

GRIGGSBY'S STATION.

Pup's got his patent rich and rich as all creation. But when the peace and comfort that...

streaming from the shore, and the crew with few exceptions, were eventually brought, chilled but thankful, into the gurgulous circle, which surrounded the fire on "Skegna's Heid."

BASEBALL'S EARLY DAYS

SEAN IN NEW YORK AND WAS FIRST PLAYED IN 1842. A. G. Spalding Recounts its History—Developed From One Old Cat—How Professionalism Came In—The Cloud of Gambling and the Reorganization by William A. Hulbert.

dropped away, and the baseball grounds in several of the large cities became simply an exchange for the gamblers to carry on their business.

THE PULPIT.

AN ELUCQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. EDWARD NILES. Subject: "Gospel Religious Revivals."

the baneful effects of the great strike disappearing as master and workman labor together in bringing to the ancients hunch the unsaved or as they seek together for light and peace.

"GREAT AMERICAN DESERT" NEARLY GONE.

Crops Worth \$100,000,000 a Year Produced From Irrigated Land. Once Worthless.

The Mark of Cain.

By John Jordan Douglas.

Bent low beneath a burden of driftwood, sorrowful of mien (and mayhap scornful), a powerful, dark-featured man of perhaps two and thirty was slowly climbing the steep, rocky slope...

"And listen, George Brodie," he continued with a nod toward a graceful figure, standing some distance away.

CRIMINALS ARE FATALISTS.

No Matter How Many Times Captured, They Stick to One Specialty. "Criminals seem to be the strongest kind of fatalists," remarked Judge Neff of Pittsburgh recently.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

The "botanical clock" is the name of a flower that is grown on the isthmus of Tehuacan, in Mexico.

Animals and Fire.

Most animals are afraid of fire and will fly from it in terror. To others there is a fascination about a flame, and they will walk into it, even though tortured by the heat.

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many a brae and burn, to join the lion-hearted Scot, who dared flaunt defiance in the teeth of England. The Muir-lochan folk welcomed the great day with music and bunting and general merriment.

"Oh, God," groaned Sandy MacLean, "what misery the dead—'Red Beard' the Pirate he's dead—'Red Beard' the deli is dead—'Red Beard'—"

THE GUILTING OF PROVIDENCE.

Being forbidden to preach the Gospel in Cape Town, Barnabas Shaw bought a rick of oxen and a cart, and putting his goods into the wagon, he and his wife setted themselves therein, and headed the lowing knee toward the interior of the country.

CUSTOMS OF THE LASCARS.

Some of the peculiar customs of the East Indian coolies, called Lascars, are very amusing to us. For instance, they always eat their food on the open air, with their faces toward the west.

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More Boys Than Girls.

Since more boys than girls are born in the countries of western Europe, the proportion being 1040 to 1000 boys to every 1000 girls, how can we account for the fact that there are more women than men in these countries?

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