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### WHIP AND SPUR.

Birmingham, N. Y., is to have a life sized track.

Among the most recent inventions is a three wheeled buggy.

Mosbers, 2:16½, will compete this year, instead of being sold to the stud, as has been reported.

The Chicago Horseman says that fashionably bred trotting stock is worth more money now than it ever was in the past.

Nutwood, now 22 years of age, was 14 years of age before he was credited with a 2:30 performer. Now he has sixteen.

Theodore Winters, the well known breeder and turfman, has been elected president of the Nevada State Agricultural society.

James Golden says that the trotters of the future will have far less track work than in the past, blame of training advance every year.

The ancient race course at Epsom, England, over which the "Derby" is run, is to be remodeled at less and a mile straightaway provided.

Allerton and Canary Bird are to be driven double this season, and Williams thinks they have the chance to equal the 2:13 mark of Belle Hamlin and Jubilee.

Don Wheelock, the groom who has taken care of Boaz for over two years, says she has not made a single break in all her work since she trotted in Philadelphia in 1890.

Nancy Hanks is the first trotter to change ownership after covering a round better than 2:10, and Alexander seems to be less that of any other stallion at the time of sale, although no inquiry was published in Nelson when his record had fallen of Axtell.

Another device for improving the high stepping action of horses is spectacles framed in stiff leather, quite inclosing the eyes of the horse, and the glasses magnify, give the ground in front of the horse the appearance of being raised, therefore causing the animal to step high.

### PEN, CHISEL, AND BRUSH.

Mr. Humphry Ward has written a letter declaring that there is no truth in the gossip about her story that his wife received from her for "David Grieve."

Anna Vernon Dunny, the young sculptress, who is already as fond of outdoor life as Amelie Rives seem to be, has a good horse-woman, and spends a great deal of her time in the saddle.

Mr. W. W. Spence, a native of Edinburgh, and now a resident of Chicago, has commissioned R. W. Stevenson, a Scotch sculptor, to execute a copy of the colossal statue of our William Wallace at Stirling, which is to be presented to the city of Edinburgh.

Olive Schreiner, the gifted light, lives an almost isolated life in an African farm village, where she has for companions only few of the comforts of life. But she likes the solitude, and there is no evidence that her new fame is going to wean her from her old life.

Rudyard Kipling has tried to get at Charles Dickens did—that his earlier impressions of America were mistaken ones, and he is now revising them in a form which will be more creditable to his judgment and more just to a country which he tried to snub at.

The French painter Gervex, having made a sensation with a nude picture so completely in the Egyptian fashion as Cleopatra as the Egyptian fashion of the day and Cleopatra, has attempted chryselephantine sculpture. He is at work on a warrior's dress made of ivory, the armor, helmet and boots. The face and uncovered arm are of ivory, the helmet and breastplate of bronze.

### PROMISSORY NOTE LAWS.

There are five essential elements to the legal validity of a negotiable draft, note or check:

1. It must be payable in money that is, gold, silver or greenbacks, possibly also in United States currency, not in any kind of merchandise. Thus a note "payable in 100 barrels" has been decided to be invalid.

2. It must be payable without any contingency or uncertainty. A note providing to pay "$100 out of the proceeds of corn to be raised and sold from my farm," is invalid. But a particular fund may be designated as "I promise to pay out of the estate of R., deceased."

3. It must be payable to a certain specified time, a time certain to arrive. A note payable to A. B. "when he is twenty one years of age" is not good, for he may not live to be twenty-one, and so the time is not certain to arrive. But a note payable "on demand" is held to be good, for it must be in the nature of things certain to be made at some time. The owner of such a note would not possess common sense if he never demanded payment.

4. It must be payable to the order of a certain party thereto named, or else payable to bearer. Otherwise it is not negotiable, although as a simple written contract it is good as between the maker and the person to whom it is payable. But it is not capable of indorsement unless the words "order" or "bearer" appear.

5. The amount payable must be specified and certain. A note for $100 "with interest" is good, because the interest can be calculated and thus the amount ascertained, but a note reading, "Pay $100 or $200," is not good.—Chicago Times.

### CROWN AND SCEPTER.

The queen of Italy is at the head of an international college for women founded by herself.

All the members of the family of the Prince of Wales are poor riders, none of them having ever been able to shine as horsemen.

A hundred thousand children of Denmark, with penny contributions, have presented a crown of gold to be presented to the king and queen on their golden wedding day.

The czar has lost record his fortieth year, and it has been celebrated in part by the launching of a 9,000 ton battleship. It is known that Emperor William of Germany sent congratulations.

Prince George of Greece has received from the czar of Russia the ship with which he struck the Japanese gunboat when attempted to assassinate his cousin, the czarevitch, at Otsu. The czar has been incased in gold, on which are engraved the words, "To Prince George, for valor."

