

In 1819 the United States purchased Florida from Spain.

An Ionia, Mich., concern is shipping corn-cob pipes to England.

An idol collector in San Francisco, who has just died, had a collection of 500 little gods.

Work is the best remedy for heart-aches. To cure your own sorrow, help your neighbor.

Texas is said to have the largest variety of woods of any of the States, the list being given at about 200 species.

At last it has been proved mathematically that it is impossible to square the circle. Thus in time does science overtake experience.

In 1894 it will be 100 years since Hungary became an independent government, and it is proposed to celebrate the anniversary with great pomp.

The Missouri Court of Appeals has just affirmed a decision of a lower court giving judgment for \$600 due for a slave girl sold before the rebellion.

It is proposed that the namesakes of Capt. John Smith contribute to the fund for "restoring the tombstone of Capt. John Smith, founder of Virginia."

Grand Rapids, Mich., leads the world in its percentage of divorces to marriages. This year it is now to five and last year one to six. The total number of dissolutions was 213.

Chicago is taking the lead in the movement for observing the anniversary of the death of John Wesley, which occurred March 2, 1791, by the Methodist Church of this country.

Jules Simon does most of his writing in bed. Many other fellows do the same, and nobody would object if, when they got up, they used what they had written to kindle fires with.

Senator Warren, of Wyoming, is six feet tall, and his form is as straight as a Rocky Mountain pine. He is a blonde, is rather good-looking, and talks and dresses well. He is forty-six years old.

The report that 22,000 people have died of smallpox in Guatemala within six months sounds almost too astonishing to be true. If it is correct, the vaccinator evidently has a fine field for work there.

The Rev. John Eliot, missionary to the Indians, wrote a letter in 1673, which was sold at auction a few days ago for \$500. At the same sale a letter of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards brought only \$11.50.

Jan. 8, 1815, was the day on which the battle of New Orleans, in the second war with Great Britain was fought. Wonderful victory of Gen. Andrew Jackson with his entrenchments of cotton bales.

A Missouri man, aged 93, is cutting a new set of teeth. Only in Missouri are men so wicked that nature is compelled to visit upon them the torture of teeth after she has once kindly deprived them of them.

Signora Jessada, the great lace fabricant of Genoa, Italy, carries back the manufacture of Italian lace as early as the year 1490, and has in his possession specimens which he declares to be of that date.

A Pennsylvania farmer while attending religious services at Shipbach recently permitted his horse to freeze to death. If he isn't haunted by a nightmare hereafter there is no retribution for hypocrisy.

People who are not altogether satisfied with faith-cure treatment believe in the laying on of hands. They know of instances where energetic laying on of hands, with downward strokes, has cured naughty children.

Four hundred out of every 1,000,000 of the residents of Saxony, in Germany, commit suicide. In Leipzig the proportion is the highest in the world, reaching 450 per 1,000,000. In London it is only 85 per 1,000,000.

The Mediterranean is comparatively shallow. A drying up of 600 feet would leave three different seas, and Africa would be joined to Italy. The British Channel is more like a pond which accounts for its choppy waves.

Abadi Pasha is slowly dying in Ceylon. It has been suggested that an appeal be made to the British Government asking that some more fitting place be selected where the unhappy Egyptian chief can serve out his exile.

A recent invention is an electric mineral ore detector, by which it is claimed that the presence of ore may be detected. By this means a comparatively inexperienced person is able to tell whether the sample contains ore or not.

The Justin dynamite shell has been successfully thrown from a powder gun, at Rome, N. Y. This new shell will enable every warship to become a dynamite cruiser, and our Vesuvius will have no monopoly in the belching of sudden destruction.

Had Jack Dempsey ran for the presidency of the United States and been

defeated he would not have felt the bitterness of it half so much as he does the affair at New Orleans. When a champion is downed earth has no further charms for him.

A druggist in St. Petersburg has invented a method of tipping cigars with a preparation, so that they are lighted like a match, by rubbing against any hard surface. A manufacturing company is said to have paid him \$30,000 for the patent.

