

SLAND  
HEM  
The Kaiser goes to see the Czar,  
The work was done to see;  
His retinue follows from afar,  
Am then the Kaiser and the Czar  
Embrace in a warm glow,  
An' then select an' bug an' klan,  
An' both are filled and soaked in blam.  
Wen I go down to Hiram's place  
The work don't seem to care,  
I neither kiss his hands or face,  
I would make 'em luff at Hiram's place,  
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An' Hiram says, ez roun' he pokes,  
"I'm glad to see ye; how's yer folks?"  
I take a look at Hiram's hogs  
An' hear how much they grow,  
This somehow Hiram's meaty jog,  
An' he lets out on them an' hog—  
You oughter hear him blow;  
If you could only hear him ones  
You'd hear some ginocine elerance,  
O' Hiram he is slow enough  
But none too slow for me,  
For I'm a purty tame ol' duff,  
An' fairly m' lent enough,  
An' jest as slow ez he,  
So we stab roun' the wain day long  
Until we hear the au per goz,  
The Kaiser goes to see the Czar,  
And maybe stops to see,  
But men like Czar an' Kaiser are,  
Couped in the palace of the Czar,  
Hain't no sich times ez we,  
The Czar an' Kaiser know no charm  
Like luffin' roun' of Hiram's farm.  
—Sam Walter Foss, in Yankee B.A.L.

**HUMOR OF THE DAY.**  
It is not man's sins that find him out;  
It's his neighbor.—Aitchison Globe.  
The great part of a self-willed man's  
estate usually goes to the lawyers.—Froy Press.  
Every day a man hears a dozen things  
he ought to do that he can't do.—Aitchison Globe.  
"Do you believe in fate, Pat?" "Sure  
and phwat would we stand on widout  
'em?"—Siftings.  
Whatever may be said of a sweetheart  
she can't be too good to be true.—Phil-  
adelphia Times.  
There is no help for the case of the  
woman who can't get a servant.—Phil-  
adelphia Record.  
Teacher—"What is a hero?" Tommy  
—"The man who marries a heroine."—  
Indianapolis Journal.  
The cynic is the man who knows the  
price of everything and the value of  
nothing.—Fine Fun.  
Women are not cruel to dumb animals.  
No woman will willingly step on a mouse.  
—Ream's Recorder.  
It appears to be the business of the  
needy tramp to go around looking for  
succors.—Binghamton Leader.  
"Do you think this tooth will stand  
filling?" Patient—"Well, I'm sure it  
has plenty of nerve."—Inter Ocean.  
The man who thaws out dynamite is  
being heard from. There is generally  
but one report.—Baltimore American.  
The Keg—"Your headpiece is posi-  
tively ugly." The Barrel (proudly)—  
"Maybe, but I wear hoops."—Chicago  
News.  
Time is generally represented as carry-  
ing a scythe. This will probably be kept  
up till it is no more.—Philadelphia  
Times.  
"There's another unconscious humor-  
ist!" gleefully remarked the footpad as  
he sandbagged the punster.—Washing-  
ton Star.  
"There's a time to work and a time to  
play," but to the hand-organ grinder  
both times come at once.—Rochester  
Democrat.  
"Say, Chiffmie," said the boy who  
had a white pick, "le blokie dat named  
dis flower must ov bin color blind."—  
Washington Star.  
That the cynic is an extreme type of  
humanity is indicated by the fact that  
he is always very old or very young.—  
Washington Star.  
"I feel better about hokin' this postage  
stamp," said the boy who had been sent  
to mail a letter. "It's nearer my size."  
—Washington Star.  
"Yes," said the man who had just  
fallen down three flights of stairs, "I've  
been on quite an extended trip."—Kato  
and Washington Star.  
Dullpate—"And it's very hard work  
to collect my thoughts." Maud—"Papa  
says it's always difficult to recover small  
amounts."—Inter Ocean.  
Mudge—"Thompson called me an  
idiot." Yabsley—"You needn't mind  
that. Thompson always does exaggerate  
more or less."—It-Bits.  
What makes the bicycle popular with  
many, rich or poor, is that, after trying  
to ride one, they feel that they are better  
off.—Philadelphia Times.  
Artist—"How do you like the por-  
trait I made of you?" Cranky Subject  
—"Well, the coat is too tight under the  
arms."—New York Journal.  
The words of a man's mouth tell no  
more of the meditations of his heart than  
the voice of a dinner bell tells of the  
quality of the dinner.—Puck.  
"When it comes to revenue cutters,"  
said old Bullion, snipping off another  
coupon, "there's nothing like a good  
pair of shears."—Chicago Tribune.  
A difference between a knife blade  
losing its temper and a woman is that  
the former becomes duller and the latter  
more cutting.—Philadelphia Times.