The young Archduchess Marguerite Sofia, daughter of Archduke Karl Ludwig of Austria, was so thoroughly in love on her entry from a convent school that she gave her school a solid gold bowl as big as her head, set with diamonds, rubies and pearls. The bowl will be placed on a frame of a bronze picture of the virgin at the church altar.

### Modern Good Composers.

A curious and interesting experiment was tried early one morning at the Jardins d'Acclimatation. Some ingenious person has hit upon a scheme for making animal circuits for the warming of hotels and preventing damage to crops. A number of stoves had been placed in yards spark around the eye of the cow, and when they were lighted a thick black smoke was produced. Unfortunately for the success of the experiment, there was too much wind, and the "clouds" were dispersed immediately, the smoke being blown toward the inclosure occupied by the cows, who did not seem at all to appreciate it.

It is said that some experiments carried on in the Grande were far more successful, and that the system will be largely used there to prevent the vines. It is said that a vineyard could be made two or three degrees warmer. Several officers attended the experiments yesterday to see whether the process could be utilized for military purposes.—Gaulois Messenger.

### He Knew All About It.

The British legation building in Washington is draped in mourning for the late Duke of Clarence, but everybody doesn't seem to know it. Last week when a visiting delegation was there, two delegates, whether they were from Chicago or not it is not necessary to state, were showing each other the town. As they passed along Connecticut avenue one of them said:

"That big brick over there with the portico where in front of it is the English legation."

"Is that so," said the other, taking it in carefully as tourists do. "It's got mourning on it, I see."

"Yes," explained the first one with an air of superior knowledge, "that's for Justice Bradley, who died recently."—Detroit Free Press.

### Growing a New Root.

A singular condition has developed in the buffalo herd at the Philadelphia Zoo. Late in last year the hoof and mouth disease affected the cattle of Europe very seriously, and there were slight variations of it in this country. One of these was at the Philadelphia Zoo among the buffalo. Eight of the herd were isolated. Since then the symptoms of this disease have disappeared from all but one of these isolated. This one, however, has lost a hoof, and is now hard at work raising a new one, hobbling around on three legs. This is the only case on record in America of a buffalo losing a hoof and growing a new one in captivity.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Sacred Tourists.

The recent earthquake gave a good moment tourists at Los Angeles "a bad half hour." One group at a leading hotel rushed pale-faced into the lobby, clad in a night shirt, over which he had buttoned his vest, a pair of boots, and carrying an umbrella under his arm. He would have rushed out into the street but for the clerk.—San Francisco Call.

### STRAWS OF FASHION.

For mourning the most elegant material is silk crepon.

The newest straw for hats resembles the tuxedo of canes. Pulls in choice it is called.

The new moon trimmings are not serviceable. The French pull out and the trimming carries the cloth.

Patent leather shoes are no longer fashionable for great occasions. Satin, cloth, suede and bronze are preferred.

Fashions so mixed with gold and silver are worn in the east. The coming in vogue are shoes the serpent tints beneath.

There is a fancy in millinery for the bold kind, inclined to brilliant, effective tints, such as geranium, pink, cherry, periwinkle green.

Black bonnets trimmed with a little pale green ribbon are in good taste. Green and fine green are regarded as a harmonious contrast of tints.

Heart shaped purses of kid are carried in Paris. These are made in match the costume—of white kid, red kid with silver gold, too cards with bronze beads and gray suede with cut steel.

The ball dresses of the matrons on the Lorenzo stage in the new play are primrose in hues. Get her a Waldorf pink, another a deep berlin of lace that falls over the shoulder like a Roman cape.

Jet ornaments crowd in the back and spread with ornaments are worn. In one of the new plays off sequoiders adorned with colored jewels, but not crowed in the back, are worn on a tan colored costume.

A recent novelty in garments, or gowns, is one the old English word, is a round collar finished with a deep ruff of lace. This gives the effect of a "ruff" of lace surrounding the low body or yoke of the gown.

A German has invented a new silk which is said to be unbreakable. Cut a large scale at Augsburg. It will be a quarter cheaper, but only were unbreakable well as the popular article. It will require a knife and pencil to tell which is will be economical or not.

Shoulder capes are to be worn again this season. They are long enough to just form a offshoot to the waist. They have a high collar, which is edged with feathers, and are occasionally made triple, like the coachman's cape. Long in the season they will be of black lace.—New York Sun.

### SCIENTIFIC WAIFS.

The latest discovery in industrial science is that glycerine is cast into large blocks for building purposes.

The blind tomato is the white of eleven are so small that they do not admit the pulp substance to which the color of the fruit is due.

It is generally supposed that alcohol is the highest of metals, but this is not the case. Magnesium was then third highest, and is harder, tougher and denser.

