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THE STANDARD.

WE DO ALL KINDS OF
JOB WORK
—IN THE—
NEATEST MANNER
—AND AT—
THE LOWEST RATES.

POETRY.

IN SUMMER DREAMS.

In memory dreams beneath the trees,
While gently blows the languid breeze,
While thoughts go by at rapid pace,
And many an old-time pictured face,
Across the rusty mem'ry flees.

How sweet to lie and watch the seas
Of grain that rise and fall at ease,
Or gaze aloft to azure space,
In summer dreams.

How sweet to watch the honey bees
Launch out across the fragrant leas,
And see the butterflies at chase
O'er every field and flow'ry place;
What hapiness we find in these,
In summer dreams.

—[New York State Camp Journal.

On Adventure Bent.

THE ESCAPADES OF TWO SALEM LADS WHO READ DIME NOVELS.

Winston Sentinel.]

Last May Charlie Welfare, son of Mr. Edw. Welfare, and George Detmar, son of Mr. Wm. Detmar, all of Salem, concluded that they would explore the world, after the manner of some dime-novel heroes, they had read about, and accordingly started out on an indefinite excursion, without money or experience. Both boys are about 16 years of age, and left home without their parents' knowledge.

Last week Mrs. Detmar returned home with George, whom she found in Lynchburg, Va., where he was ill with typhoid fever.

Young Welfare was arrested in Lexington last week, at the instance of his father, and returned to his home in Salem. The Lexington Ledger contains the following particulars of the Prodigal's capture:

A commercial man, who knew the circumstance and the boy, saw him in Salisbury last Friday and immediately communicated with Mr. Welfare, who secured the services of Capt. G. S. Ebbert, of the Salem police. Capt. Ebbert proceeded to Salisbury and after diligent search found that Charlie had left in the direction of Lexington. He followed and arrived here on Monday evening's train, when he learned that the object of his search had been seen about the depot and was known to have slept on the platform Sunday night. He secured the aid of policeman Candle and searched about the depot for him. But as he could not be found it was concluded that he had left by the same train that had conveyed Ebbert from Salisbury. Upon further inquiry they found that he had left a coat at a colored man's house near the depot and correctly surmised that he might return on the midnight train. As the train approached they secured positions that would enable them to watch both sides. When the train ran up, sure enough the runaway got off, when the policemen took him in charge and conducted him to the Hargrave Hotel, where they spent the night, leaving Tuesday morning by private conveyance for Salem.

After the boy had been dressed in a new suit of clothes, he said that he had traveled several thousand miles. He said he was at Johnstown a short time after the flood, and missed the disastrous wreck on the Norfolk & Western only by having slept a little late for the train. He says he has suffered, but has seen a great many sights.

MATTHEW GIBBS, AGED 108.—The subject of this notice, Matthew Gibbs, was born about the year 1779, in Chesterfield county, Va., and died the 11th day of August, 1889, in Davidson township, N. C., which makes him at his death 110 years of age. He emigrated from Chesterfield county, in Virginia, about the year 1815 to North Carolina and settled in the Coddle Creek neighborhood, and was married to Mary Deaton some time between 1815 and 1820 and to them was born Henry Gibbs, who has since died. If he was living to-day he would be 71 years of age. His first wife dying, he married Susanna Archie, from which union there were born many children, so that to-day he has living of children and grandchildren 111—a little more than one descendant for every year of his life as far as known. Some of his children have moved West and he could not tell how many there are living.—Statesville Landmark.

Dr. Nansen, the explorer, says the ice in Greenland is 6,000 feet thick.

The chef de cuisine of a big Brooklyn hotel had just read Mrs. Ward's novel, and in order to be abreast of the fashion named a new soup "Potage a la Robert Elsmere." It failed to take with the guests, one of whom said to the proprietor: "Appropriate name that. I hadn't sufficient faith in heaven to devour the book or the soup."

C. C. A. & M. FAIR.

Second Annual Exhibition.

CONCORD, N. C,

October 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1889.

The following are the prices of admission:

Single admittance, adults,	$ .50
Season tickets,	1.00
Children under 15 and nurses,	.25
" " 8, free.	
Single horse, whether ridden or driven,	.25
2 horse phætons and carriages,	.50
" vehicles to visitors to and from the grounds per day, driver to wear red badge,	1.00
One horse vehicles,	.50

Tickets to the Grand Stand, for the races, 10 cents.

