

REMEMBER.

The Kinston petition for a new charter has not yet come up. If bonds are desired, the very best conservative men in Kinston had better be put on, or the bonds will be defeated.

INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS.

The greater part of the immigrants arriving in this country come through the port of New York. During the year 1902 this port admitted 545,750 immigrants as compared with 497,702 admitted in 1901.

From one standpoint this influx of immigration may be said to be complimentary to us. The fame of our country has gone abroad throughout the world.

Of these immigrants, nearly all locate in the great cities, adding to the congestion and misery already beyond control in them.

We welcome all legitimate immigration, but a vast number of immigrants come to our shores who are totally unfit for citizenship, and who can never be assimilated by American civilization.

Great numbers of them never learn our language and even steadfastly oppose their children learning it. They care nothing for American citizenship, but merely for the money that can be accumulated during a brief sojourn among us.

Something must be done. But as yet no one has proposed a remedy entirely satisfactory, or one that seems altogether sufficient.

The theory that American citizenship is of especial value and dignity will ultimately pass into reproach unless we speedily set about relieving it from its besetting dangers.

The principles of our free institutions require every citizen to bear his due proportion of responsibility and cost of maintaining our government in all its varied and beneficent operations. Of course, the naturalized foreigner living abroad has no part nor lot in the common concern of the people, and is in effect enjoying the possession of a valuable right which cost him nothing and was really obtained by him under false pretenses.

THE COLUMBIA HOMICIDE.

The Charleston News and Courier has the following to say relative to South Carolina ideas of justifiable homicide:

"We wish to keep the issue perfectly clear, and present it, therefore, as sharply as we can. The people generally of the state have waited and watched for many years for a case of homicide, in which while men would be concerned, and in which the plea of self-defense should be found unavailable.

"This is not an exaggerated statement of the issue. More than one manslaughter, we believe, has been acquitted by juries in the state on this plea. It is the plea that has been put forward already in the Columbiacase. Its acceptance as always valid as sufficient, is, of course, a serious matter.

"We hope that the custom of shooting a man because he has his hands in his pockets will not spread to this part of the country. The custom might benefit the manufacturer and dealer in gloves, but then a man is liable to forget, and, if an antagonist should chance to be about, dreadful things might happen.

Arizona Kicklets

The Editor of the Kicker Makes a Few Explanations

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A NEWSPAPER in Columbus, O., gravely announces that we are personally to blame for at least twenty lynchings that have taken place here within the last year and that nothing seems to assuage our thirst for blood.

The citizens of Grass Valley did not attempt to lynch us one day last summer, as stated in a Santa Fe paper with a great show of complacency.

We have not threatened the lives of over 500 citizens in this territory in the last five years, as published in a San Francisco sheet. On the contrary, our own life has been threatened 750 times, and we have had to do some lightning dodging to save it.

The paragraph going the rounds to the effect that our mother-in-law died under suspicious circumstances gets wabbly in the knees when we state that we are still an old bachelor and never had a mother-in-law to kill off.

The charge made against us in an Omaha paper that we encouraged dog-fights on Sunday has not a grain of truth in it. As a matter of fact, we lead the church choir on Sunday forenoon and assist in the Sunday school afterward, and we have no time to be bad even if we wanted to.

According to an item published in a St. Paul Journal, we as postmaster have driven inquiries for mail out of the office at the muzzle of a pistol. According to the truth, we even got up at midnight to sell a two cent stamp or hand out letters, and the only persons ever driven out were those who had fired at us through the general delivery window.

We do not secure advertising for the Kicker by calling upon business men and displaying our guns, as stated



WE DO NOT SECURE ADVERTISING BY DISPLAYING OUR GUNS.

In a Cincinnati paper of a late date. If we carry our guns with us when out on an advertising tour, it is merely to protect ourselves in case the argument should run into politics or religion.

We have not made threats to shoot any man who had the nerve to run against us as candidate for the mayoralty of this burg, as announced by several papers in Indiana. At each election for the last six years there has been a rival candidate, and if he was snowed under it was because the electors loved and trusted us.

