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Girl and Coachman.

A Familiar Romance Repeated in New York.

Schenectady, N. Y.—Josephine Gardner, a white girl 19 years-old, and James Cooper, a negro coachman of the same age, who had been in the employ of the girl's father, a wealthy contractor of Auburn, were arrested in this city last week on complaint of the Gardner girl's mother, who told the police that her daughter had eloped with the negro coachman with whom she had become infatuated.

The couple were arrested at 114 Perry street where they procured board and lodging. The girl returned home with her mother this morning and Cooper was detained until to-night, when he was released on his promise to quit the city at once.

Miss Gardner's father is William Gardner, a prominent citizen of Auburn. She is not only handsome but well educated and accomplished. When she left home Thursday her parents thought she was going to visit a friend in Glens Falls. Instead she met Cooper and fled with him to this city. Knowledge of their elopement came to the parents through a note sent to the girl by Cooper which was picked up by her father. When placed under arrest they did not deny that they had eloped, but told the detective that they intended to be married to-day.

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Oldest Office Holders.

Some weeks ago Mr. Capron, of Rhode Island, was bragging that he had the oldest office holder from the point of continuous service to be found anywhere in the United States. It was told in the Post at that time how Mr. Hasley Perry Clark, of Richmond, R. I., had been town clerk there for fifty years, being eighty five years old, and was still holding on. Every year this veteran went before the people and was triumphantly re-elected. In his felicitous and inimitable style Mr. Capron wrote this Rhode Islander a letter of congratulations assuring him that the country was proud of so faithful a public servant.

But Mr. W. W. Kitchin, now comes along and wrests the palm from Mr. Capron. "I have a constituent," says Mr. Kitchin, "who has held office continually for fifty two years. He is John Laws, Register of Deeds in Orange county, my district. I am confident that he has held office continuously longer than any other man now living in America, certainly longer than has Mr. Capron's constituent." — Washington Post.

On June 28th, inst, if he lives, Roswell Beardsley will have been postmaster in North Lansing for 74 full and consecutive years. He was appointed by President John Quincy Adams. The first year his salary was \$19.50, and it has never been more than \$200. He is said to be worth \$150,000.—Montour Falls (N. Y.) Free Press.

McDuffie's Turpentine & Nettle Seed Lung Plaster is a certain cure for whooping cough, easy and comfortable, works while you sleep.

The artesian well at Grenelle, Paris, took ten years of continuous work before water was struck, at a depth of 1,780 feet, says The Engineer. At 1,259 feet over 200 feet of boring-rod broke, and fell into the well and it was fifteen months before it was recovered. A flow of 900,000 gallons per day is obtained from it, the bore being eight inches.—Selected.

Glantry of a Southern Conductor.

"Frank C. Bangs, the veteran actor, is credited with telling of a professional trip through the south that involved an all-night ride in North Carolina. Along about 2 o'clock in the morning the train came to a standstill. The cessation of the noise of motion caused some of the more sensitive passengers to waken, and they called out from behind the berth curtains to inquire the stopping place. No answer was vouchsafed them. After the train had been there ten or fifteen minutes one of Bangs' fellow actors pulled on his trousers and started to investigate, but the conductor was not to be found. An hour passed, with the passengers all grumbling at the delay, when the conductor stepped jauntily into the car, his lantern across his arm, and pulled the bell for the engineer to proceed. Questioned as to the delay, he explained: "Well, a woman got off right here—it's a flag station. It was nearly 2 o'clock gentlemen, and there was nobody to meet her; so I offered her my escort as far as the house she was to stay at, and she was kind enough to accept. That was all, gentlemen."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