While sinking a mine shaft recently at Mysore the workmen broke into an old shaft, dug perhaps a thousand years or more ago, and in which were found implements of various kinds that bore unmistakable evidence of the former workmen being Chinese.

No paper or publication containing the slightest reflection on the Government of Russia is allowed to reach the hands of the Czar, and he is, therefore, prone to believe that he is not only the greatest ruler on earth, but all his acts are sanctioned by other nations.

Henry Danforth, an Iowa well digger, completed his 46th well two days before Christmas, and was being drawn up in the bucket when the rope broke and he was killed by the fall. He had remarked not an hour before that he guessed he was born to be hung.

To judge by the comments of the press the journalists of the country are not too much flattered by King Humbert's remark that were he not a king he would be a journalist. The general impression among them seems to be that almost anybody can be a king.

Gen. Miles accomplished a feat which stands without a parallel in the Indian history of this country, and is entitled to all the credit there is in it. Had he possessed less tact or firmness we should have had a war costing millions of dollars and hundreds of lives.

Although whales grow to enormous size, sometimes eighty and even ninety feet long, the throat is so small that the animal couldn't swallow a bite as large as a tea biscuit. This applies to the common whale. The spermaceti has a mouth large enough to swallow a man.

One telephone was put in at a small town in Kansas, and the owner of a house to rent immediately raised the price \$5 per month. Then he went over and called up a saw-mill half a mile away and burst a blood-vessel trying to keep up a conversation over the wire.

It is pretty evident that every band of Indians will fight before they will surrender their rifles, but the only way to keep the red man docile is to disarm him and dismount him. If he can fight the soldiers with stones and shillalabs he is welcome to the satisfaction.

Prof. Thurston says: "The assumption seems fair that the locomotive engine will have been superseded when we double our speeds, and that we must find ways to utilize the weights of the cars themselves for adhesion, and to make each to carry its own motor."

Brazil has, it is said, decided to have a World's Columbian Fair, to open in November, 1892, with a Government guarantee of \$22,500,000. High Government officials, rich bankers and planters are in the management. Rio Janeiro is the selected position.

Old Red Cloud, the chief, says: "If all the Indians in the West had every luxury which the white man could furnish they would still want to go to war. He was born that way and can't help it. He must fight about once in so often, and there is only the white man to fight."

Gen. Ben Butler, though nearly seventy-five years old, is one of the hardest working lawyers in Boston. He comes down from Lowell every morning and goes back at night after a day of toil, and he does not hesitate to burn the midnight oil when occasion requires.

Americans emigrating to South America will find seven species of poisonous serpents, thirteen insects which sting or bite, eight plants which poison, and 205 animals, birds or insects which indulge in night serenades and help a tired man secure eight hours' sleep.

The track mileage of street railways in the five leading cities of the United States is said to be as follows: New York, 308; Chicago, 365; Boston, 329; Brooklyn, 324; Philadelphia, 324. Three cities have elevated roads: New York, 32 miles; Brooklyn, 24 miles, and Kansas City, 5 miles.

A Michigan man, 50 years old, did not know until the other day that a husband could not legally thrash his wife, provided he was the stronger, and when arrested for that offense he talked about the bulwarks of liberty in a way to bring tears to the eyes of the glorious American eagle.

The following note left by a tramp was found on the kitchen table by Mrs. Jacobs, of Youngstown, O., the other day: "My dear good lady friend, I came here a stranger and found no one at home. I was hungry and took a piece of pie. I will return some day and pay you for it. Much obliged. This is all I have got. Keep them until I return."

With the note was left a deck of playing cards.

For seven years a Hoosier named Pete Dayton had obliged his wife to support the family by washing, and he had left an average of \$3 per week in the saloons. The White Caps took him out and thrashed him, and in less than eight months he has earned \$200 and kept sober every day.

The custom of the Japanese in not permitting a father to see his child until it is three months old was founded on the idea that the youngster wouldn't know his dad at an earlier age. Having never seen him, how he should know him at three months is a question the Japs entirely overlooked.