Entries may be made in person or by letter. When making entries, the name of the article, the name and post office address of the exhibitor, the premium number, and the exhibit number under which the article is entered, must be given. The entry fee, if any, must be paid at the time the article is put on exhibition.

Entry fee on all thoroughbred horses and cattle, if over 2 years old, per head,	.50
Under 2 years old,	.25
On all grade and native horses, over 2 years old, except brood mares and colts,	50.
Special entry fee on herd or pen of cattle,	1.00

PREMIUM LIST.

DEPARTMENT A.

FIELD AND GARDEN PRODUCTS.

J. A. Litaker, - - Director.

Premium No. omitted for want of space.

	1st.	2nd.
Best bale cotton, growth 1889, ehibited by producer, of which affidavit is filed,	$4.00	$2 00
" bu. May wheat,	1.50	1.00
" bu. white wheat, (bearded included, not including May)	1.50	1.00
" bushel red wheat, (bearded included, not including May)	1.50	1.00
" bu. white corn	1.50	1.00
" " yellow corn	1.00	.50
" " red oats	.50	.25
" " white oats	.50	.25
" " other variety	.50	.25
" " rye	.50	.25
" " clover seed	1.00	.50
" " orchard grass seed	1.00	.50
" bu. other variety grass seed	1.00	.50
" collection of grass seeds	1.00	.50
" specimen clover	.50	.25
" specimen orchard grass	.50	.25
" specimen timothy grass	.50	.25
" specimen other variety grass	.50	.25
" bu. field pease	1.00	.50
" col. field pease	1.50	1.00
" bu. table pease	.50	.25
" " sweet potatoes	.50	.25
" " Irish potatoes	.50	.25
" " turnips	.50	.25
" " ground peas	.50	.25
" two bu. stock beets	.50	.25
" bu. sugar beets	.50	.25
" specimen broom corn	.25	
" specimen cotton stalk	.25	
" specimen corn on stalk not less than six stalks	.25	
" specimen sorghum cane, not less than one half doz. stalks	.50	.25
" specimen sorghum, not less than a pint	.50	.25
" specimen leaf tobacco in trand	.50	.25
" display of tobacco in any form	diploma.	
" package smoking tobacco	diploma.	
" sack N. C. Flour, roller process	1.00	.50
" sack N. C. Flour, ground with burs	1.00	.50
" bu. corn meal	1.00	.50
" half dozen bundles celery	.50	.25
" specimen egg plant	.50	.25
" specimen cabbage	.50	.25
" specimen of long stalk cabbage	.50	.25
" variety squash	.50	.25
" " onions	.50	.25
" " tomatoes	.50	.25
" " table beets	.50	.25
" exhibit of carrot	.50	.25
" " " parsnips	.50	.25
" " " ruta baga turnips	.50	.25
" bale clover hay, not less than 100 lbs.	1.50	1.00
" bale timothy hay, not less than 100 lbs.	1.50	1.00
" bale orchard grass not less than 100 lbs.	1.50	1.00
" bale red top, not less than 100 lbs.	1.50	1.00
" bale other variety not less than 100 lbs	1.50	1.00
" and greatest variety of salsify or oyster plant	.50	.25
" three pumpkins	.50	.25
Best Lima Beans on the vine	.25	
" col. pot herbs	.50	.25
" assortment and greatest variety of garden seeds properly classed	1.00	.50
" display of vegetables by one exhibitor, not less than ten varieties	3.00	2.00
" 100 ears white corn	.50	.25
" 100 ears yellow "	.50	.25
" display of field and garden products, not less than 20 varieties	5.00	3.00

DEPARTMENT B.

E. D. Lentz, - - Director.

DIVISION 1.—HORSES, MULES, &c.

HORSES.—THOROUGHBREDS.

Best stallion over 4 yrs old	10.00	5.00
" brood mare over 4 years old	10.00	5.00
" stallion over 2 yrs and under 4	5.00	3.00
" mare over 2 years and under 4	5.00	3.00
" colt under 2 and over 1 year old	3.00	2.00
" colt 1 year old or under	2.00	1.00

DRAUGHT AND SADDLE HORSES WITH OR WITHOUT PEDIGREE.

