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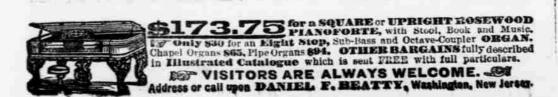
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This house still maintains its reputation as a trisi-class hotel. The proprietor most respectfully returns thanks to his friends and the public generally for past favors, and will assue them that he will con-tince to merit their patronage by serving up the very best the market affords. A trial is all I ask. W. L. BRYAN, Proprietor.

CYPHERS, OR SECRET WRITING.

The top of the thrin column in the Times used to contain such adver tisements as the following, and, doubtless, often does now:

Uif nbuufs, nvtu cf efgjojujwfmz

tfuumfe po xfeoftchz. A method so easy of detection that less notice would have been attracted had the advertisement appeared in common English, the above being plainly, "The matter must be definitely settled on Wednesday." Here the following letter is substuted for the one it is in ended to represent-as frequently the preceeding letter is used, and it is odd to find how often people trust to an expedient so easy of detection.

A few hours' application will generally unlock the hardest cypher, as was notably proved by Wallis, during the civil war in England, when such methods were much used for correspondence. Subjoined is an instance, historically true; here verbal skill is necessary. Sir John Trevanion was a distinguished royalist officer during the great rebellion; he was a prisoner in Colchester Castle when Sir Charles Lucas and Sir George Lisle were executed there, by Fairfax. On the evening of the execution, a letter was delivered to him by the goaler, after it had been examined and read by the officers, "who deem ed there was no harm therein." The letter read as follows:

WORTHIE SIR JOHN, - Hope, that is ye best comfort of the afflictyd, cannot much, I fear me, help you now. That I wolde saye to you, is this only; if ever I may be able to requite that I do owe you, stand not upon asking me. 'Tis not much I can do; but what I can, be you very sure I wille. I know that, if dethe comes, if ordinary men fear it, it frights you not, accounting it for high honour, to have such a rewarde of your loyalty. Pray yet that you may be spared this so bitter cup: I fear not that you wille gradge any sufferings: only if by submission you can turn them away, 'tis the part of a wise man. Tell me, an if you can, to do for you any thinge that you would have done. The general goes backe on Wednes day - Kestinge your servant to com-

This letter contains all Sir John wants. By a golden key he induces the goaler to lock him up in the chapel, to pray after so sudden death of his friends and finds by his letter that every third letter after a stop was all that was to tell; thus he read-

P,n,n,e,l n,t e,n,s,t, e,n,d, o,f, c,b,a,p e,l, s,l,i,d,e,s.

An hour after, when the goder went to look for the royalist, he found emptiness and silence; there was, and probably still is, a passage from the east side of the castle, and discharging into the river Colne, shown as that by which Sir John Trevanion escaped.

Substitutions are some times made as irregularly as possible-x for l, a for p, z for g, and so on.

The Chevalier de Rohan failed to interpret a message sent him when in the Bestile, written on a shirt, in ink, invisible until warmed-

Mg, dvlhxcelgv, ghj, yxvj, lm, et

Rohan went and plead guilty because he could not read that his accomplice tried the day before, and put to the rack, ended thus -

Le prissocier est mort, il n'a rien

(the prisoner is dead, he said

Another variety is pitching on some particular word of every sentence to bear the meaning. A very ingenious cypher of this kind brought on the battle of Montijo, which secared the independence of Portugal, 1644-45 A D.

D'Albuquerque commanded the Portugese forces, which in May, 1644, were within two miles of Bad ajoz. Molinghem commanded the Spanish army, which lay about two miles from the Portuguese. D'Alba querque desired to arrange with De Costa Real, who commanded troops in Elvas, a night attack on the Spanish forces. Their concerted system system of cypher was one in which every twelfth word was to tell the true meaning. Every message had hitherto been stopped by the well formed Spanish lines.

D Albuquerque now prepared a letter in double cypher, the real one for De Costa Real, a false one explain-

ed to the messenger, Joaquim, who was instructed to reveal it, if taken, and his life was in danger. Joaquim was captured and taken before Mol. inghem, and under a threat of 'five paces and three balls," the usual Spanish alternative, confessed he knew the cypher of a long verbose ! terday we got in two new contribuepistle, which the Spanish general's senses showed him was not worthy of being dispatched by private messen ger between two generals, and must conceal a cypher. By Joaquim's aid De Molinghem read that a night attack was meditated on his quarters at two in the morning on Wednesday. Joaquim was dismissed by De Mol. inghem to take his letter De Costa Real, with a caution to say nothing of his discovery, or his head would

D'Albuquerque had counted on all this, and De Costa Real, reading the letter by his true cypher, attacked De Molinghem, on Tuesday morning. with D'Albuquerge, forced on the battle of Montijo, and gained the independence of Portugal.

answer for it as a traitor.

