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**THE JOURNAL.**

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C. T. HANCOCK, Local Reporter.

Michigan to choose Presidential Electors by Congress districts instead of on a state ticket.

The British postoffice authorities are to have a penny-in-the-slot machine for delivering stamps.

Now that von Moltke is gone, Gen. Canrobert tells his countrymen that they possess the greatest of living strategists in the person of their own chief of staff, Gen. Mirabel.

The Swiss military authorities have decided to furnish the defenders of the country with a new weapon. Each soldier of the infantry is henceforth to carry a pocket-knife with four blades.

Says the St. Louis Star saying: "The report showing that within a comparatively short period 43 mail clerks have been killed, and 479 seriously injured while in the execution of duty, shows with what great risk to life and limb men in this branch of the Government service earn their small salaries. It is gratifying to learn that arrangements are being made to insure the work being a trifle less hazardous."

The Boston School Board is exercised about the use of pet names, and has taken steps to have them erased from the registers of the public schools. It seems that more than one hundred of the women teachers in the Boston public schools are officially recognized by their pet names, such as Kittie, Beattie, Mollie, Gertie, Tuddie, Ciemie and the like. The new rule declares that they shall be called by their real names in the future. "Pet names" given to children do well enough in the home, but they lead to annoyance and impertinence later on in life.

Some nine thousand girls all over the country belong to the Girls' Friendly Society, an association to promote friendship among girls. It is semi-religious, of English origin, founded in 1875 by Mrs. Townsend, its present President. The first American branch was planted in Lowell, Mass., and now there is a G. F. S. in nearly every Episcopal parish in the country. To become a member a girl must be a communicant of the Episcopal Church, pay one or five cents a month and have a good character. Such character being lost, the member must forfeit her card.

The Hungarian government is trying a very interesting experiment in vine culture. As it has been found that the phylloxera does not attack vines growing in sandy soil, it has been decided to plant with vines the Deliblat sand region between Deliblat and the Danube, and to establish there 3000 families of vine dressers. Huts will be erected for these colonists at government expense, and each family will receive about \$50 for a year, until the vine products become remunerative. A railway will be constructed from the vineyards to Veszszitz, where the collars of the Deliblat wines are to be kept.

Premier John Robson of British Columbia, in conversation with a Pacific slope reporter, said, "As next-door neighbors we want reciprocity, but no unrestricted reciprocity. We want it as regards raw materials. We are opposed to unrestricted reciprocity and commercial union. The latter we believe would lead to political union, which we emphatically oppose. We believe we have material to build up as great a country as yours, and want friendly rivalry. If your President honors us with a visit we promise him a warm and hearty welcome. I see much in the United States to admire, but nothing to covet. You have achieved nothing in the way of national greatness that we cannot achieve."

**SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.**

Petroleum wells have been discovered among the coal beds of Alabama.

A torpedo net constructed of interlocking steel rings is soon to be put to a practical test.

A St. Louis physician is authority for the statement that hypnotism has been very largely introduced into the every-day practice of the doctors of that city.

Measurements of a degree of longitude in Russia, England and the United States give results indicating, if the triangulation are accurate, that the earth is not a perfect sphere.

The Academie des Sciences has submitted a new system of musical notation in which twenty-seven characters replace the 208 symbols now employed to represent the seven notes of the gamut in the seven keys.

A case of cholera in a dog has been observed by Prof. Ogata of Tokio, Japan. The dog's vomiting and purging first attracted attention, and after its death an abundance of the comma bacilli were obtained from the small intestine.

It is reported that an Englishman put on a pair of woolen stockings over his silk ones on a cold winter day, and at night he pulled the stockings off without separating them and was astonished by the crackling noise and even the sparks of electricity which followed. When he drew the silk stockings out of the woolen ones, the electrical attraction was so manifest that the stockings would incline toward one another when held some distance apart. It happened that the silk stockings were black and the woolen ones of light color, but when he tried the experiment with both stockings of the same color there was no electrical manifestation.

**Mushrooms as Poisons and as Foods.**

Poisoning by mushrooms is generally caused by the disregard of very simple points of observation. In the first place, no one should undertake to gather these excellent foods without being fully informed as to their shape, color, odor, and taste. There are many books giving all these in detail. Here it need only be said that any mushroom which looks clean and fresh, is not worm-eaten, has pink gills under a buff-colored cap, that turns dark when bruised or matured, has a nutty taste and pleasant odor, may be presumed to be good. Mushroom gatherers avoid fungi growing from what is called a vulva or hollow cup at the base of the stem. The writer's test, after noting the above characteristics, is to taste a small portion of the cap without swallowing it. If the flavor is sweet and nutty, and does not sting or burn the throat, the specimen, even if unknown, is placed among the candidates for cooking. Some salt is always carried, and a little is held in the mouth for a moment; still a little more is swallowed, care being taken not to swallow a particle of the mushroom. When the mushrooms are gathered, they should all be carefully washed in water containing salt and vinegar, and then cooked with salt. These precautions usually insure safety. In fact, when poisoning by any kind of fungi has occurred, some carelessness of choice or preparation has been noted. Old-fashioned cooks usually relied upon using a silver spoon in cooking suspicious fungi; but the test has not been proven infallible. In case of actual poisoning use the same treatment as for narcotics, i. e., emetics, stimulating restoratives, and the earliest possible attention of a competent physician. It may be said in passing that mushrooms are far more important as an article of food than is generally understood. They rank next to meat in savor and nutriment, having largely replaced it in the South during our civil war.

**Difficult Dentistry.**

"What is the most difficult dental work?" repeated a dentist yesterday "Bridge work, of course. Here is a sample," and he handed me a model of the mouth of a well-known man about town who is rather noted for his good teeth. There were but three roots of teeth in the mouth. Two were on the left side and one on the right side of the mouth. To these roots he had attached gold and built up twelve teeth that are as firm in the mouth and as convenient as the original teeth. It was done by soldering gold to the gold attached to the three roots and running it round to the front of the mouth. Then on the front side of this gold the porcelain teeth are so well attached that not a particle of the gold shows, and the teeth look perfectly natural. Indeed, they are in the mouth as firm as natural teeth, and to all practical purposes are the same.—(Atlanta Constitution.)

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Experience of a Business Man.  
Many of us flatter ourselves that all the world has confidence in our honesty. But there are so many schemes creditors have for keeping an eye on debtors that the honest man are watched as carefully as the dishonest ones. When I went to Europe last summer I owed my tailor two or three hundred dollars, I suppose. When I returned I went around to him to order my fall clothes.  
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