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Cycling in Normandy.
 The roads in Normandy are splendid for cycling, the only disadvantage being that the straightness of many main routes hides the beauty of the country, for which reason it is often a good plan, when time is not an object, to pick out the byways on the map. This is the easier because not only are the byways excellently kept, but the name of a French village is plainly written up, and one does not have ridiculous difficulty, as sometimes in England, in finding out where one is. Signposts and milestones are abundant, and the decimal system renders them perfectly simple and exact. "Highways and Byways in Normandy," by Dearmer.

An Impromptu Ring.
 A marriage ceremony was performed in Toronto recently, with a substitute for the ring which, though odd and amusing, was appropriate for the occasion. The couple went over from the American side of the St. Lawrence river, but forgot to take a ring. As there was no ring to be had in the house the resourceful clergyman sent for his wife's sewing scissors and, with the finger clasp, completed the ceremony.

Drinks and Thirst.
 It is a mistake to suppose that cold drinks are necessary to relieve thirst. Very cold drinks, as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach and so create thirst. Experience shows it to be a fact that hot drinks relieve thirst and "cool off" the body when it is in an abnormally heated condition better than ice cold drinks.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the favorite days in the week for marriage—Sunday in rural districts and Saturday in towns. Sunday weddings seem to be generally less numerous than they were, while the number which take place on Saturday are greatly on the increase.

The Tomato.
 The tomato was known up to 1830 as a "love apple" and regarded with suspicion. It originated in Spanish South America and, being introduced into Italy from Morocco, was named "poma del mori"—Moor's apple. The French called it "pomme d'amour."

After.
 Willie—Pa, did Adam and Eve kick much when they was 'run out of the garden?
 Pa—Well, no; not just then, but they raised Cain afterward. Now go to bed.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Sixty U. S. cavalry attacked a large body of Filipinos recently, near Guinobatan, killing 45 of them.

At Havre 30 cars containing American exhibitions at the Paris exposition are seized for an alleged debt of 5,710 francs.

The Fox Steel Car Works at Joliet, Ill., was destroyed by fire Monday, causing a loss of \$100,000, with only \$9,800 insurance.

The volunteers in the Philippines are not inclined to re-enlist and Gen. McArthur favors a bounty of \$250 to each one who does so.

D. Allie has been arrested at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, charged with complicity in the Cudahy kidnaping case. He had between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in gold.

Dense fogs on the English coast Monday caused several wrecks. The British steamer Brunwick grounded in Bristol channel and keeled over and sank. Seven of her crew were drowned.

Frank P. Bennett, a famous American scout and Indian fighter, committed suicide at Honolulu last Thursday. His suicide followed the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, an intimate friend.

Celestino Peraza, formerly secretary general of President Castro, of Venezuela, has revolted against the Venezuelan government. A force of 2,500 Venezuelan troops, under Gen. Aristides Pando, has been sent against Peraza.

The war department officials are greatly worried that congress did not pass the army reorganization bill before the holiday recess. Time will be short for getting the volunteers home and the new troops in their places by July 1st.

It is said the Cramps are likely to lose the contract to build a Turkish cruiser. It appears that the German embassy protested to the Porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

A tornado passed through the eastern part of Noxubee county and the western part of Pickens and Sumter counties, Ala., last Saturday night, doing great damage. On several plantations houses were blown down. Two negroes are known to have been killed.

Two men were killed and two wounded in Clay county, Ky., late Monday. Four members of the Sizemore family on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sizemores were killed and two of the Sizemores fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause.

A passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome & Southern railway was wrecked by an unknown miscreant at Miller's Nurseries early Sunday evening. Three train employees were injured and the passengers badly shaken up but nobody was fatally hurt. The wreck occurred one and a half miles below Rome, Ga. The train ran into the sidetrack at full speed and crashed into a dozen box cars. It was ascertained that the switch lock had been broken and the switch purposely turned.

A dispatch from Tamaqua, Pa., says: The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the celebrated Burning Mine at Summit Hill, which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and it is said that the next two years will see its extinguishment. The fire, which has consumed 35 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite coal region, has moved westward toward Dansford. Two immense drilling machines, which have been constantly probing for the fire, have now become honeycombed to the earth to the west of the burning portion. Cnlm is being poured into these holes, and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

When Bees Beat Troops.
 It is on record that a swarm of bees as weapons of war were used not once, but twice, and with the best possible effect.

When Themiscyra, in Pontus, was besieged by Lucullus, the Romans employed turrets, built mounds and made huge mines beneath the city. While they were treating the mines the people of Themiscyra dug down through the earth to the mines and then cast in upon the Roman workers bears and other wild animals, together with a swarm of bees.

History repeated itself in England when the Danes and Norwegians made their attack upon Chester, about ten centuries since. The town was held by the Saxons and some Galle allies, who tried stones and boiling water upon the besiegers without effect. As a last resource they collected all the bees and upset them into the enemy's camp beneath the city wall.

This had the effect of making things "hum," so to speak, and it is recorded that the enemy were so badly stung that they could move neither arms nor legs.

