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A Savings Bank Story.
There is an impression abroad that much money is lying unclaimed in the savings banks of the state. But money is a thing that is not lost sight of to any extent either in savings or other banks. There may be periods of dormancy in the claims made for it. Often it is left by design. An instance of that kind occurred at the National Savings Bank of Albany, which was twenty-one years old on Saturday. The first savings bank pass book, No. 1, issued by it for \$1,000, was presented. It was money deposited in 1869 for his then infant son by a father, and now at his majority the son brought his book for settlement, and has principal and accumulated interest compounded for twenty-one years at his own personal command, and yet the bank officers had not seen the book since it was first given out, although they knew that the father was dead, and that the son was living and growing up an estimable young man worthy of his parentage. Had the son died his heirs would have claimed the deposit and interest by legal right as theirs.—Albany Argus.

Grass Greases the Ice.
It is a most peculiar sight to see the canal boats which are burdened with ice coming down the river. There are hundreds—upon hundreds of them now being hurried to the metropolis. The whole deck of the boats is covered with earth several inches in thickness to protect, as far as possible, the precious commodity from the ravages of the sun. On several of the boats which passed the city yesterday grass was luxuriantly growing from the earth which covered the decks.—Albany Argus.

There is a plague of moths in Brooklyn and the suburbs of New York. They make their appearance at about the twilight hour, and in the gloaming are mistaken for bats. The moths are big, some of them measuring four inches with outspread wings. These moths differ from the ordinary insects of the hatterly family in respect to their wings containing hard, bony ribs, slightly resembling those in an umbrella.

In a blacksmith's shop at Andley, England, a robin has built a nest on a ledge close to where the horses are shod, and is now sitting upon its eggs. Neither the din of the hammer nor the firing sparks of the anvil appear to disturb the bird.

John McEvoy, a shoemaker of Kingston, suffering from an abscess on the neck, died suddenly on Sunday evening. At noon he said to his wife: "I want a good dinner. If I don't want to die hungry."

A sensation has been created in Vienna by the discovery that the waters of the river Leitha from Pottendorf to Landegg are poisonous. Bathers have contracted pustular eruptions covering the entire body.

It has never hitherto been found possible to make a drilling machine which would drill square, hexagonal, oblong and octagonal holes in metal, but such a tool has been devised, and its appearance before the public is promised at no distant date.

An immense skate was recently captured near Victoria B. C. Its dimensions were as follows: From tip of snout to tip of tail, 6 feet 3 inches; across the body, 4 feet 11 inches; depth of flesh, 4 inches. It was estimated to weigh 100 pounds.

Seneca Falls.
This village was visited by a most disastrous fire Tuesday, which destroyed the greater portion of the business section. The loss will be between \$700,000 and \$800,000. All three newspapers are burned out. Among the heavy losers are Numold Brothers and Frank McCarton.

Catholic Society Notes.
Roman Catholic Uniformed Union
Henry N. Schbok, commander-in-chief, announces the following staff of the Roman Catholic uniformed union: Adjutant, Joseph P. Leinen; junior major and chief of staff, John Hanter; inspector, Charles Siebert; commissary general, William Huddy; judge-advocate, John P. Smith; surgeon, J. C. Schuchart; quartermaster, F. F. Beibert; chief of equipments, Leo Sander; paymaster, Joseph Stalknecht; aid-de-camp, F. X. Feery. The officers and members of this command are ordered to appear fully uniformed and equipped to participate in the exercises of laying the cornerstone of the new St. Stanislaus church on Sunday, August 2d. The line will be formed on Joiner street, with the right resting on the Central railroad bridge at 2:30 p. m. The field and staff officers will report to the commander-in-chief, uniformed and equipped, at headquarters at 2:15 p. m.

Where Bathing is Unfashionable.
It is no longer fashionable to bathe in the surf at Newport. Miss Hunt Ton discovered that it was possible to meet her neighbor's maid in the water, and then, too, she came in contact with the summer tourists, whom she regards as very undesirable to know, so she concluded that surf bathing must no longer be recognized in "our set." The people in bathing are usually those who do not care for the opinion of the fashionable world or those from the hotels. Hotel life is not interesting. Unlike some of the other summer places, she does not center in the general amusements, and unless one has an extensive acquaintance among the Newport people it is extremely stupid to be at a hotel.—Ladies Home Journal.

The Champion Battle-axe Story.
Last week a negro killed a monster battle-axe six miles this side of Clover Valley on the Union Pacific extension from Millard. The only weapon which the darky had was the form of battle-axe, but he succeeded in crushing on the life of the monster, and upon examination found the axe to measure ten feet in length, with ninety-six notches and a ribbon on the lateral extremity. This would prove an almost phenomenal age to the axe, making it about 140 years old. The skin and rattles have been taken north to Salt Lake, whence they will be shipped to the east.—Beaver (Utah) Citizen.

Big Sales of Ice-cream.
It takes a good deal to cool off New York on a hot day. On the fourth ice-cream manufacturer sold 60,000 quarts of cream. It is said that the profit on this was \$5,000. A popular pharmacy sold twenty-one gallons of homemade alone from its soda fountain one hot day recently. Cold coffee is highly recommended as a warm-weather drink. It is stimulating, excellent for the stomach, and very palatable.—New York Times.

Insects should have shade.
The suck is more thickly covered with feathers than the hen, and is therefore more subject to the effects of heat on very warm days. They are sometimes affected by sunstroke and die in a few minutes. Ducks have but few diseases, but they will thrive only under proper conditions. They must have some kind of shade in summer to protect them from the direct rays of the sun.—Christian at Work.

Professor Samuel Cushman, apurist of the Rhode Island agricultural experiment station, maintains as the result of personal observation that bees do no damage to growing or fair fruit. The juice of fruit is injurious to them, and they do not attack sound fruit but only bruised fruit or that which has been previously injured by other insects.

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