## SOMEWHAT STRANGE.

### ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY DAY LIFE.

#### Queer Facts and Thrilling Adventures Which Show That Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction.

A good cat story comes from Bombay. In August a Liverpool resident proceeding to Bombay took out with him a cat which he intended to present to a friend in India. Some days after the arrival of the steamer in Bombay pussy was missed, and though she was searched for high and low, she was nowhere to be found. Her owner had quite given her up for lost when he received intelligence from England that the cat had made her appearance at her old Liverpool home on the 25th of October, as calm and collected as though a trip to India and back was quite in the ordinary course of her life. The facts are vouched for by a Bombay paper, and there is no reason to doubt their substantial accuracy, but it is not made clear whether the cat was not stowed away in the steamer in which she went out to India, and carried back on its return voyage in the ordinary course. Under any circumstances her adventures are, however, sufficiently remarkable to deserve recording.

The jasperized wood of Arizona has become well known by reason of the many cabinet specimens, paper weights, and decorative slabs of it that are sent to the Eastern cities, but this is by no means the only petrified forest in this country. In the Hoodoo district of the Yellowstone many stumps of trees are found converted to stone, some of them showing knots, grain of the wood, and the pebbly beaches of the Yellowstone River are strewn with tons of fragments of fossil wood. In the dreary desert of the Dakota Bad Lands leaf impressions are frequently found in the hardened clay, and at Little Missouri, at the point known as the Burning Mountain, where a coal seam has been on fire since nobody knows when, there are half a dozen tree trunks about thirty feet long. This is remarkable on account of the almost total lack of tree life in this region at present.

A HUNTER and a wolf had an interesting mutual surprise party to themselves in the hills near Helena, Montana, a few days ago. The hunter, arrayed in a heavy wolf skin overcoat, fur side out, was examining some traps set the previous night. He was stooping over one, rearranging the bait, when there was the sound of a fierce growl and a heavy weight fell suddenly on his back, bearing him to the ground, so that he barely missed being caught in his own trap. He managed to shake himself free, and recovering his feet found facing him a full grown buffalo wolf. The wolf seemed quite as much surprised as the hunter, and they looked at each other for some seconds before the fight, which ended in the death of the wolf, began. The brute evidently was fooled by the overcoat and the hunter's stooping position, and mistook him for another wolf.

The accounts of the depredations of wolves in portions of Russia, are appearing almost daily. In a village near Archangel a peasant, who was sleeping on top of the oven, as is the custom, was awakened by feeling a sudden pain in his foot. He sprang up in time to leave four of his toes in the jaw of an immense wolf, which had just prepared itself for a comfortable meal. With a howl the man sprang down to the floor. The wolf sprang on his back. With a great effort the peasant succeeded in shaking him off for an instant, and seizing a convenient axe soon dispatched the animal. It had entered through a window in the outside room of the hut, near which a candle was burning—a very unusual thing for a wolf to do, as they fear a light more than anything else. The hunger must be terrific indeed which can allay this fear.

A STRANGE romance was ended by the death near Stonersville, Penn., recently, of Mary Reis, who for fifty years led a lonely life because her parents forbade an early marriage. She was seventy-eight years old. When a girl she fell in love with a young man whom her parents did not admire, and they forbade a marriage. This broke Mary's heart and her home had no more charms for her. She preferred to live by herself and she refused to accept the hospitality of friends or neighbors, saying that all the world was against her. Twenty years ago she moved into the little stone house, and after that she rarely saw anybody. On a recent Monday a friend called and offered to help her in any way, but the aged lady refused aid. Her body was discovered on her kitchen floor and \$20 was found in the little house of the recluse.

In some of the New England towns and villages it is still customary to ring a church or factory bell at 9 o'clock at night, and no further back than war times it was a general practice in cities of over 20,000 people. This custom perpetuates the curfew (couvre seuver fire) of William the Conqueror's time, when church bells were rung to notify the people that it was time to bank the fires and put out the lights. There is a strong New England element in Brooklyn, and it may be owing to this fact that the practice has been maintained in the neighborhood city of ringing the City Hall bell at 9 o'clock every night. It is a good thing on some accounts, because it enables the residents of the vicinity to set their clocks and watches.