Couldn't Resist.
 An eccentric clergyman in Cornwall had been much annoyed by the way the members of the congregation had of looking around to see late comers. After enduring it for some time he said on entering the reading desk one day: "Brethren, I regret to see that your attention is called away from your religious duties by your very natural desire to see who comes in behind you. I propose henceforth to save you the trouble by naming each person who may come late."

He then began, "Dearly beloved," but paused half way to interpolate, "Mr. S., with his wife and daughter." Mr. S. looked rather surprised, but the minister, with perfect gravity, resumed. Presently he again paused. "Mr. C. and William D."

The abashed congregation kept their eyes studiously bent on their books. The service proceeded in the most orderly manner, the parson interrupting himself every now and then to name some newcomer. At last he said, still with the same perfect gravity: "Mrs. S. in a new bonnet."

In a moment every feminine head in the congregation had turned around.—Millinery Trade Review.

A Mystery of the Sea.
 One of the most curious fads ever made from the sea was that which came to the Azores in 1858. The island of Corvo was then in the possession of two runaway British sailors. One morning these drifted ashore a craft which had evidently been frozen in the ice for a long time. It was an ancient and battered brig, without masts, bulwark or name, but the hatches were on, the cabin doors fast, and the hull was buoyant. She had little cargo, and that consisted of skins and furs in prime condition.

No papers were found in the cabin, but it was figured that she was a sealer or trader, carrying a crew of 10 or 12, and that she had been provisioned for a year. The flour was spoiled, but the beef was perfectly preserved. She had been abandoned when frozen in an iceberg and drifted for years. The date of the letter found in the forecastle showed that the brig had been abandoned nearly half a century before. The two sailors got out the furs, which eventually brought them \$4,000, and two barrels of beef and then set fire to the wreck. No trace was ever found of its name or owners.

Just an Ordinary Steak.
 "When in Hamburg, we supposed we must do as the Hamburgers did, so at our first meal there we asked for Hamburg steak," said the woman. "Besides, we wanted to see how that viand would taste upon its native heath, anyway. But to all our requests, couched in our best scholastic German, the waiter shook his head. Like many another prophet, the Hamburg steak was apparently without honor in its own country. At all events, our waiter hadn't heard of it. 'Oh, well,' we said, 'just bring us an ordinary beef steak. But, lo and behold, when the meat was served there it was all chopped up and made into small cakes—what Americans call, in fact, 'Hamburg steak'! To Hamburgers a Hamburg steak was an 'ordinary steak.'"—New York Sun.

Feeds the Hair

Have you ever thought why your hair is falling out? It is because you are starving your hair. If this starvation continues, your hair will continue to fall.

There is one good hair food. It is Ayer's Hair Vigor. It goes right to the roots of the hair and gives them just the food they need. The hair stops falling, becomes healthy, and grows thick and long.

Ayer's Hair Vigor does another thing, also: it always restores color to faded or gray hair.

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Send for our handsome book on The Hair.

ZIG ZAG CLUB CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Entertained in Elegant Style at the Mitchell Home.

The Zig Zag club was entertained last evening by the Misses Mitchells, complimentary to Misses Blanche Thornton and Louise Dicks.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock the 40 invited guests began arriving at the palatial home of the Mitchells in East Kinston, being received by the Misses and Mr. W. A. Mitchell.

After arrival of all the guests, "A Musical Romance" was begun. This consisted of giving each guest a small book containing questions to be answered by the name of a song.

The guests then repaired to the spacious dining room, where, amid laughter and merry wit, they partook of the nice eatables set before them.

After the serving of refreshments, all engaged themselves by dancing in the large hall and porch, or conversing in couples or groups, until time for leaving, when all must have expressed their true feelings to the host, as to having passed an enjoyable evening, when making their adieu.

No Admittance Fee.

The question has been asked if there will be an admittance fee to the entertainment at the court house tomorrow night. Everybody is invited to attend—it won't cost a cent to get in, but a collection will be taken during the evening. Was there ever a Methodist gathering without a collection? J. B. WEBB.

KILLED A BIG BEAR.

Ouslow County Farmer Had Thrilling Experience on His Place Saturday.

Among the curiosities on Market street Sunday afternoon, was a 196 pound bear which a farmer killed Saturday on his farm in Ouslow county. The farmer, who brought the bear here to sell him, said he was out squirrel hunting, his dogs treed, and when he came up to the tree expected to find a squirrel, he was surprised to see a bear instead. His gun failed to fire twice and about that time the animal descended from his position in the tree and engaged in a fierce fight with his dogs. The bear then climbed another tree nearby and he brought him down with a load of bird shot from his muzzle-loader gun. The experience was rather an interesting one for the farmer and his dogs.

Another Murder in Pitt County.

Greenville Reflector.
 We do not believe Pitt county has had a more cold blooded and unprovoked murder than one that occurred at Falkland Saturday, when John Parker fully slew Alex Little, both parties white. Saturday morning John Parker was sworn in as a special police officer at Falkland. During the day he heard a noise in Nichols' bar and went in to tell the parties inside to make less noise. Alex Little was in there quietly settling some bills. Parker said to Little, "You are the very man I have been looking for. I understand you said no Falkland policeman could arrest you." To this Little replied, "I have made no such remark and had no occasion to make it, for I have done nothing to be arrested for."

