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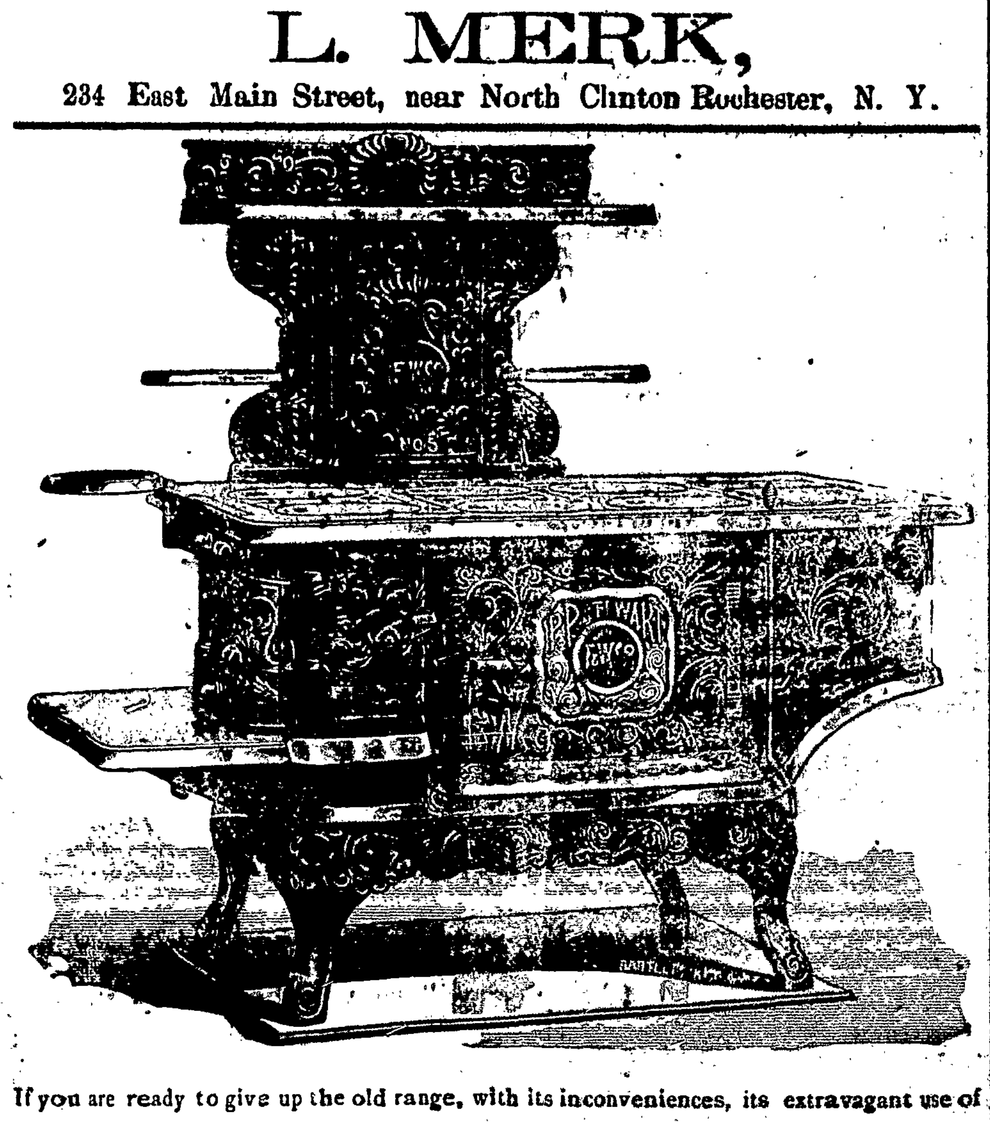

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SHORT NEWS STORIES.

A Grateful Canine Thief—A "Scotch Tarrier" Was Different—How He Wrote to His Best Girl.

"There are as many phases of disposition and character in a dog as in a human being," remarked a veterinary surgeon to a group of friends.

"About a block from my office a man lives who owns a fine St. Bernard dog. A few months ago he reported a series of robberies. First, a watch was stolen from his room, then a lot of silverware disappeared, then some jewelry belonging to his wife.