Best stallion	5.00	3.00
" brood mare	5.00	3.00
" saddle horse	5.00	3.00
" single h'rness h'rse	5.00	3.00
" pair match horses (owned by exhibitor)	5.00	3.00
" saddle or harness pony	2.00	1.00
" farm horse (regardless of age) to show keep, condition, proper care and good breaking	5.00	3.00
" colt 2 years old or under three	3.00	2.00
" colt one year or under two	2.00	1.00
" colt under 1 year	1.00	
" flat foot walking horse	5.00	3.00
" pair horses	3.00	2.00

JACKS AND JENETTES.

" Jack	5.00	3.00
" Jenette	3.00	2.00

MULES.

" single mule	3.00	2.00
" pair mules	5.00	3.00
" mule colt 2 yrs old, not over 3	2.00	1.00
" mule colt 1 yr old, not over 2	1.50	1.00
" mule colt 1 yr old,	1.00	

DIVISION No. 2.—CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, &c.

Pedigrees are required to render animals entered as thoroughbreds, eligible for entrance in the following divisions for premiums.

SHORT HORN.

Best bull	5.00	3.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf 1 yr old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer, 1 yr old and not over 2	3.00	2.00
" bull 1 year old and not over 2	3.00	2.00

JERSEYS.

" bull	5.00	3.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf 1 yr old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer 1 yr old and not over 2	3.00	2.00
" bull 1 yr. old and not over 2	3.00	2.00

DEVONS.

" bull	5.00	3.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf 1 yr old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer 1 yr old and not over 2	3.00	2.00
Best bull 1 year old and not over 2,	3.00	2.00

HOLSTEINS.

" bull,	5.00	3.00
" cow,	5.00	3.00
" calf 1 year old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer one year old and not over two	3.00	2.00
" bull, ditto	3.00	2.00

AYRSHIRE.

" bull	5.00	3.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf one year old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer one year old and not over two	3.00	2.00
" bull, ditto	3.00	2.00

GRADE CATTLE.

" bull	3.00	2.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf one year old or under	2.00	1.00
" heifer, one year old and not over two	3.00	2.00

NATIVE CATTLE.

" bull	3.00	2.00
" cow	5.00	3.00
" calf one year old or under	3.00	2.00
" heifer, one year old and not over two	3.00	2.00

SWEEPSTAKES.

" bull of any age or breed	5.00	3.00
" milch cow of any age or breed, must be in milk	5.00	3.00
" calf, one year old or under,	2.00	1.00
" heifer one year old and not over two	3.00	2.00
" bull, ditto	3.00	2.00
" yoke working oxen	5.00	3.00
" single working ox	2.50	1.50
" pen of fat cattle not less than five head	5.00	3.00

HERDS.

A herd shall consist of one bull and not less than three cows or heifers, all of one bull and owned by one exhibitor.

Short Horns	$10.00	
Jerseys	10.00	
Devons	10.00	
Holsteins	10.00	
Ayrshires	10.00	
Best and largest exhibit of cattle (any or all kinds) not less than 15, owned by one person, as stated by affidavit	15.00	5.00

SHEEP.

Best pen of Merino, 5 or more	3.00	2.00
" pen of Cotswold, 5 or more	3.00	2.00
" pen of Southdowns 5 or more	3.00	2.00
" pen of Grades, 5 or more	2.00	1.06
" pen of natives, 5 or more	2.00	1.00
" buck of any breed	2.00	1.00
" ewe, ditto	2.00	1.00

SWINE.

FIRST CLASS—POLAND CHINA.

Best boar	3.00	2.00
" sow	3.00	2.00
" lot of pigs, not less than 5	3.00	2.00

SECOND CLASS—BERKJHIRE.

" boar	3.00	2.00
" sow	3.00	2.00
" lot of pigs, not less than 5	3.00	2.00

THIRD CLASS—ESSEX.

" boar	3.00	2.00
" sow	3.00	2.00
" lot of pigs, not less than 5	3.00	2.00

FOURTH CLASS—RED JERSEY.

Best boar	3.00	2.00
" sow	3.00	2.00
" lot of pigs, not less five	3.00	2.00

FIFTH CLASS—YORKSHIRES.

