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A great "rush" of herring is expected this winter on the west coast of Norway.

The cashier of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, whose only idea of fidelity was that made a nice sounding name for a bank, has found in the jail to which he has been sent a man who was his schoolmate forty-five years ago.

The Congressmen from the far Western States will make neat little sums of pin money out of their mileage allowance, which is twenty cents a mile and from Washington.

The great cottonwood trees in the swamps of Tennessee contain veins of clear, sparkling water, which tastes somewhat like unsweetened soda water, and which sprouts forth as if under gaseous pressure when a vein is punctured.

The latest, or perhaps the best known, shop in Paris, Au Bon Marche, is kept by a woman, Madame Boucicault, who has recently been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

It is doubtful whether death in burning buildings is as horrible as is generally supposed. The London Lancet, speaking particularly of the affair of the Opera Comique in Paris, observes that the burning seldom occurs in these cases until after death, or at least insensibility to pain, has been produced.

The natural products of any land in vegetable or animal life are the safest for its inhabitants to propagate. When they try to do otherwise there may be no adequate check to their increase and the most serious consequences will result.

The people of New South Wales have for many years been overrun with rabbits and have been driven to the verge of ruin by their increase. The sparsely populated region cannot keep them down.

THE HIDDEN CROSS.

How many hearts so brave and true Are battling day by day To bear a cross their whole lives thro', Unmurmuring all the way.

It happened one afternoon last year, in the month of November, that I received a telegram calling for my presence in London early next morning on an important business matter.

A TERRIBLE TEN MINUTES.

Having dispatched my message, I finished up the day's work with all speed, and then returned to my lodgings to make preparations for my journey.

My first object was to get a good night's sleep, and I accordingly turned in at an early hour, and was fast asleep.

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There is one more incident in close connection with that journey to be told; it is this, that there will be a marriage early this spring.

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BIG PERCHERON HORSES.

THE ENTERPRISE IN WHICH SENATOR PALMER IS ENGAGED.

United States Senator Palmer, of Michigan, has \$100,000 worth of Percheron horses on his farm near Detroit, and has started his farm manager on a journey to Damascus to import for him two Arabian stallions and three Arabian mares.

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Corean Votacity.

One striking fault of the Coreans at the table is their voracity, and to this trait their character Japanese, French, Dutch and Chinese bear witness.

A Wonderful Beetle.

The light of the fire-flies of tropical America seems to be dependent upon the will, as if feeding or asleep it is not seen, attaining its greatest brilliancy during activity and flight.

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SELECT SIFTINGS.

Modern needles first came into use in 1643. Kerosene was first used for lighting purposes in 1836.

A ton of diamonds is estimated to be worth \$30,000,000. The first steam engine on this continent was brought from England in 1734.

The great Thames Tunnel in England, the work of Sir I. Brunel, was begun in 1826 and finished in 1843.

Lager beer was first brewed in the United States in 1847, when a German named Wagner made it in Philadelphia.

Keokuk has a glass eater. He is a small boy, and on a wager ate half a lamp chimney, and it didn't disagree with him.

To her litter of three kittens a Kansas cat named Mrs. Chas. H. worked for a shilling (twenty-four cents) a day, and oftentimes was compelled to take less.

The treaty of Westphalia, which was made in 1648, is one of the most important compacts of its kind in the history of Europe, including as it did the great Thirty Years' War.

A Buffalo canary has a miniature well in its cage, with a bucket, the chain of which reaches to its perch. When it wants a drink it draws up the bucket, much to the delight of the children in the neighborhood.

For a time the Puritans during the reign of Elizabeth reunited themselves with the Church of England, but as they subsequently refused to be bound by the act of supremacy and of uniformity, they became known as non-conformists.

A colossal stick of lumber from Puget Sound was contributed to the mechanics' exhibition at San Francisco. Its length is 151 feet, and it is 30x30 inches through. It is believed to be the longest piece of lumber turned out of any saw-mill.

Surveyors going over the line between Washington and Green Counties, Penn., found one house so situated that the husband eats his meal in Washington while the wife eats hers in Greene, and they sleep with their heads in one county and their feet in the other.

Humor of the Day.

The equestrian takes a back seat. The convict is naturally in a good humor when he's breaking out.

Maud asks: "How can I get white hands?" Make bread, Maud. -Burlington Free Press.

Men who cover themselves with glory sometimes find that they are, after all, very truly clad. -Boston Post.

It is rumored that the interested people are going to abolish the Rocky Mountain passes. -Detroit Free Press.

"I saw a pretty thing in kid gloves last evening," observed Fitzipery to his sister. "What was it?" "My best girl's hand. -Pittsburgh Chronicle.

"I see the dude has got into the latest edition of Webster's dictionary. 'Ha! ha! Well, hurry, then, and slum the cover down.' -Chicago News.

"Advice," says a philosopher, "should come to us like a gentle fall of snow." Very true; but we usually receive it as if it were a shower-bath. -Boston Courier.

"Does marriage change a man?" asks a writer. Depends on whom he marries. Some women would make a man bald in six months. -Burlington Free Press.

"Early to bed and early to rise Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Campaign and oysters at midnight's hour Cuts a man off in his early hours. -Merchant Traveler.

Lady (who had a sick husband): "Don't you think, doctor, that you ought to bleed my husband?" Doctor (absent-mindedly): "No, madame, not until he gets well." -Epoch.

An exchange has an article on "China as it is." Just how China is depends upon the hired girl. Generally it is wicked, and often so badly broken that it has to be swept out. -Omaha Herald.

In these cold winter nights true love is born. Conceive a sweeter picture if you can. Fair Chloë at the friends' party last even. And Stephen poses the question, like a man. -Boston Courier.

"I tell you what it is, Gus: Ananias's father can't appreciate us. He has no soul." "Oh, he hasn't!" "Well, if you'd been in my place last night you'd have thought he was all soul." -Harper's Bazar.

A strange child was introduced to 4-year-old Adelaide with injunctions as to his entertainment. With a superb dignity the suggestions were checked by: "My dear, I have played with children all my life." -American Magazine.

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