"The robberies were reported to the police, who became convinced that some one of the servants was the culprit, but they could secure no evidence, and no trace of the missing articles could be found. All of the servants were discharged and others employed, but the thefts continued.

"One day the St. Bernard dog had a leg broken by a street car, and his owner brought him to me. I dressed the limb, and each day the dog was brought to the office for treatment. He was soon well, and one morning he brought in a gold watch, in a few moments returning with a silver cake stand and then a gold thimble, and I followed him. He went to a corner of his master's yard, and, scratching the loose dirt aside, selected a spoon, with which he started for the office. The dog was the thief, and he was paying me everything he had stolen for relieving his pain."—New York Journal.

"A Scotch Tarrier."

In Windsor, Canada, across the river from Detroit, the principal magistrate of the little town is an old Scotsman, whose brogue is as thick as oatmeal porridge.

The other day a dog case was tried before him. The plaintiff's dog had run out and bitten the defendant, who was passing along the road, whereupon the latter had procured a gun and shot the dog to death. The plaintiff wanted damages for the killing of his pet. Each side was represented by counsel, and every inch of the case was contested.

From the evidence it was clear that the dog had invited and deserved its own execution. The old magistrate himself said so and added that he would have to dismiss the case.

"But, your honor," persisted the plaintiff's attorney, "you lose sight of the fact that my client has sustained an unusual loss. It was no ordinary dog, but a fine Scotch terrier."

The old man's face grew stern as he slowly repeated to himself: "A Scotch tarrier, eh? A Scotch tarrier!"

Then he added: "There be not too many good dogs anywhere. Twenty-five dollars is cheap enough for a Scotch tarrier." And he fined the defendant that amount.—Chicago Times-Herald.

They Saw an Angel.

The people of three villages in central Wayne county, N. Y., are much stirred over an apparition for which there appears to be no possible hypothesis except a spiritual one. The visitor is nothing less than an angel, or at least it bears every appearance of one, and is seen in broad daylight. Its first appearance was on Nov. 2, when it was seen by at least a score of people. R. D. Mack says:

"I was returning from Wolcott, when I noticed an object floating in the air about 100 yards away. Its appearance was that of a girl clad in a long white robe, with the arms bare. On its shoulders were a pair of long white wings, which were nearly the full length of the body. The day was clear. I saw it for fully 20 minutes. I said nothing about it for several days, till I heard others speaking of similar occurrences."

The story told by others named is the same in all essential details, and it has created great wonder and some alarm.

The Universal "Shop."

It is written that one may occasionally hear witty things even at a dinner party. At one such the conversation turned on the habit of "talking shop." Some one declared that an actor or musician was never happy unless allowed to talk by the hour about his profession. "Oh," added another speaker, "doctors are just as bad. They always want to entertain you with recitals of their 'cases.'"

"Lawyers too."

"Men of science also"—

"And litterateurs always"—

"Well, well," said the wittiest woman of them all, "you are right! Philosophers talk Schopenhauer; ladies, shopping; tipplers, 'schoppen;' musicians, Chopin, and actors and writers just plain 'shop.'"

How He Wrote to His Best Girl.

Uncle Sam's mail clerks run across many queer things in the many thousands of missives that pass under their notice. Poetical superscriptions upon letters, for instance, turn up occasionally. At the postoffice at Bridgeton, N. J., a few days ago a letter arrived, evidently from some lovelorn swain, which was addressed in this fashion:

Hello, Uncle Sam! May I go in your mail?
I've taken a notion to ride on the rail.
In the state of New Jersey there let me drop.
In the county of Cumberland there let me stop.
In the Bridgeton postoffice there let me lay
Until the good letter carrier takes me away.
At 85 Oak street there let me meet
Miss Millie Delancey, looking so sweet.

—Philadelphia Record.

Why Mr. Carlisle Did It.

Secretary Carlisle has been severely pounded in certain quarters for discharging seven treasury clerks who took a too active part in the late campaign. Marshall Cushing says that three of these were near relations by blood or marriage of Senator Joe Blackburn.

"Why was he fired?" asked a friend of one of these unfortunates in Mr. Carlisle's room the other day. "Simply because he went on the stump against you?"

"No," said the secretary of the treasury, "but because he made such d——d poor speeches."

FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

A pure white eagle was once observed on the island of Helgoland.