" boar	3.00	3.00
" sow	3.00	2.00
" lot of pigs, not less than 5	3.00	2.00
" pen fat hogs, not less than 5	3.00	2.00
Largest and fattest hog, not les than 300 lbs	5.00	3.00
Largest and most meritorious exhibit of swine by owner,	10.00	5.00

DEPARTMENT C.

PANTRY SUPPLIES.

W. W. Robinson, - Director.

Best lot of fresh butter made in county, not less than 5 lbs.	$2.00	$1.00
" lot of fresh butter made in country not less than 2 lbs,	50	25
" lot of lard made in county, not less than 5 lbs,	50	25
" lot beef tallow not less than 5 pounds, made in county,	25	
" lot of beeswax, not less than 5 pounds, made in county,	25	
" 5 pounds home-made hard soap,	25	
" jar home-made soft soap,	25	
" specimen of home-made candy, not less than 2 lbs,	25	
" and largest variety candy manufactured by exhibitor,	50	
" coll'n of preserves, homemade, not less than 3 varieties,	50	25
" jar preserves without regard to v'ty,	50	25
" coll'n of jellies, not less than 3 varieties, home-made,	50	25
Best jar of jelly, without regard to variety,	50	25
" specimen apple or peach butter,	50	25
" ham, N. C. cured,	1 00	50
" home-made pickles, not less than three varieties,	50	25
" jar pickles, without regard to variety,	50	25
" tomato catsup, not less than quart jar,	50	25
" walnut catsup, not less than quart jar,	50	25
" collection hermetrically sealed fruits and vegetables, domestic,	1 00	50
" cider vinegar, not less than 1 gallon,	50	25
" half bushel dried apples,	50	25
" ditto peaches,	50	25
" ditto pears,	50	25
" ditto blackberries,	50	25
" specimen of cordial,	50	25
" and largest exhibit of preserves, jellies, catsups, jams, syrups, cordials, &c., domestic,	2 00	1 00
" pound cake,	50	25
" sponge cake,	50	25
" fruit or black cake,	50	25
" jelly cake,	50	25
" variety small cakes,	50	25
" pudding any kind,	50	25
" loaf white bread,	1 00	50
" dozen rolls,	1 00	50
" specimen crackers,	1 00	50
" dozen plain biscuit,	1 00	50
For the largest number of meritorious articles exhibited in the household department by any one lady in the county,	5 00	3 00

FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Best loaf of bread,	$1 00	50
" half dozen rolls,	1 00	50
Best pound cake,	50	25
" specimen preserves, any variety,	50	25
" ditto jelly, ditto,	50	25
" ditto pickles, ditto,	50	25
" exhibit of articles in the household department by any girl, under 15 years of age, her own work,	3 00	2 00

All articles competing for premiums in this department must be home-made, and prepared by the person in whose name the exhibit is made.

DEPARTMENT D.

POULTRY.

JOHN K. PATTERSON.....Director.

Best trio brama chickens,	$1 00	50
" buff cochins,	1 00	50
" white cochins,	1 00	50
" brown leghorns,	1 00	50
" white "	1 00	50
" dorkings,	1 00	50
" black Spanish,	1 00	50
" Hamburgs,	1 00	50
" crested,	1 00	50
" other variety,	1 00	50
Largest and best variety of chickens,	2 00	1 00

Coops of chickens are to consist of a cock and two hens; none other can compete for premiums.

Best pair bronze turkeys,	$1 00	50
" white "	1 00	50
" native "	1 00	50
" Pekin ducks,	1 00	50
" raven "	1 00	50
" muscovy ducks,	1 00	50
" white call "	1 00	50
" puddle "	1 00	50
" any other distinct variety,	1 00	50
" any distinct variety geese,	2 00	1 00
Largest and best variety ducks and geese,	2 00	1 00
Best trio white guineas,	1 00	50
" colored "	1 00	50
" pair pea fowls,	1 00	50
" pair any distinct variety pigeons,	50	25
" collection pigeons (not less than five varieties),	1 00	50
" heaviest dozen of chicken eggs,	50	25

DEPARTMENT E.

MANUFACTURED TEXTILES AND LEATHER.