In a German contemporary, the Kinzigthal, appears the following disclaimer: "Public Notice.—In the stables of the burgomaster a distemper in the feet of the cattle has lately broken out. It has

been stated that in the opinion of the inhabitants of Kinzig the disease has been brought into the stables by a witch. I hereby affirm, in order that I might not suffer by my silence, that I am not in any way prejudiced against the honorable burgomaster. I also here openly declare that I am no witch; nor do I know anything of witchcraft. (Signed), Victoria Seifritz." This appears to have had the effect of somewhat calming the residents.

A NUMBER of persons in the vicinity of Toler's ranch, near Waterville, Wash., heard through the darkness and the storm recently what they thought was a human voice crying for help. The neighborhood turned out and searched for the supposed wanderer, but without avail, and the relief party were forced to give up the hunt, believing the unfortunate to have perished in the snow. Not until several days afterwards, when the cry was repeated, did they discover that the sound was caused by a creaking windmill.

A CLUB with a curious purpose has recently been organized in Philadelphia. It has a membership of five and will meet but once a year, at an annual banquet, except when a member dies. Then the remaining four will act as his pallbearers. This is the Club's sole object, except the annual banquet. As soon as one member shall have been borne to the grave by his four fellow members another will be chosen to take his place and its membership always kept complete.

An ordinary kettle lid engaged the attention of a Judge of the United States Circuit Court and a jury for two days at Chicago. The plaintiff had been arrested for the alleged larceny of the kettle-lid while he was shopping. He declared that he did not steal it and sued the proprietor of the store to recover \$25,000 damages. The case was in the nature of a tempest in a teapot, and the evidence revealed a tendency on the part of the pot to call the kettle black. The verdict was for the plaintiff.

ONE of the curiosities of the recent cold weather at Allentown, Penn., was the freezing fast to the wet rails of three long and heavy coal trains. One of them suffered an accident, compelling it to stop, and when it was ready to move its 125 cars were frozen fast and could not be moved. One train after another came along on the same track and, on stopping for those in front to move, suffered the same fate. It was several hours before the blockade was raised.

THERE is a wonderful grapevine at Gaillac, a town in Southern France. Although the plant is only ten years from the cutting it has yielded as many as 128 bunches of fine fruit in a single year. There is but one other vine in cultivation that is known to excel this prolific shrub, and that is the historical vine at Hampton Court, England, which was planted in 1568. In one year this noted vine has borne 2500 bunches.

AN Alamogosa (Col.) newspaper, in a birth notice printed in its columns the other day, affords an interesting notion of the composite character of the great American people in the West. The child, whose advent in the Holland colony was announced, is the first Dutch child born in the San Luis Valley. The birth notice was written by a Dane, put in type by a Mormon, the proof read by an American, the type placed in the "form" by a German, and the paper printed by a Mexican.

The sale of intoxicating liquors in Scandinavia is controlled by municipal communities—cities, towns, etc. All the profits derived belong to the community, and are applied to the support of schools, hospitals and other public institutions. Only hotels are permitted to retail liquors, and the liquors sold in them must be purchased from the community. In Christiania alone the profits from the sale of liquors amount to many thousands of dollars annually.

AMONG the Laos, a people inhabiting a district of Siam, the chewing of a preparation called "meing" is almost universal, the practice being especially esteemed by those whose labor brings great bodily fatigue. Recent inquiry shows that this delicacy is prepared from the Assam tea-plant of commerce.

A CURIOUS incident has occurred at Errol. A telephone wire had been broken or fused by lightning, and on an employee seeking to repair the break, he found on one of the white insulators a picture of the roof of a neighboring house. The picture had probably been flashed on the porcelain by the lightning.

A RANCHER near Spangle, Wash., was treed by a large pack of coyotes the other day. These animals have heretofore been considered too cowardly to attack a man.

THE youngest convict ever sent up from Kentucky is now serving a sentence of one year in the penitentiary. His name is Sam Dodd, eight years old, and the charge against him is grand larceny.

#### India-Rubber From Turpentine.

Doctor W. A. Tilden discovered some months ago, observed the industries, that isoprene, which can be prepared from turpentine, under certain circumstances changes into what appears to be genuine india-rubber. Bouchard had also found that the same change could be brought about by heat. The material so produced resembles pure Para rubber in every way, and, whether it is genuine rubber or not it may be equally good for all practical purposes. It vulcanizes, for instance. It therefore seems possible that we may soon be able to make india-rubber commercially. If this is possible, a fortune awaits the inventor who can make good rubber from turpentine at a reasonable price. It is a subject well worthy of the devotion of prolonged labor.