The knot is a nautical mile. The admiralty knot measures 6,080 feet.

The lord lieutenant of Ireland receives a salary of $100,000 per year.

Four hundred human beings were sacrificed in Ashanti after the king's accession in 1894.

It is observed in England that most young men fresh from the universities are abandoning the study of law for medicine.

Recent Austrian observations in the Mediterranean sea prove that the deepest spot in that body of water is 2,406 fathoms, or nearly three miles.

Lettuces double the size of those grown in the ordinary way have been obtained by the new process of irrigating the soil below the surface.

The macpalxochiquahitl, or hand flower tree, is a Mexican and Guatemalan tree, bearing a red flower whose stamens resemble in shape a human hand.

The Yuma desert was once a salt sea of considerable area, a fact which is proved by the tons of oyster and other sea shells found in the sands just beneath the surface.

English bishops receive from £2,500 to £10,000, and each is provided with a palace in which to reside. There are said to be considerable perquisites attaching to the office.

Whenever the invention admits of a model, the inventor is required to furnish it, of a convenient size, to show properly and to the best advantage the working of the device.

New and original designs for ornaments, patterns, prints, pictures to be printed, cast, woven or otherwise worked in or on an article to be manufactured may be patented.

The Chilcat Indians of southern Alaska distill a fearful beverage called "hootchenoo." The process adopted was probably suggested to them by United States soldiers originally.

Flammarion says that if the earth's atmosphere should be suddenly increased in thickness to 700 miles the sun could not penetrate it, and the earth would soon be wrapped in ice.

It has been discovered by two French scientists that most precious stones, such as the ruby, the sapphire and the emerald, can readily be told from their imitations by means of the Roentgen rays.

An example of the red faced ouakari has lately been added to the collection in the zoological gardens, London. Very few specimens of this South American species have previously been exhibited.

Trajan, the Roman emperor, had a palace built under the waters of Lake Nemi. It was 550 feet long, 270 feet wide and 60 feet high. The building was made accessible by an arched tunnel leading to it from the shore.

The osprey is a spring and autumn visitant to England. It is now only to be found breeding in a few localities in northern Scotland. This bird is found in most parts of Europe, Asia, Africa and North America; southward as far as Brazil.

The most ancient method, and the one generally employed for preserving mushrooms for household purposes, is that of drying. Mushrooms of medium size are preferred, and the drying is accomplished either by natural or artificial heat.

All Persian opium is cultivated on irrigated land. Consequently the moisture is practically under the farmers' control. This is most important, as rain, when the plant is nearly at maturity, would be certain to destroy the opium elements.

Perhaps the oldest fireplace in this country is in the home of a Bangor man. The fireplace was built over 200 years ago in West Boxford, Mass., and it is set up in the house perfect and standing—with the same kettle, tongs, etc.—as it was 200 years ago.

A caterpillar which protects a plant instead of living on it is a novelty. Such a one is that called Erastria scitula, which takes up its quarters on the olive trees in the south of France and wages a war of extermination against the little insect known as the cochineal.

The eggs of the osprey, usually two or three in number, vary a great deal in their coloration, some examples being yellowish white in ground color, profusely blotched or spotted with yellowish brown, while some are beautifully blotched with rich brown and blurred with gray.

The manufacture of margarin, which was invented by a French chemist during the siege of Paris in 1870, has assumed great proportions in Germany, where now 80,000,000 kilograms, valued at $20,000,000, are annually produced at 85 manufactories, supplying a good and cheap fat.

The secretary of the Brassworkers' association, Birmingham, which has a membership of some 40,000, says that he has been identified with the brass trade in all its many ramifications during his whole life, and that he is quite positive there is no such thing as an idol factory in Birmingham.

Some observations carried out by Mr. Arthur MacDonald have brought to light the interesting fact that persons breathe less when they are concentrating their minds on study or work, and also when under the influence of depressing emotion. On the other hand, we breathe more when exhilarated by pleasure and amusements.