The above calls to mind the account by a lady now living in Raleigh of a trip she took one summer to the White Sulphur Springs of Virginia. The lady was in quite feeble health and the day was very hot and sultry. The conductor of the train between Raleigh and Weldon noticed that she was very much oppressed and fatigued by the heat and rough riding on what would now be called a poor excuse for a first-class passenger train. When he got to a point where the road passed through a beautiful strip of woods he stopped the train, went to the lady's husband and told him he could take his wife out under the trees to rest. The conductor and husband carried out several seat cushions and made a comfortable lounge under a big oak tree, where the lady was allowed to rest from the fatigue of nearly a half day's journey for an hour, the conductor in the mean time going to a blackberry thicket nearby and returning with a basket of berries for the lady's refreshment. This was in the "good old days before the war," when railway trains had never heard of a mile-a-minute schedule. — Wilmington Messenger.

DON'T FAIL TO TRY THIS.

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The South's Grand Old Senator.

(Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.) Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama has devoted the greater part of his time and energies, during a quarter of a century's service in the Senate, to the championship of an Isthmian Canal by the Nicaragua route. He has been robbed of the full fruits of his patient and unflagging labors, at the very moment of final triumph, by an unforeseen combination of circumstances over which he had no control; but the great end for which he has been working—the construction of a waterway between the two oceans—is secure, from present indignations, and the champion of the Nicaragua route gracefully accepts the alternative. The announcement of his full acquiescence in the change from the Nicaragua to the Panama route largely influenced the House conferees in accepting the Senate substitute for Canal bill originally passed by the House.

Fry McDuffie's "No. 16" for La-Grippe or Influenza. It is guaranteed to cure or your money will be refunded. PRICE \$1.00

Facts and Figures as to Farms in This State.

(Wilmington Messenger.)

The following facts and figures as to farming in this state are taken from the bulletin issued by the census bureau:

The total number of farms on June 1, 1900 was 224,637, valued at \$194,655,920. The total value of farm implements and machinery was \$9,072,600, and of live stock \$30,106,173. The total value of farm products for the preceding year was \$89,209,638. For the year 1899 the farmers paid out \$4,479,930 for fertilizers, Robeson leads in the amount purchased. The farmers of that county paid out \$247,280. Swain was at the other end of the list, her expending only \$210 for this article. Following Robeson comes Pitt \$166,900, Nash \$143,960, Johnson \$143,530 and Wayne \$136,101.

Approximately one-fourth of the farms are operated by negroes. Their farms though, comprise only little over one-eighth of the total farm acreage, but the statistics for the year 1899 show that they obtained a higher percentage of gross income from their investment than did the white farmers. On this subject the census report says:

"This apparent anomaly is traceable, in general, to certain distinguishing racial characteristics, and in particular, to the contract system under which nearly all negro tenants lease their lands. The first point relates to the recognized tendency on the part of the more progressive white farmer to constantly improve his property especially his buildings and fences, thus adding to its market value, although not materially increasing its productive capacity per acre. The colored farmer, on the other hand, adds comparatively little to his fixed capital in the way of improvements, and his income per acre naturally represents a higher percentage of the capital invested than in the case of the white farmer. In addition under the prevailing contract system, the negroes lease small tracts of the best and most highly improved land of the plantations, which they cultivate under the supervision of the land owner or his hired manager. This land appears in the census reports as farms negro tenant farmers. Unimproved and less productive tracts of land constitute the greater part of the farms of the white plantation owners as reported by the census. The white landlord commonly owns the greater number of the working animals and most of the implements and machinery used by his colored tenants. These being kept for the most part on the farm where the landlord resides, were reported as part of his property, while the products obtained through their use were reported under the names of the tenants. The above consideration, it is believed, not only explain the high per cent of gross income shown for the negro farmers, but also the low rates show for managers and owners as compared with those given for cash and share tenants. It is evident, therefore, that a high rate of gross income on investment can not properly be constructed as proof of superior farm management.

VACATION DAYS.