W. S. HARTSELL.....Director.

Best bale osnaburgs,	Diploma.
" shirtings,	"
" sheetings,	"
" kerseys,	"
" stripes,	"
" cotton drilling,	"
" cotton yarns, assorted numbers,	"
" piece bagging,	"
" " plaids,	"
" " satinet,	"
" " tweed cassimere,	"
" " linseys or kerseys,	"
" " cotton sack'g,	"
" " broadcloth,	"
" " cassimere,	"
" " bed-ticking,	"
" " brown linen,	"
" " ble'ch'd linen,	"
" and largest display of the above list of articles by one manufacturer,	$5 00
" hair, moss, cotton or shuck mattress,	1 00
" specimen of foot mats, hemp, cotton or woolen, home-made,	50
" coil ropes, cotton or hemp,	Diploma.
" spec. cotton twine,	"
" lot, 1 dozen, plow lines,	"
" spec., 1 dozen, corn sacks,	"
" pair woolen blankets (home-made)	$2 00 1 00
" pair cotton blankets,	1 00 50
" pair mixed "	1 00 50
" gentleman's saddle, N. C. make,	Diploma.
" lady's saddle, ditto,	"
" riding bridle, ditto,	"
" set carriage harness, N. C. make,	"
" set buggy or sulky harness, ditto,	"
" set 4-horse wagon harness, ditto,	"
" set 2-horse wagon harness, ditto,	"
" pair brogan shoes,	"
" pair boots,	"
" pair gent's shoes,	"
" pair lady's shoes,	"
" display boots and shoes	5 00
" and largest collection tan'ed leather, N. C. make,	2 00
" side sole leather, N. C. make,	Diploma.
" side harness leather, ditto,	"
" side upper leather, ditto,	"
" side kip skin leather, ditto,	"
" side calf skin,	"
" leather belting,	"
" rubber "	"
" " packing,	"
" " hose,	"
" hemp belting,	"
" lace "	"

DEPARTMENT F.

MERCANTILE DISPLAYS.

D. B. MORRISON.....Director.

Best grand piano,	Diploma.
" piano in all desirable qualities of tone, durability and finish, for the price affixed by the manufacturer,	"
" parlor organ,	"
" church "	"
" and largest variety music'l instr'm'nts,	"
Best display clocks and watches,	"
" ditto plated ware,	"
" ditto jewelry,	"
" sewing machine with more useful and approved attachments,	"
" display of sewing machines,	"

NOTE.—Parties making entries for sewing machines will be required to pay one dollar for each attendant or operator that may be necessary to test and display their machines.

Best display hardware,	Diploma.
" ditto dry goods,	"
" ditto boots and shoes,	"
" ditto clothing and hats,	"
" ditto home-ma'e candies,	"
" ditto fancy groceries,	"
" ditto millinery goods,	"

Space in this department to be allotted by the Secretary or Director in charge.

DEPARTMENT G.

ORCHARD PRODUCTS.

A. F. HILEMAN.....Director.

Best exhibit apples,	$1 00	50
" " peaches,	1 00	50
" " pears,	1 00	50
" display dried fruits,	2 00	1 00
" " fruit trees,	1 00	50
" exhibit grapes,	1 00	50
" display grapes,	1 00	50
" apply brandy, not less than 1 quart,	50	
" corn whisky, ditto,	50	
" rye " "	50	
" bl'kberry wine, "	50	
" grape " "	50	
" any other v'r'ty, "	50	
" apple cider, "	50	
" display of wines and ciders, not less than five gallons,	2 00	1 00
" exhibit dried apples,	50	25
" " " peaches,	50	25
" " " pears,	50	25
" " " bl'kber'is,	50	25
" " " cherries,	50	25
" collection greenhouse plants, not less than 25 vari't's,	5 00	3 00
" collection dahlias, not less than 20 varieties,	2 00	1 00
" collection hardy perennials, not less than 20 varieties,	2 00	1 00
" roses, perennials, not less than 20 varieties,	2 00	1 00
" collect'n geraniums,	1 00	50
" " wild flow'rs,	1 00	50
" and largest display flowers,	3 00	2 00
" display evergreens,	3 00	2 00
" collection ferns,	1 00	50
" " hardy flowering shrubs, not less than 20 varieties,	2 00	1 00
" rustic flower stand, with grow'g plants,	50	
" hang'g basket with growing plants,	50	
" floral wreath (amateur)	50	
" basket choice and tastefully arranged flowers,	50	
" and largest bouquet choice flowers most tastefully arranged,	50	
" display cut flowers,	50	
" collection tastefully arranged and correctly named forest leaves,	50	
" display of native dried grasses, in vase or hanging basket,	50	
" pair bouquets of dyed native grasses not less than 20 varieties,	50	
For the largest and best display of growing ornamental shade trees, plants, bulbs, evergreens, flowers, &c., by one exhibitor,	3 00	2 00

DEPARTMENT H.