The best kind of cypher may ros sibly be guessed, but can never be discovered certainly

The correspondents write on paper of a particular shape. Each has a card of exactly the same size as the sheet of paper; the writer lays his card on the sheet and writes through the holes. His correspondent puts his card on the letter and gets the information, which, but for that, no one could procure.

Thus the message to be conveyed is, let us say, "All is ready for the wedding, come at once.' One wish ing to communicate this writes thus through his card,-

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at once. And then, removing the card, he would thus address his correspon-

DEAR SIR-I believe I have received all the letters which you promised. It is odd that I cannot get you to give me an account of your own health. Charles has already left for Bath, after residing there for the year. I do not wonder at it. Mary will never be happy till she hears of your wedding. When will you come and pay your promised visit to us, at Dunam? Do settle at once.

Twenty-Four O'clock.

Charlotte Journal-Observer.

The railroads are moving to have a new standard of time adopted that will soon throw us into the big figures, and to see a man pull out his watch at noon and say "it's 24 o'clock," will be no unusual thing. The theory is the establishment of a "time standard," as the railroad men term it, to be put into operation on all the railroads, in the country. The proposed standard would simply add the hours after midnight to 12, so that 11 o'clock in the morning would be 23 o'clock and noon would be 24 o'clock. The dials of clocks would be made into twenty four divisions of time, and the trouble some A, M. and P. M. would be avoided. Uniformity and certainty in the movement of trains in all parts of the country is one of the greatest advantages claimed for the new standard, and a simplification of time tables that the public would be quick to recognize and appreciate would

The originator of the theory of 24 hours for standard time was Mr. W. Dewees, of Philadelphia. Mr. Dewees upon expressing his views, said recently: 'Anything more crude, uncertain and insufficient than the style now in use cannot be imagined. It is a relic of the dark ages, adopted centories before a railroad or tele graph was thought of. Modern progres demands something better adapted to the wants of our present advanced civilization. If my plan is adopted I think it will gradually extend throughout the world. I would take time from Greenwich Observato ry, for it is the best time that exists. It is exact, constant and known, or ascertainable everywhere,

Setting T. J. up as a Sheep Raiser.

Gov Butler bought at the New England fair and sent as a present to Gov. Jarvis, of North Carolina, some fine specimens of Cotswold sheep.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER "CON-FEBERATE HOME" FUND.

It gives us pleasure to see this fund grow. The interest manifested indicates that the hearts of our people are in the right place. Yes tions for a hundred dollars each. One a Raleigh gentleman of known liberality, who was a soldier in the days that tried men's souls; and the other, one of Edgecombe's honored sons. We annex his letter:

TARB RO, N. C., cept. 21, 1883 MR. EDITOR: A few days ago I was in the "cash" room of the Treas. ury department, Washington, D. C., and witnessed the paying out of many thousand dollars to Union soldiers, and it made me feel very sad to think how we of the South had neglected in not providing in some way for the maimed and destitute ex Confederates, their widows and orphans. Put me down for \$100 for the endowment fund. Wish I were able to make it \$1,000.

Very Respectfully, DAVID PENDER

The name of Pender is already embalmed in the memory of our people, and this subscription will only make it still dearer to those soldiers who were so gallantly led to battle by their heroic commander. William D, Pender.

The offerings for the Confederate home now are as follows: An Elge combe gentleman, \$100; H. C. Eccles, \$100; "A Private," Darham, \$500; Tarboro Southerner, \$100; A Raleigh Major, \$100; David Pender, \$100; This foots up a thousand dollars. We want other subscriptions to come in without delay now that the ball is fairly started. And in this connection we wish to say that when a sufficient amount has been subscribed a meeting of the subscribers will be called, and they will organize, select directors and take the necessary steps to carry out their design. But even at this early day it may be well enough to suggest that inasmuch as our wounded soldiers will, in the course of years, pass away, the fund can, after its particular purpose has been served, be appropriated by the subscribers to some other noble charity. What disposition should be made of it when the old soldiers have been cared for the subscribers must say, but we would suggest that there be a further trust in favor of some charity, to be determined by the donors.