Vacation time is here and the children are fairly living out of doors. There could be no healthier place for them. You need only to guard against the accidents incidental to most open air sports. No remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for quickly stopping pain or removing danger of serious consequences. For cuts, scalds and wounds. "I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for sores, cuts and bruises," says L. B. Johnson, of Swift, Tex. "It is the best remedy on the market." Sure cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. S. R. Biggs.

A POINTER FOR INVENTORS

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The Increase in Insurance Rates.

The Failure of Companies in the Past Thirty Years.

(Raleigh Post.)

A gentleman in this city who was formerly engaged in the insurance business, and who is well-versed in insurance matters, said to a Post man yesterday:

"There is much discussion throughout the country in regard to the increase of rates made by insurance companies, the public claiming that the rates should not be increased and the companies on the contrary saying that it is necessary to have the increase of rates in order that they continue business.

"The Glens Falls Insurance Company, of New York, has issued a diagram which is to many a great surprise, and to all a matter of considerable interest. This diagram shows that out of 105 fire insurance companies of the State of New York, doing business January 1, 1871, only 23 have survived and now doing business in underwriting. It also shows that of 46 fire insurance companies organized in New York since January, 1871, only 23 have weathered the storm and are now doing business.

"To sum it up only 46 companies out of 151 have stood the test. This is very remarkable when it is remembered that this diagram only takes into consideration regular stock companies organized in the State of New York. It does not include mutual companies or Lloyds. This is not a case of mismanagement on the part of the officers of these companies, for insurance companies are among the best managed institutions of the country. It is due to the heavy loss ratio existing in the country."

The Futility of Worry.

Worry is a habit, like biting the finger-nails, turning in the toes, or talking slang. It comes in time to be not only a habit, but a shameful indulgence, almost as hurtful to peace of mind or overeating, or a violent temper, or scandal and tale-bearing.

The mind readily falls a victim to bad mental habits. To make much of small things is to belittle life. To magnify and give importance to little evils is to distort out of all reality the actual things worth living for. When the peace of a whole family is upset because the breakfast coffee is cold or some one has mislaid the morning paper things have lost due proportion. The effect is simply ludicrous to the unimpassioned looker-on. To those embroiled in the jars and jangles there is only a sort of helpless misery, which is anything but a subject for smile.

To be happy one should look at the evils and worries of life as if from the large end of an opera-glass thus diminishing them; while for pleasant things the small-end of the glass should be held to the eyes, so magnifying what is enjoyable.—July Woman's Home Companion.

The great coal strike is fast assuming gigantic proportions. No section of the country is free from the bad effects of this great strike. And, what is more, there does not seem to be any change for the better, in sight. In Charlotte, our manufacturing plants are badly short of coal. In fact, some plants say that it will be impossible for them to continue unless they are able to secure a larger supply of coal than they are now getting. All over the south, this condition is said to exist. What the end will be is difficult to even surmise.—Charlotte News.

NOTHING LACKING.

Miss Millyun—One can be very happy in this world with health and money.
Young Dedbroke—Then let's be made one. I have the health and you have the money.

Whipped the Wrong Man.

"Fighting" over a telegraph wire with a man several hundred miles away is not an unusual occurrence among telegraph operators. W. H. Le Hew, a Seaboard Air Line train dispatcher, tells of a fight he once had over the wire with an odd sequel. He was quarreling with an operator, J. H. Chapman, many miles out on the road, and as the quarrel waxed warm Le Hew declared he would go down the next day and personally whip his antagonist. Chapman thought it would result as most "wire scraps" do—in nothing—and did not worry any more about it, believing he and Le Hew would be as good friends as ever the next time they worked together over a wire. The next day, however, Le Hew boarded a local freight train and, according to his promise, got off at the distant station to whip Chapman. He walked into the telegraph office and demanded:

"Are you the operator here?"
"Yes, sir," replied the man at the instrument.
Without further ado Le Hew sailed in and whipped him.

That night Chapman called up Le Hew, saying he was surprised that Le Hew had come there while he was away at dinner and had whipped his substitute.—New York Tribune.