LADIES' WORK—PLAIN AND FANCY.

R. V. CALDWELL....Director.

Best home-made woolen jeans,	$1 00	50
" ditto linsey,	1 00	50
" " flannel,	1 00	50
" " cotton yarn, home spun,	1 00	50
" " woolen yarn,	1 00	50
" rag carpet,	1 00	50
" home-made blanket,	1 00	50
" cotton coverlet,	1 00	50
" handsome hearth rug,	1 00	50
" knit or chrocheted counterpane,	2 00	1 00
" quilt machine made,	1 00	50
" chrocheted worked quilt,	2 00	1 00
" calico quilt,	1 00	50
" worsted quilt,	1 00	50
" silk "	2 00	1 00
" pair cotton socks,	50	
" " woolen "	50	
" suit clothes, all home-made,	2 00	1 00
" cradle quilt,	50	
" toweling,	50	
" plain sewing,	50	
" calico dress, cut and made by exhibitor,	50	
" foot mat,	50	
" matting, thread or silk,	50	
" silk embroidery,	1 00	50
" knitting in either wool or silk thread,	1 00	50
" gold, silver or bead embroidery,	2 00	1 00
" thread embroidery,	1 00	50
" chrocheting in either wool or silk thread,	1 00	50
" specimen lace,	50	
" " tatting,	25	
" table cover, embroidered,	1 00	50
" lap robe, embroid'd,	1 00	50
" hand-made tidy,	50	50
Best infant's tidy,	1 00	50
" lambrequin,	50	50
" initial letters embroidered,	50	
" lace work,	1 00	
" infant's sack, knit or chrocheted,	1 00	
" pillow shams,	50	
" blanket work,	50	
" sham work,	50	
" lace handkerchief,	50	
" fancy apron,	50	
" fire screen,	50	
" leather work, any design,	50	
" wax work, any design,	1 00	50
" feather work, any design,	1 00	50
" moss work, ditto,	50	
" hair " "	1 00	
" spatter " "	50	
" perfor'd work, "	50	
" display home-made fabrics and handiwork in this department excepti'g the following,	3 00	2 00
" oil painting,	50	
" oil painting fruits and flowers,	50	
" oil portrait from life,	50	
" water color, fruits and flowers,	50	
" painting on silk,	50	
" water color landscape scene in N. Carolina and from nature,	1 00	50
" crayon drawing,	1 00	50
" and largest exhibit crayon drawings, not less than 5, by one person,	3 00	1 00
" pencil drawing,	50	
" painting on glass,	50	
" specimen penmanship, plain,	50	
" specimen penmanship, ornamental,	50	
" specimen scroll w'k,	5 00	3 00

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Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

One of the Smartest.

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"Come over and get introduced to one of the smartest girls in Philadelphia," said the Colonel the othe morning, after we had finished our cigars. "I don't call her a beauty, but she is highly educated and as sharp as a razor."

"Detroit, Detroit," she mused as we were introduced. "Oh, yes, I can place it now. I was wondering whether it was in Quebec or Ontario. I was there once."

"Indeed."

"Yes, and the people were celebrating the Queen's birthday."

"I see."

"They were celebrating it by a snow and ice carnival. You are a very patriotic people."

"Well, yee."

"I suppose the Johnstown horror has rendered them somewhat apprehensive in Detroit?"

"As to what, ma'am?"

"Why that Lake Michigan might burst out and sweep you all away."

"Oh, we don't feel any fear of that."

"Don't you, indeed. Ah! yes, but how stupid of me! The Rocky Mountains are between you and the lake, of course. Are there many wild animals left in Detroit?"

"A few grizzly bears and mountain lions."

"And the Indians?"

"They never approach within a mile of the stookade, and they don't kill over a dozen people a week."

"How nice! I must sit down sometimes and talk to you a whole half-day."