## PNEUMATIC TUBES.

### Their Extensive Use in London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin.

In an article on "Progress in Pneumatic Transmission," in the Engineering Magazine, William Allen Smith gives the following facts regarding the use of pneumatic tubes in Europe.

"Pneumatic tubes for local transmission of telegrams are now used in all the principal cities of Great Britain. At present about fifty miles of such tubes are in operation, requiring an aggregate of 400 horse power, and transmitting a daily average of over 105,000 messages, or over 30,000,000 annually; more than half of these in London. The lengths of tubes vary greatly; the average length is about 630 yards; the greatest single length in London is 3,992 yards. The tubes are of lead, laid in cast-iron pipes, for protection, and are usually of two and one-quarter inches inner diameter; some tubes of one and one-half and some of three inches inner diameter are used. As a general rule, with the same air pressure and diameter of tube, the speed varies inversely as the length of tube. In tubes not over a mile long the usual average speed is twenty-five to thirty miles an hour. The carriers are of gutta-percha, covered with felt, with a buffer at the front end, and an elastic band at the back or open end to hold in the messages. An ordinary carrier weighing two and three-quarter ounces holds a dozen messages.

The marked success of the British pneumatic service led to the adoption of similar systems in Paris, Vienna and Berlin. The pneumatic system of Paris was put into operation in 1866, and has grown steadily, so that to-day in Paris tubes are used almost exclusively for transmission of local telegrams and letters demanding quick delivery. A small stamped envelope, the petit bleu, costing 50 centimes, or 10 cents, is used for the message, which, dropped into a special post-box, is delivered anywhere in Paris within an hour, often in 25 minutes.

In Vienna the "tube post" was established in March, 1875. The nine districts of the city are connected with a central station. The "tube mail" is dropped into special post boxes, collected every half hour, forwarded to the central station and distributed. Pneumatic envelopes cost 15 kreutzers (about 6 cents), ordinary letters 3 kreutzers. "The letters" are delivered within one hour after mailing. The Vienna system consists of a main circuit of 5.34 miles, with three branch lines; total length, 7.2 miles.

In Berlin the Prussian postal authorities began in 1882 discussion of measures of relief for the overcrowded local telegraph system, and a pneumatic line was opened in 1885 between the Central Telegraph station and the Exchange building. The beginning of the present extensive "tube post" at Berlin dates from 1876, since which time it has been enlarged, until there are now over 28 miles of tube-line in the city with 38 stations. "Tube-letters" are to-day delivered in Berlin more quickly than telegrams at a cost equal to 7 1/2 cents, and "tube post-cards" at 6 1/2 cents. The tubes in Berlin are of wrought iron, and have an inner diameter of 65 mm., equal to 2.55 inches. The system is operated by eight steam engines, aggregating only 128 horsepower.

"The British tube lines are laid on the radial system; that is, the different lines radiate from centres to the various branch stations to be reached. In Paris, Vienna, and originally in Berlin the various stations were connected by a series of polygons, around which the motion is uniformly in the same direction. A study of the two systems, for connection of a given number of stations under ordinary conditions, leads to the following comparative results:

I. The polygonal system will require about 20 per cent. more tube length than the radial.

II. The polygonal system allows much greater use of compressed air for forwarding, as the passage around the polygons is always in the same direction. Rarefied air need be used only for the return passage in the links connecting the polygons, or for the return from a single, isolated station. In the radial system, rarefied air is used for half the passages. This shows greater economy in working for the polygonal system.

III. The time consumed in communicating between stations is less in the radial than in the polygonal system. In the latter, time is frequently lost by sending a message almost completely around the polygon.

#### A Revolving Grand Stand.

P. P. Cuplin, of West Bend, Iowa, has intended a device which he believes will make racing even more popular than it now is. It is a revolving grand stand, a contrivance that will save the investor in pool tickets the irksome labor of craning his neck and straining his vision to see how his ducaats are being carried. The grand stand is supposed to revolve as the races go, and the occupants are always facing the horses in their journey to the wire. The inventor's idea for the mechanical contrivance of a revolving stand is to have it set in a basin filled with water, but he discreetly withholds particulars as to the application of power, but says that it is just as practicable with a stand of 50,000 chairs as with one of 5,000. The judges' stand is to be constructed as an ordinary elevator. The cage will be gradually raised when the horses start until such a height is reached that the judges may see the horses passing behind the stand through the open space between the roof and the main part of the stand, or between the upper and lower sections, if the stand comprises two stories.—[Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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