A Statue to Gen Zachary Taylor. Yesterday a statue of Gen. Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States, was unveiled at the Taylor burial ground, near Louis ville. His political success was as remarkable as his victories in war. The democrats carried the country for James K. Polk in 1844, and for Franklin Pierce in 1852, but in 1848 Taylor, though a whig, excited the greatest enthusiasm by reason of his laurels and unpretending virtues, and deteaced Lewis Cass, of Michi gan, his democratic opponent. "Gen. Taylor never surrenders!" told immensely on the street transparencies of the canvass of 1848. Time may have perhaps dimmed somewhat the lustre of the Mexican hero's fame as a soldier, in comparison with the reputations made during the late civil war, but there was something kindly and of sterling worth in the man that will long keep his name in affectionate remembrance.

VERDICT IN THE FRALEY CASE.

The trial of David Fraley for the murder of H. F. Walker, a revenue agent in Stanley county, on the 8th of February last, which was commenced at Concord Thursday week, was concluded Saturday night and resulted in a verdict of manslaughter. The case was given to the jury in the afternoon and they were out till half past eleven o'clock Saturday night, when they returned with their verdict. 12 years. Fraley waylaid Walker.

The Census.

Chicago Times.

A washington correspondent says: "It is generally understood that an eff ort will be made to have the Census Bureau made a permanent institu tion," There is no doubt of the nec ess ty of this, if it is the intention ever to complete the last censue,

Taking too Much for Granted.

Bill Arp.

By invitation I made a speech not long ago at a farmer's barbecue in a neighboring county, and I spread myselt in encouraging our people to keep up with the progress of the age, and I pictured the innocence and bonesty and independence of a farmers life in multitudinous language. I was cheered and congratulated of course when I got through, but an old grizzly feller with brass-bound spec. tacles came up and says he to me, "My friend, you talk mighty well; you talk like a lawyer; but I would like to know if you can tell what kind of a calf will make the best mileb cow." "A beifer calf," said I, and the crowd just velled. I got the grin on the old man, and so says I, "Nov, let me ask you a question, and you may ask me another, and the man who can't answer his own question must treat to cigara." "All right," said be, "any go a'read."

Said I: "How does a goint squirrell dig his hole without leaving any dirt round the top?"

He studied awhile and gave it up, and called on me to answer. "Wny," said I, "he begins at the botto n"

.Well, but how does he get to the bottom?" said the old man, as though he had me. "I don't know," said I; "I never

did know; and as it is your question. you must answer it or pay." The crowd yelled again, and the old man sarrendered and bought the

Well, there are a heap of things that way about farming; we take to much for granted. The ground squirrel does leave dire around the top, For years we have been shelling off the buts and the tips of the corn to get the middle grains to plant, and now it seems to be settled by many experiments that the top grains are the best. For years we have been barrowing in our seed wheat, and now it seems that it ought to be rolled in and the surface proset and and close. We live but to years, and be

Boath of a Notorious Chinaman

lives best who learns nost,

Advices from Caian ranganes the death of a notorious Chinumun, named Chen Cwo Jin. It was to this human fiend that the Tientsin massacre of 1870 was attributable, although the authorities at Pekin sternly refused to be believe in his guilt or listen to the demands which the French minister in China made for his trial. It was well known however, at the time that Chen Cwo. Jin had started on a crusale in Northern China, spreading hatrad against foreigners in general and Roman Catholic missionaries in particular. These latter he accused of poisoning the public wells -a very common but lulierously groundless complaint against foreigners in China -and of putting out the eyes of the female children attending their schools. Chen Cwo Jin, however, continued his bloody career, and though the Chinese officials would not inferers with him as being the main cause of a massacre of foreign. ers, they had to arrest him for the subsequent murder of one of his own people, and he was banished, six years ago, to the Amoor district.

Child-Stealing in the South.

A man na nail John Ogletres has ore ated considerable excite nent in Geor gla and Alabama by his boll act of kipnapping, having stolen 3 in the last three weeks. In two cases is was so closely pressed so close that he abandoned the children asharmed. In the third case he stole the child of a farm. er named white, in Jackson county Ala., and being closely pressed, he dashed through the town of Tallape » sa with blood stains on his clothes, but without the child, which it is feared, he has mardered. Tas Ala bama authorites have offered \$500 for Ogle ree's arrest.

ONE BOTTLE IN THE CLOSET .-Some sly old fellows have a habit of keeping thi r bran ly bottle where nobody but themselves can get at it. They think nobody knows how often they go to it, but a red nose sometime tells the tale londer than words can speak it. The "bottle in the closet." bottle in the closet," if it contain brandy, is very mischievous. But a 'a bottle in the closet," full of Perry Dayis's Pain Killer, is just what no family can afford to be without,