well and are absent from the Republican platform. In other words it is the people who want rather than must look to the Democrats and not to the Republicans.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, is soon to go to Chicago to take charge of the department of literature in the Democratic headquarters. Mr. T. J. Pence, Washington correspondent of the same paper, will accompany him.

WYNHAM R. MEREDITH's announcement that he will vote for Taffy does not cut much ice in Virginia or even cause a ripple upon the bosom of the majestic James. Mr. Meredith has commanded the following habit, having held the party in 1890 and again in 1900. But Virginia is "safe and sane" and the paper that is "supporting Virginia" assures us that the State is not in the doubtful column.

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS.

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"BRYAN WINS, SAYS RIDDER."

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Great Reductions

The foremost German paper in America is the New York Sun. Zelma, edited by Herman Ridder, one of the ablest and most successful editors in America.

In an interview Mr. Ridder declares that Mr. Bryan will be elected. He said he would take the stump for Bryan in September. He declared that the tariff is the main issue, and that the hope of the people in this respect lies in the Democratic candidate.

"Mr. Ridder asserted that the Germans will support Bryan to a man, and added that the Nebraskan's former attitude on silver would not hurt him now.

"With regard to Hearst, Editor Ridder gave it as his opinion that the Independence party will be a small figure in the campaign and that Hearst is virtually a dead one.

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Plain Talks on Fertilizers

Increasing and Safeguarding the Wheat-Crop

The use of commercial fertilizers on the wheat crop is growing more general every year. This year has been the best ever for the use of fertilizers.

While many farmers, however, use fertilizers without due regard for the special needs of their soils, often they buy the cheapest grades.