The easiest way to clean shoes or rubber over-shoes which have become muddy is with vaseline. A little swab of flannel on the end of a stick is good for the purpose. Even if the vaseline touches the hands it forms a coating over them, so that the task is not as unpleasant as it otherwise would be.

John Beals was arrested in Kansas for malicious trespass. He promised the Sheriff not to dig his way out of jail if left unwatched, but inside of three days he went through the brick wall, stole the Sheriff's horse and buggy, and then took Mrs. Sheriff with him and galloped away to parts unknown.

A citizen of Portland, Me., applied to another citizen for relief, claiming to be in destitute circumstances. He was arrested next day on a charge of false pretenses, as it was discovered that he had a quart of whisky and nine cents when he applied for relief. The law will now have to define what "destitute" means.

An Austrian professor says that many women who keep lap-dogs suffer from an affection of the liver caused by a small parasite which is peculiar to the dog's liver. This explains everything. It never did seem possible that the silliness of some women's demonstrations over pet dogs was due to an affection of the heart.

A black convict in the South Carolina penitentiary made his escape the other day, but after two days of freedom he returned of his own accord, saying that he could not find as good a place outside of it for the amount of labor he was obliged to perform. In fact, when he got home he found nothing to eat and the fire all out.

A man takes a dynamite shell weighing four and a half pounds and prepares to light the fuse and throw it into the Warrior River. Out, to kill fish. Thirteen persons huddle around him to see how it is done, and eleven are more or less mangled as the explosion takes place. Common sense sometimes stays at home when some men walk out.

One of the most excellent of recent innovations is the introduction of metal ceilings in place of wood and plaster. These ceilings do not shrink or burn like wood; they will not stain, crack or fall off like plaster, but being permanent, durable, fireproof and ornamental, will eventually supersede both wood and plaster, besides being in the end far more economical than either.

Mayor Yancey, of Lynchburg, Va., announced that he would remit all the fines of citizens for failing to remove snow from their premises, as he considered it unjust to fine a citizen for an offense that the city was guilty of. He then issued rules against the superintendent of the city hands and the city engineer to appear before the court to show cause why they did not do their duty in cleaning snow off the city property.

A correspondent of the London Times says that he and his party saw a rainbow which formed a complete circle, visible for nearly half an hour during their ascent of the Finsteraarhorn. "There were," he says, "heavy clouds lying some 4,000 feet below on the Aar glaciers, and it was on these that the beautiful brilliantly colored ring lay. A second circle was also visible. We were near the summit of the peak when we first observed it, and from that point the face of the mountain on the Grindel side is almost perpendicular."

Dr. Felix L. Oswald has contributed an article to the Medical Tribune on "The Night Air Cure," in which he maintains that night air from the outside is far more healthful than the vitiated, disease-laden night air of ordinary human dwellings. In Germany successful experiments have been tried in summer of having patients with pulmonary disorders sleep all night in the open air of the pine woods. At any rate it is all we have to breathe at night, and it had better be fresh and pure as possible.

The youngest married couple that ever passed through the barge office in New York put in an appearance last week. The husband, Yussef Gosn, was only 16 years old, and his wife, Malacha Simaan, was of the almost infantile age of 11. The couple were from Lebanon, in Syria, the husband having been in this country before for two years and having returned seven months ago to claim his bride. He was accompanied by his mother, a woman 40 years old, who said that the marriage of the two children had been sanctioned by the parents of both. The young couple will ply the trade of peddlers.

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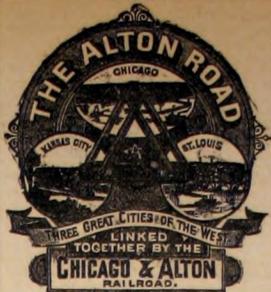
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No. 11. Local freight.	11:30 P. M.
No. 33. Freight.	9:30 P. M.
TRAINS SOUTH	
No. 2. Mail.	11:30 A. M.
No. 4. Lightning Express.	11:30 P. M.
No. 6. Pacific Express.	2:50 P. M.
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No. 5. express freight. 4:19 P. M.

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