When the Colonel and I had returned to our end of the veranda I looked at him. He had his face turned away. It was all of two minutes before he slowly wheeled around and brought his fist down on his knee with the exclamation:

"Well, I'll be hanged!"

COMING TO THE FRONT AGAIN.—A few years ago, Hon. James W. Reid, a member of the national House of Representatives from the fifth district of North Carolina, was recognized as one of the most eloquent and prominent of the younger members of that body. But he unfortunately became involved in financial difficulties, resigned his seat in Congress, and left North Carolina for the far West under a cloud. It seems he is coming to the front again. A letter received in Wilmington from a gentlemen in Idaho, a delegate to the constitutional convention at Boise City, which concluded its work on the 6th instant, states that Mr. Reid, who is now a resident of Idaho, made a splendid record for himself as the leader of the Democracy in the convention, and that he stands a fine chance of being elected to the United States Senate in the event the Democrats have a majority in the new State Legislature.—Baltimore Sun.

Plenty of sleep is conductive to beauty. Even a garment looks worn when it loses its nap.

ODDS AND ENDS.

There are 342,000 miles of railroad in operation in the world, of which 181,000 are in America.

Every German regiment now has a chiropodist. A soldier's foot is as important as his trigger finger.

The return of land grants made in Western Australia shows that one man owns and controls nearly 4,000,000 acres.

The hottest weather ever known in the United States was felt at Phœnix, A. T., in June, 1883, when the thermometer marked 119°.

A New York grocer the other day displayed a sign, "Take one," in front of his store, referring to a litter of kittens in a wicker basket.

The Duchess of Cleveland has just published the "Battle Abbey Roll," a work which is likely to prove of great historical value.

At Mrs. Mackay's 7 Buckingham Gate, London, an annual sale of Irish cottage industries was recently opened by the Duchess of Abercorn.

A traveling electric light plant has proved quite successful in Germany. The whole outfit complete for service is carried in one vehicle.

The Shah's famous emerald is described as too big for effect, being about the size of an ordinary watch, and exactly like a bit of green glass.

A lecturer in San Francisco, treating of the lower forms of animal life, said that "the oyster is capable of being educated in a limited way."

A Bombay newspaper announces two marriages, in one case the bride being 2 years, and in the other 15 months, while the bridegroom was 30.

The "Heavenly Foot Society" has been started in China by the women, in rebellion against the venerated fashion that compresses their feet.

Wright Burke, of Troup county, Ga., has been married fifteen years and has fourteen children, twins five times, triplets once and one solitary alone.

Mrs. Humphry Ward has gone to Italy for a rest. She has received a pleasant letter from Mr. Gladstone criticising her article in The Nineteenth Century.

Chicago has a home for self supporting women where board is to be had for $2.25 a week. It is for the accommodation of women who earn $5 a week and less.

The temperance women of London have succeeded in getting police matrons appointed for all the stations in that great city. The city is to pay their salaries.

Lady Randolph Churchill is about to make her debut in literature, it is said, with an article in Longman's New Review, on her experiences in Russian society life.

There are in the Treasury vaults at Washington nearly a pint of diamonds and other precious stones that were presented to various Presidents by admiring friends.

Hannah Battersby, the fat woman, was advertised as weighing 800 pounds. She was weighed after her death the other day, and the exact figures were 343 pounds.

Mrs. Evelyn O. Tome has been elected president of the Tome seminary for girls at Port Deposit, Md., recently founded by a gift of $1,000,000 from Jacob Tome.

Mrs. Harriet Hosner, at a reception given her by the Chicago Woman's club, wore five medals, four of gold and one of silver, which had been awarded her in Italy.

Miss N. Troyer, a teacher in the San Francisco schools, succeeded in retaining her position and keeping the fact of her marriage a secret for five years, when it was revealed by a divorce suit.

Woman flogging exists as a punishment in the Transvaal. All the South African press is violently opposed to it, but only recently a woman was sentenced to receive fifteen lashes for using obscene language.

A number of Detroit ladies have organized a society for the cultivation of the art of conversation. They very properly regard the attainment as one of the highest and as much to be sought after as piano playing or painting.

The death of Lady Arnold, wife of the author of "The Light of Asia," is deeply regretted in England, where she was widely known. She was the daughter of the Rev. William Henry Channing and the granddaughter of William Ellery Channing, the great Boston Unitarian divine. Lady Arnold was born in England.