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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The publishers desire to call to the attention of all Gazette subscribers the fact that the paper is now operated strictly on a cash-in-advance basis...

Because of an oversight The Gazette does not carry in this issue the particulars of the corn contest held in Gastonia last Friday as promised.

Under the heading "Some Lighter Aspects of Ballinger" The Charlotte News of yesterday carries an interesting story which will appear in Collier's weekly of March 5th...

The Gazette is indebted to Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman for a copy of the twenty-third annual report of his department...

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ment which has just been received. In addition to the many valuable tables giving statistics for 1909 regarding the State's manufactures, agricultural interests etc., the appendix contains the labor laws of North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, one of the best-known Baptist divines in the South, died at his home in Richmond, Va., last Thursday, aged 70 or more.

Dictionary Lore.

"Poison" and "poison" are doublets, the former being an older form of the latter. Both are derived from the Latin "potare," to drink, and "poison" in its original sense signified merely something to drink.

While the word "human" used as meaning "a human being" is now only colloquial or humorous, Lowell in the introduction to the "Biglow Papers" chided Bartlett for including it in his "Dictionary of Americanisms" and remarked that it was Chapman's habitual phrase in his translation of Homer and that it is found also in the old play of "The Hog Hath Lost His Pearl."

A Flame Combination.

If a small quantity of chlorate of potash be powdered and mixed with an equal quantity of powdered sugar a candle may be lighted by means of the mixture without matches.

Place a little of it in the depression around the wick of a candle that has been previously used and then touch the mixture with a glass rod the end of which has been dipped in oil of vitriol. It will burst into flame, lighting the candle.

An Evasive Answer.

"We dined at Mrs. Crankleigh's last night."

"I suppose you had a good dinner." "Well, we found out that Mrs. Crankleigh is an active member of the society for boycotting all the high priced foodstuffs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Doctors

SLOAN ANDERS WILSON and GLENN

Nurses' Register

Calls for either will receive prompt attention day or night

THE SILVANDO.

Queer Whistling Language of the Canary Island Natives.

In Gomera, one of the smallest of the Canary Islands, the silvando, or whistling language, survives. A correspondent writes: "A traveler must land at the little port of San Sebastian and there find a muleteer from the interior. With him he must ride up the steep bridge paths that wind through the mountains. When no longer any living thing is within sight and the wilderness is only broken by the crimson flower of the cactus growing in the clefts of the rock, the muleteer dismounts, sets his forefingers together at a right angle and places them in his mouth. An arrow of piercing sounds shoots across the ravines and up the stony terraces into the fastnesses of the mountains. A moment's pause and there comes a thin, almost uncanny, answering whistle from far away. Conversation begins and, as the sounds rise and fall, are staccatoed or drawn out, so they are faithfully echoed and transmitted by the hills.

"Then comes the ghostly reply, and then question and answer follow without hesitation or misunderstanding. Perhaps the stranger will ask, 'What are you doing there?' Answer: 'There is a traveler with me. One of our mules is lame. Can you bring us a fresh one?' 'Yes, I can. Do you want anything else?' 'You might bring some milk along if you have any,' and so on. That the conversation is correctly interpreted is presently confirmed by the arrival of the mule and the milk, and the distance that separated the parties to the dialogue turns out to be about three miles. "Long notes and short notes, rising and falling tones, go to make this marvelous means of communication. No record is to be found of its origin or history, and it will be a thousand pities if scientific investigation is not made before the silvando is added to the list of dead languages, as assuredly it will be within the next two or three generations."—Chicago News.

STRANGE COMPANIONS.

The "Happy Family" and a Kitten and a Hawk.

The first public exhibition of a "happy family" in England was given about fifty years ago, when there were shown a monkey, a cat, several rats and three or four pigeons in one cage. The monkey was on excellent terms with the cat so long as puss would allow him to warm himself by cuddling her; otherwise he would show his vexation by slyly giving her tail a nip with his teeth.

The birds perched on the cat's back and pecked at her fur, and the rats were as friendly with their natural enemy as if she were one of their own sort.

A lady walking in the Isle of Wight observed a little kitten curled up on a mossy bank taking a midday nap. As she stopped to stroke it a hawk swooped down and, pouncing upon the kitten, hid it from sight.

The lady, fearing for the life of the kitten, tried to rescue it, but the hawk firmly faced her, stood at bay and refused to move. She hastened to a fisherman's cottage and told the inmates of the impending tragedy.

"It's always so," they said, laughing. "That hawk always comes down if any one goes near the kitten. He has taken to it and stays near at hand to watch whenever it goes to sleep."

The lady, greatly interested, made further inquiry and learned that the kitten's mother had died, after which the nursing was missed for several days. One day the hawk was seen about the cottage picking up scraps of meat and carrying them to the roof of the cottage.

The fisherman climbed up and found the lost kitten nestled in a hole in the thatch and thriving under the care of its strange foster father. It was brought down and restored to the cottage, but the hawk would not resign his charge and was always at hand to rescue the kitten from the caresses of strangers.—Philadelphia North American.