The almanacs of the middle ages were consecrated almost entirely to astrology and alchemy. The oldest printed almanac of which we have any knowledge is said to have appeared in Vienna in 1460. Fourteen years later Regimontanus, a German mathematician living in Hungary, published a series of almanacs from 1475 to 1506.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

The third act of Rhea's play, "Josephine, Empress of the French," closes with a climax based upon the sex of a newborn heir to Napoleon. If the expected arrival be a girl, Josephine will have reason to hope for a restoration of Napoleon's favor; if it be a boy, it means a new empress for the French and the end of Josephine's hopes. The audience is told by the dialogue that when the event occurs it will be heralded by the booming of cannon—1 shot if the heir be a girl and 21 if it be a boy.

Suddenly, in the midst of the conversation, the activity of the play is interrupted by a cannon shot. After a moment of anxious silence Josephine exclaims: "It is a girl! Thank God!" Then follows a second shot, as the cannon continues with the royal salute of 21 guns. At the second report Josephine's attendants, in consternation, exclaim, "A boy!" At the third shot a small boy in the gallery, on the opening night, when the play was produced in Lancaster, Pa., cried out, "Triplets, by thunder!"

And the weeping Josephine ended that tearful third act by a peal of merry laughter which was not in the bills and was not of the made to order sort.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Gratified Curiosity.

Two young men whose clothes were of such a style as to make it seem probable that they would at any minute fall into picturesque attitudes and execute a song and dance stood watching a big building that is nearing completion.

"It's a great piece of work," commented one of them.

"'Tain't anything else," was the reply.

"I wonder who's the guy that got it up. He oughtn't have his name to it."

"I reckon he has somewhere. When a feller makes a hit like that, it's hard luck if he doesn't get his name on the programme."

"What does that say up there?"

His companion slowly read the letters, "MDCCCXCVI."

"That's it!" he exclaimed as soon as he had spelled it through.

"That's what?"

"The name of the gent that designed the stone pile. I reckon he's some Russian or Welshman that's just startin in in this country. I never heard of him before, but he's good."—Detroit Free Press.

Where He Belonged.

The historian of Company F of the Twenty-third Massachusetts volunteers calls to mind the awkwardness of one of the raw recruits.

In his composition there was not a particle of time or tune, and the step always bothered him.

One day at drill Smith was persistently getting out of step and out of place, until the drill master demanded impatiently:

"Smith, where do you belong?"

With innocence upon his face and a sense of injury in his tone the recruit answered:

"In Ipswich, sir."

"I wish to heaven you were there," was the officer's despairing rejoinder.—Youth's Companion.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

There's such a thing as having too much regard for the feelings of the neighbors.

When a widow gets to heaven, the first thing she will ask is what the men angels like best to eat.

When a woman smooths a cat's head and says, "Poor pussy!" she is thinking how badly her husband treats her.

When a girl gets to a point where no man is too old, she begins to say, "Oh, I do hate boys who are always trying to be spoony."

The prodigal son probably entertained the old folk at dinner by bragging about the way they cooked the husks where he'd been working.—New York Press.

Under Ban of the Law.

Chollie—Heah of Weggie's widiculous election bet! He has to weah a dwess suit evwy mawning on the pwincipal stweets fow a week.

Willie—Widiculous! It's moah than widiculous. Such conduct must be positively unlawful.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Rule.

Mrs. Benham—Do you think it would be wrong, Henry, if we did a little business in Boston when we go there to attend mother's funeral?

Benham—Don't you know, my dear, that I never combine business with pleasure?—Town Topics.

By Right of Conquest.

She—'Tis true that I have broken the engagement and that I still have your ring; but do you know why I retain that ring?

He (rustfully)—On the theory, I suppose, that to the victor belong the spoils.—Truth.

Knew What Was Wanted.

"I am an actor and"—

"Well, the street to the left will take you to the railroad track."—Town Topics.

A Voice and Nothing Else.

Somewhere in space is the haunt of this creature,
Cheering me oft with a voice sweet and low;
Somewhere, so far that the eye cannot reach her,
An image that fancy alone can bestow.
In vain is the longing to greet her more nearly,
All powerless the hand that is stretched forth to clasp.
A laugh like the chime bells that tinkle so clearly,
And only a shadow remains in my grasp.

I fain would avow it, the ardent devotion
Her silvery tones were enough to inspire.
Yet remote as the star which shines over the ocean
She lingers, indifferent to those who admire.
My prudence oft threatens to wholly forsake me,
But a bold declaration is checked by my fear,
For I know that a penalty swift would overtake me.
She's the telephone girl, and she'd ring in my ear.

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