A Kansas weekly stops its press to let the world know that we shot down in cold blood a Mr. Stevens, principal of the Union school in Giveadam Gulch, because he disputed us on a historical point. The only schoolteacher here is a Miss Green, and we had the honor of escorting her to a birthday party less than thirty-six hours ago.

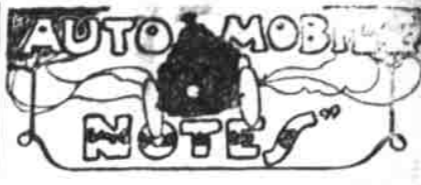
We have not shot and wounded three different members of the Giveadam Gulch common council within the last year, as stated in a Denver paper. We simply on one occasion split Alderman Finnegan's ear with a bullet to make him understand that he was out of order.

The statement of a Cleveland paper that we have shot down three different horse editors connected with the Kicker would be malicious if not so absurd. Each one of the trio received his death miles away from the office and by the hands of others, and in each case we paid the funeral expenses and expressed our grief to surviving relatives.

Neighing. Hark, the sleigh bells' merry jingle O'er the crackling ice and snow! Seems to set your blood a-tingle. On the go!

With your dearest girl beside you, Smuggled up in furs and fuff, And the starry night to hide you; That's the stuff!

Funny how the old horse scampers, Though you drive with just one arm. Something else the other hampers; What's the harm? —New York Times.



AUTOMOBILE AMBULANCE.

The automobile has been applied to a wide variety of uses since it became popular in the United States, but it is believed that the city of Cleveland has the only one which is used for an animal ambulance, says a writer in the Scientific American.

The rear portion is similar in design to the ordinary runabout, but the front portion has been enlarged to sustain a platform containing a wooden case which is divided into upper and lower sections, the upper portion being used for cats, as its name implies, and the lower portion for dogs.

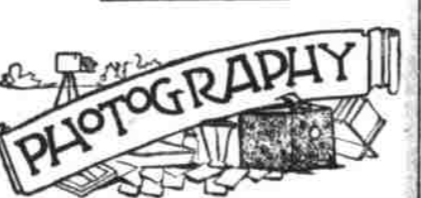


AUTOMOBILE AMBULANCE.

The case has slits protected by wire to admit the air, while each contains a dish of water. The portion for the dogs is divided also into two sections, so that three or four canine patients can be taken at a time.

Not only novelties like the above, but also improvements in automobiling, are now being recorded daily. According to a German technical journal, Ludwig Maurer has succeeded in solving several problems in relation to the driving of motor carriages.

Instead of changing the speed of the motor, increase or decrease of speed is obtained by sliding the small friction wheel back and forth on the shaft. The farther the wheel is removed from the center of the disk the faster it revolves, and when the wheel runs close to the center steep grades can be negotiated with ease.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Backing plates to prevent halation is a very commendable operation, but if the plates are subjected to a strong light during that operation and become fogged the process ceases to be effectual, says a writer in the Brooklyn Eagle. In fact, much better results would be obtained if the plates were not touched at all.

In backing plates, especially orthochromatine plates, a very subdued light must be used; the plates must be kept at a safe distance from the light and also shaded from the direct rays. The greatest care must likewise be taken that the plate is not touched with the greasy fingers. Unless these precautions are taken backing plates is of no value whatever.

Many streaks or spots in negatives come from uneven development caused by not fanning the developer evenly over the plate, thus causing portions of the image to come up before other portions are touched by the developer. This fault comes from using too little developer or from not applying it to the plate properly.

In developing overexposures a pinch of salt will act as a retarder where bromide of potassium is not at hand. A little salt will often save a good many plates for the tourist, who often does his developing under difficulties and does not have at hand all the chemicals that are needed.

GEMS IN VERSE

Motherhood. So little a soul, scarce a cry Or a name, Hedge it in lest it fly To the heaven whence it came, For the soul knows its wing, And earth's night, So bewildering, May fright the small thing!