POISONING THE SYSTEM.

It is through the bowels that the body is cleansed of impurities. Constipation keeps these poisons in the system, causing headache, dullness and melancholia at first, then unsightly eruptions and finally serious illness unless a remedy is applied. DeWitt's Little Early Risers prevent this trouble by stimulating the liver and promote easy, healthy action of the bowels. These little pills do not act violently but by strengthening the bowels enable them to perform their own work. Never gripe or distress. S. R. Biggs.

The Greensboro Correspondent to The Morning Post, dated June 27, says:

"The passing through here yesterday of two huge lions, bound for Vade Mecum Springs, in Stokes county, recalls an interesting statement made to me some time ago by Mr. A. H. Eiler, one of the owners of the springs property, and a prominent lawyer of Winston. He said that Sparks, the showman, owned two-thirds interest in the 1,700 acres of the property and would use a large portion of it as a breeding place for different animals for his menagerie. There are already 100 Angora goats out there cleaning up the mountain shrubbery in preparing lands for pasturage. Another important function, he said, of these goats would be to raise meat for lions, tigers and other carnivorous beasts. The goats increase at a very rapid rate and so soon as the goat output is sufficient to justify it enough flesh eating animals will be raised to keep the number reduced to reasonable bounds. If lions can keep Angora goats in bounds they can do better than I did, for twenty years ago I imported a pair from Italy and they could scale the side of a house and bound over it into a field."

MOTHER ALWAYS KEEPS IT HANDY.

"My mother suffered a long time from distressing pains and general ill health due primarily to indigestion," says L. W. Spalding, Verona, Mo. "Two years ago I got her to try Kodol. She grew better at once and now, at the age of seventy-six, eats anything she wants, remarking that she fears no bad effects as she has her bottle of Kodol handy." Don't waste time doctoring symptoms. Go after the cause. If your stomach is sound your health will be good. Kodol rests the stomach and strengthens the body by digesting your food. It is nature's own tonic. S. R. Biggs.

PRACTICAL VIEW.

"They tell me your wife is inclined to be romantic," said the fool friend who is ever ready to butt in.
"Yes; I suppose that is what ails her," replied the victim of circumstances. "She sits and gazes into space for hours when she should be darning socks."

One Minute Cough Cure For Coughs, Colds and Croup.

The King of Italy and the Peasant.

Here is a little story about the young King of Italy which is being printed in the Italian papers, and which is worth reproducing. The King was staying in the country at his palace in Racconigi. He is little known to the people there, for in his walks about the neighborhood he always strives to preserve his incognito. Hence come some curious adventures. One day, while out tramping, he got very thirsty, and seeing a woman milking a cow in a field near by, he went up to her and asked her for a glass of milk.

"I can't give you any of this," said the woman, "but if you'll mind the cow I'll go to the house and get you some."
So the King minded the cow till the woman returned with a glass of cool milk. Then he asked her where all the farm-hands had gone.
"Oh, they're always running away now to try to see the King," answered the woman.
"And why do you not go? Don't you want to see the King?"
"Some one must stay and look after things."
"Well, little mother," smiled the guest, "you see the King without running away from your work."

"You're joking!" exclaimed the woman, who could not believe that a monarch could be so quietly dressed. But when the King put a gold coin into her hand she fell on her knees, while he continued his walk, laughing over the incident.—Woman's Home Companion.

SAVES A WOMAN'S LIFE.

To have given up would have meant death for Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass. For years she had endured untold misery from a severe lung trouble and obstinate cough. "Often," she writes, "I could scarcely breathe and sometimes could not speak. All doctors and remedies failed till I used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was completely cured." Sufferers from Coughs, Colds, Throat and Lung Troubles find this grand remedy for it never disappoints. Cure is guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

A Man Who Hated Weeds.