Get busy selecting your collection of Chrysanthemums for the Floral Fair in the fall.

HIS THOROUGHBRED.

A Deal the Horseman Put Through on the Dead Quiet.

A man known roundabout as a lover and possessor of fine horses was lately driving one of his favorite steeds along a suburban road when he came upon another horse lover, almost as well known, who was driving in the opposite direction. Seemingly pleased to meet each other, both drew up alongside.

"I heard only yesterday that you'd gone away and brought back a new thoroughbred," greeted the second horseman.

"Yep," gleefully returned the first horseman; "I'm just after leaving her back home while I give this horse a little spin for his liver."

"Think she'll suit?" asked the second man, squinting good humoredly.

"Well, you know my style, old man. She can step along in the best class, and she's got a pedigree eclipsing any around here."

"How long have you had her?" "Just four days," answered the first horseman in the same gleeful tone, "but I've had my eyes on her for some time back."

"Carried this deal through a little on the quiet, didn't you?"

"Yep," laughed the first man, with a head shake of satisfaction.

"Is she a record breaker?" "Sure thing; wouldn't have any other. Wait till you fellows get a glimpse of her, and if you don't agree that I've still got my eyes for winners I'll eat the tail off that horse there."

Suddenly the second horseman leaned over toward his friend and thrust out his hand in palpable earnestness.

"Accept my congratulations," said he, "and also give 'em to your—your thoroughbred?"

"I will!" heartily returned the other man, gripping the proffered fist. "Be sure to come in and see us," he added as his friend prepared to drive on.

"I know she'll be tickled to meet a friend of mine; she isn't too high-bitched for that, old man. That's her winning quality. She's a wife fit for a horse judge!"—Detroit Free Press.

THE QUICKEST WAY.

How One Might Travel 190 Miles In About Ten Minutes.

It is estimated that if all mechanical difficulties could be removed and sufficient power developed the minimum time in which passengers could be transported over the eighty-five miles from New York to Philadelphia would be six minutes and forty-four seconds and for the 190 miles from Boston to New York ten minutes and four seconds. A correspondent of the Scientific American who has been working on the problem says that the trains would have to be run in a vacuum to prevent their being heated to incandescence by the resistance of the air. They would have to be held in suspension in the vacuum tube through which they traveled, for the slightest contact with the sides of the tube would result in enormous friction. The cars might be held in suspension by the propulsion of opposing magnets on the cars and on the tubes respectively. When thus isolated they could be propelled only by the power of magnetism. The energy consumed in propelling the cars would be comparatively low.

To avoid shock or jar the trains would travel faster and faster until one-half of the distance should be covered and then slow down until the destination should be reached. When the rate of acceleration is just such as can be borne with comfort the limit is attained. The effect on the passengers would be a continuous pressure against the back of the seat, as when a car is started suddenly, for the first half of the journey, and then in order to prevent them from pitching out of their seats the chairs would be turned in the opposite direction for the rest of the journey, during which the same sensation would be felt.

The Two Angels.

The following allegory is told among the Turks:

Every man has two guardian angels, one on his right shoulder and one on his left. In doing good the angel on the right shoulder notes it down and sets a seal upon it, for what is done is done forever. When evil is committed the angel on the left shoulder writes it down, but he waits until midnight before he seals it. If by that time the man bows his head and says, "Gracious Allah, I have sinned; forgive me!" the angel blots out the fault, but if not he seals it at midnight, and then the angel on the right shoulder weeps.

A Canine Feat.

A blind man, guided by a large and athletic dog, went down the street the other day. Just as they turned a corner the blind man's dog saw a dog it knew and darted forward in a way that threw the sightless mendicant to the ground. He was speedily assisted to his feet, however, by a waggish passerby, who remarked that he had heard some remarkable stories of the feats performed by dogs, but this was the first time he had ever known one to pull down the blind.

Forgetful.

Mistress—Did you have company last night, Mary? Mary—Only my Aunt Maria, mum. Mistress—When you see her again will you tell her she left her tobacco pouch on the piano?—Illustrated Bits.

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Was crowded Monday. Tickets were drawn as advertised. Lucky numbers: 2730, drawing the handsome Parlor Set. 2840, drawing the \$10 Gold Piece. 4170, drawing the Drop Head Sewing Machine. These numbers will be held until Saturday, March 5th, 1910. Parties bringing the above numbers will get the presents. If not called for on or before the above date, the second drawing will take place Monday, March 7th, 1910. The low prices will continue. Tickets will be given with all purchases and they will be included in second drawing. Special low prices in every department.

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Thomson Mercantile Co.

The pupils of Miss Annie Lattimer's music class will give a recital in the auditorium of the Central graded school Friday night March 4th. The public is cordially invited.

Peter Wilson, a negro hackman at Chester, S. C., narrowly escaped rough handling at the hands of an angry crowd last Friday night. He grossly insulted a white woman who

was a passenger in his hack.

Gastonia Cotton.

These figures represent the prices: paid to wagons, March 1st: Good middling14 1-4 Strict middling14 1-8 Middling14 Cotton seed30c

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