The Prayers of the Little Ones. How sorely pressed the Lord must be With all the tearful people's woes! The weak implore for mercy; Above their strong, relentless foes; The poor cry out against the rich, The slave would fling his chains away, And oft their cries must be unheard, But God, I know, hears every word When little children kneel to pray.

Mayhap the pious pharisee Is never heard above his roof When he, at bedtime, crooks the knee Beseeching for his own behoof; Their prayers may all be said in vain Who arm themselves and march away To fall in battle or to kill, But God, I know, must listen still When little children kneel to pray.

The grave faced hypocrite who reads The word the Master gave to men And loudly prays and then proceeds To crush the weak for gain again May be so little that the Lord, Attending to immense affairs, Is unaware of him; but, oh, God still has time to heed, I know, When little children say their prayers.

The ones who wrangle over creeds And those who think, forsooth, that they Are sent to judge the people's needs And give the word and show the way May be so little and obscure That God, with all his awful cares, Is deaf to them; but, filled with love, I know he listens from above When little children say their prayers. —S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

The Timid Kitten. There was a little kitten once Who was of dogs afraid, And, being by no means a dunce, His plans he boldly made. He said: "It's only on the land That dogs run after me, So I will buy a catboat, and I'll sail away to sea."

"Out there from dogs I'll be secure, And each night, ere I sleep, To make assurance doubly sure A dog watch I will keep." He bought a catboat, hired a crew, And one fine summer day Triumphant his flag he flew And gaily sailed away.

But in midocean one midnight— 'Twas very, very dark— The pilot screamed in sudden fright, "I hear a passing bark!"

"Oh, what is that?" the kitten said. The pilot said, "I fear An ocean greyhound's just ahead And drawing very near!"

"Alack," the kitten cried, "alack! This is no paltry pup! An ocean greyhound's on my track; I may as well give up!" —Carolyn Wells in St. Nicholas.

The Modern Church. The holy church was once a thing apart— A thing of vested priests and chanting choirs, Of mystic language and symbolic art— Condemning life and all its warm desires! The modern church is made for human need; Its ministers by men are understood; They preach an open book, an honest creed, And every day a day for doing good; And no cathedral, with its climbing spire, Pitter for worship than yon grove, whose blue arched roof is higher.

And God was once a King upon a throne, A being far removed from sinful men, Velling his face in deep displeasure shown, With gracious favor shining forth again; But neither hope of heaven nor fear of hell Nor a vague awe of One who dwells above In starry realms, remote, invisible, Can cleanse the soul or kindle saving love! Eternity is now; today the judgment doth begin, And God is nearer than ourselves; his kingdom is within! —Elaine G. Eastman in Independent.

The Inevitable. I like the man who faces what he must With step triumphant and a heart of cheer, Who fights the daily battle without fear, Whose hopes fall, yet keeps unflinching true; That God is God; that somehow true and just His plans work out for mortals; not a tear Is shed when fortune which the world holds dear Falls from his grasp; better with love a trust Than living in dishonor; envies not Nor loses faith in man, but does his best, Nor ever murmurs at his humbler lot, But, with a smile and words of hope, gives zest To every toiler. He alone is great Who by a life heroic conquers fate. —Sarah K. Bolton.

At Life's Close. Oh, what a glory doth this world put on For him who, with a fervent heart, goes forth Under the bright and glorious sky and looks On duties well performed and days well spent! For him the wind, eye, and the yellow leaves, Shall have a voice and give him eloquent teachings, He shall so hear the solemn hymn that Death Has lifted up for all that he shall go To his long resting place without a tear. —Longfellow.

Satisfied. Love wore a threadbare dress of gray And toiled upon the road all day. Love wielded pick and carried pack And bent to heavy loads the back. Though meager fed and sorely tasked, One only wage Love ever asked— A woman's smile, face to face at night, A woman's smile by candlelight. —Margaret E. Sangster.

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