"Come take a drink with me then," said Parker. Little agreed to take the drink with Parker. They went up to the counter and the drinks were poured out, when Parker stepped back and said: "Before we take this drink I want to know if you take back what you said." Little again replied, "I have said nothing to take back. What is the matter with you?"

Quick as a flash Parker drew his pistol and emptied it into Little, killing him almost instantly. Parker made his escape. Coroner Laughinghouse went out to hold an inquest and found the above particulars of the murder.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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A New Tobacco Company to Enter The Field.

New York Commercial, 22d.
 The Finzers, of Louisville, who were formerly large manufacturers of plug tobacco, have formed a new company which will be operated in competition with the Continental Tobacco company and the American Tobacco company. It is called the Atlas Tobacco company, and proposes to take over two old tobacco plants.

These are the Finzer plant, which the combine allowed to go out of operation, and the Esley plant, the capacity of both of which is said to be about 1,000 hogsheads a month. The new company will manufacture all sorts of chewing tobacco, etogies, cigarettes and snuff.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price, 25 cents. Samples free, at J. E. Hood's drug store.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

It is calculated that about 500 divorces a year are now granted in North Carolina.

The house of Mr. S. A. Allen, mayor of Wake Forest, was entered by burglars Sunday night, who took his gold watch, some money and other valuables.

A negro man, supposed to have been drunk, was run over and killed about one and a half miles north of Wilson about 6:30 Saturday evening by the Atlantic Coast Line train, No. 23, south-bound.

Charlotte News: The day of the fire cracker and Roman candles seems to have passed. Especially is this true in Charlotte. A package of crackers and a bunch of Roman candles are as rare as hen's teeth down this way.

A freight train over the Mooresville road was wrecked near Mocksville Sunday night, by the rails spreading. Seventeen cars left the track and piled up together. Many of them were loaded with coal. Fortunately the train men escaped injury.

A police census of Charlotte has been taken. It shows 19,902 within the corporate limits, a gain of 1,811 over the government census. The population inside the police jurisdiction, which includes Dilworth and the cotton milling settlements, is 27,752.

The Mormons claim that during the past 12 months they have made 140 converts in the eastern part of the State, making the present membership in North Carolina 1,200. They say the negroes in the eastern counties are much more friendly to them than those in the west.

At Goldsboro, on Dec. 22, a negro woman entered the home of Miss Mollie Merritt, a young white woman, a dressmaker, and assaulted Miss Merritt, beating her severely because she would not let her have a dress until paid for. Officers have been searching for the negro woman.

Early Sunday morning the cotton gin and saw mill owned by Mr. Wiley Mitchell, located about three miles from Wake Forest, were burned and the fire was, it is believed, incendiary. The loss from the fire, it is thought, will be \$6,000 or \$8,000. The mill had been last used about three weeks ago and it seems extremely improbable that it could have caught from the engine. The insurance amounted to \$2,800.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: Andy Wineoff, who has been in the penitentiary here longer than any other convict—27 years—is pardoned, the pardon taking effect in March. His case is very interesting. He was Gov. Vance's office boy, when Vance had a law office at Charlotte. He committed some crime, fled and turned up in Robeson county, where he joined a band of outlaws; was tried for murder, was on a gallows with a rope around his neck when Vance's commutation arrived. He was offered a pardon two years ago, but said he wanted to stay in the penitentiary until Capt. Bill Day's term as superintendent ended. That term ends in March, and then Andy's will end, too.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: It will be remembered that considerable surprise was expressed by the general public that Senator Pritchard was not given the district judgeship which was given to James E. Boyd. A Republican of prominence explains it. He says there are to be three circuit judges in this district. Now there are only two—Goff and Simonton—while the other districts have three. Some persons expected that congress would provide for the third judge at this term, but if it did so Pritchard could not be given the position, as it would have been created during his term of office. So the matter will be held in abeyance for two years, the office created and the president, when Pritchard's term ends, will appoint him.

An accident occurred at Cronly, on the Seaboard Air Line, Saturday night, in which a colored brakeman, whose name is unknown, was instantly killed, and Capt. Love, conductor of the freight train was badly burned and bruised. A freight train was going down a grade and broke in two. When the engineer slowed down at Cronly, the back section of the train which had broken loose, crashed into the front part of the train with much force. The negro had his head out of the door, which shut forcibly and broke his neck. Capt. Love was thrown violently against the stove in the caboose and was painfully burned. His arm was severely hurt and he also received several bad bruises on his body. No one else was hurt and there was very little damage to the train.

Honor Roll School No. 2, Falling Creek.

The following is honor roll of school No. 2—Falling Creek township: Joseph Dawson, Floyd Kennedy, Mabel Hodges, Hattie Daly, Mary Mosely, Leo Daly.

M. H. Wooten.
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