During all his life, John D. Mand, of Butler county, was a strenuous foe to weeds. When other farmers were prone to sit in the fence corners and chew straws Mr. Mand kept hoeing out the weeds. It is reported that he has been known to remain at home on circus day for the purpose of doing unto the weeds as he would have been done by if he had been a weed. Even death did not stop Mr. Mand's war against the weeds, for when his will was filed at Hamilton a few days ago it was found that he had left a fund of \$1,000 to be used for the purpose of keeping down the weeds in the cemetery where he is buried. Perhaps Mr. Mand was a little maudlin on the subject and an extremist in his opposition to weeds. Some weeds may not be wholly bad but as a general proposition it pays to keep them down. If this were not so, it isn't likely that John D. Mand, the Butler county farmer, would have been able to leave a fund of \$4,000 for any purpose whatever. Let us hope that the spirit which animated him may acute other farmers as well as city people, to keep down the pesky weeds.—American Farmer.

IS YELLOW POISON

In your blood? Physicians call it malarial germ. It can be seen changing red blood yellow under microscope. It works day and night. First, it turns your complexion yellow. Chilly, aching sensations creep down your backbone. You feel weak and worthless.

ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC will stop the trouble now. It enters the blood at once and drives out the yellow poison. If neglected and when Chills, Fevers, Night-Sweats and a general break-down come later on, Roberts' Tonic will cure you then—but why wait? Prevent future sickness. The manufacturers know all about this yellow poison and have perfected Roberts' Tonic to drive it out, nourish your system, restore appetite, purify the blood, prevent and cure Chills, Fevers and Malaria. It has cured thousands—it will cure you, or your money back. This is fair. Try it. Price, 25 cents. For Sale by E. I. GURGANUS

Farming Experiments.

(Phila. Record.)

Should a rain come thin out the beets and transplant the surplus plants in other rows, as beets can be safely transplanted when two or three inches high.

Cottonseed meal, being an excellent fertilizer, can be used economically as food for stock, as the manure from the animals will be of sufficient value to pay for the cost of cottonseed meal not utilized in the production of meat or milk.

When crops have been destroyed by dry weather plow the land, and seed down to millet. A short hay crop can be replaced by millet, fodder, corn, cow peas or ensilage. It is a loss to leave the land idle if the early crops were disappointing.

Lima beans demand considerable potash and lime. Wood ashes are consequently beneficial to them, but if ashes are unobtainable the potash salts will be found excellent. A light application of nitrate of soda will give the young plants a good start.

Sweet corn is a profitable crop, as it is always in demand in the market. As the plants grow rapidly and the ears are marketed before the seed matures, the crop is soon out of the way, to be followed by crimson clover. To have sweet corn grow and reach the market quickly the land should be well manured, and, in addition, about 100 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda applied by broadcasting when planting the seed.

When the hens cease to lay deprive them of grain and feed on meat and grass. A small quantity of oil cake once a day will be of assistance. If a ration of ground grain is given let it be composed of two parts ground oats, one part bran and one part ground dry blood. Such a mass is rich in the egg-producing elements, while corn and wheat contain too much of the heart-producing substances to be serviceable during the severe warm weather of summer.

NEED MORE HELP.

Often the over-taxed organs of digestion cry out for help by Dyspepsia's pains, Nausea, Dizziness, Headaches, Liver complaint, bowel disorders. Such troubles call for prompt use of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are gentle, thorough and guaranteed to cure. 25c. at all drug stores.

For a small family of two or three, the greater part of the fruit should be put up in pint jars, as it is always better to open only as much as will be required for immediate use. For a family of half-a-dozen quart jars, and two quarts for larger households. Only the best granulated sugar should be used, and the proportion of half-a-pound to a pound of fruit will be found sufficiently rich to be delicious, and altogether more wholesome than the old rule of "pound for pound." Sweet fruits may be done with even less if desired, and many fine cooks use no sugar at all, contending that the natural flavor of the fruits is best preserved without it.