An instrument invented at Georgetown college, known as the photochronograph, has to record with accuracy the time occupied by a star in its transit across the meridian.

One of the greatest novelties in wearing necessary recently introduced is that designed by an Englishman, in which the pile in plush fabrics is gained in an ingenious manner during weaving. The pile are so wide are actually cut before being given loose.

The earth is nearer to the sun in winter than in summer, but the cause of the cold weather of the winter season is the oblique incidence of the sun's rays. Did the sun shine as freely on the earth's surface in January as in June the winter would be the hotter season.

Opinions differ as to the actual height of the atmospheric ozone surface. Professor Young believes that he definite upper limit can be stated, while Professor Pernot, of Berlin, contended that it can be connected with that of the earth particles the whole solar system.

### WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

A ton of coal yields nearly 10,000 feet of gas.

The moon can be arranged to march in some its AROUND ways.

It is stated that 120 of Virginia's post offices are in charge of women.

Cork, if sink not fast step in the ocean, will not also, on account of the pressure of the water.

Plainfield, N. J., boasts of a cast underground river which supplies more water than the inhabitants can use.

There is a wine cask in Toledo which holds 60,000 gallons, and Heinrich greatly resembles the famous Heidelberger Fass, celebrated in German prose and poetry.

Albany has some claim to be considered the most moral city in Europe. Within the memory of the oldest generation there has not been a single matrimonial society scandal in the Grecian capital.

The oldest region in the United States, so to call, is that part of northern Minnesota which lies adjacent to the Dakota border. The thermometer there sometimes registers a temperature of 50 degs. below zero.

The largest heathen temple in the world is in Bangalore, and it comprises square, each side being one mile in length, inside of which are six other squares. The walls are 40 feet high and 8 feet thick, and the hall where pilgrims congregate is supported by a thousand pillars, each one from a single block of stone.

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

For stomach cramps place an or a half teaspoonful of the tincture of ginger in half a glass of water in which half a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved will give relief.

To lighten common chairs turn up the chair bottom and wash the cornwork thoroughly with soapy water and a soft cloth. Let it dry in the sun and it will be as firm as when new, provided the cane has not been broken.

To make a mustard plaster for young children, mix one teaspoonful of mustard and three of wheat flour with water to the consistency of a stiff batter, and apply between soft muslin cloths. For adults, use one tablespoonful of flour.

Kerosene will take iron rust and fruit stains from almost every kind of goods without injuring the fabric. Wash the stained spot in kerosene as you would in water. The spots must be washed to know sure before they have been put into soap and water, as it will do no good.

Milk stains may be avoided by sponging the body at night with very hot water. It is a great help also toward toning up the skin to rub the body briskly in the morning with a bathing towel wrung out of salt water. The salt enters the pores and stimulates the skin to healthy action.

### MASCULINE MENTION.

General Edward H. Bragg is small, wiry, active, alert and able.

Congressman Springer claims that his ancestry extends back to the Saxon King Egbert.

Ex-Governor Nathaniel S. Berry, of New Hampshire, now ninety-five years of age, is the oldest of all living ex-governors.

In his house on Shakespeare, at Tolland, Conn., Mr. Stedman is at work on a volume. She in the English language is "Lots is not love that others wish it shines in book."

Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, newly appointed Interstate commerce commissioner, is a Baptist deacon and clerk of the Georgia Baptist association and the Sunday school convention.

One of the largest salaries received by any man in this country is paid to Mr. C. A. Gardner, chief of the International Navigation company, with headquarters at Philadelphia. He draws $60,000 a year and they say he earns it.

Ex-Governor John St. Dorsey was appointed to retire to private life by the people of Vermont. Last session he went to Congress and this year he is serving his term of Middlebury as substitute at a salary of fifteen dollars a year.

Mr. Gladstone receives no end of applications for locks of his hair. To one of these requests he replied a few days ago that age has left him such scanty amount that he would be quite bald if he were to grant such a lock each season.

The twin brothers, Thomas P. Hibland and George B. Hibland, of Brooklyn, are totally unlinked their seventieth birthday. Keeping that one's hair is much whiter than the other's will mean their original similarity of resemblance.

The only survivor of the heavy fund of Texas patriots who signed the Declaration of Texas independence at Washington, on the Brazos river, March 2, 1836, is W. C. Crawford, who now, at the age of eighty-six, is living in destitution at Altoona.

The Memphis Mose, who tried hard to kill M. Dana and Mr. Shaw, was the swollen turbulent that ever benefitted the police of Montana. He was accustomed to wear silk shirts, and long that would have was the heart of a stage hero.

Representative Belknap, of Michigan, is leader of his literary work than of any contested or congressional triumph. He is a great narrator of war stories and he has a fund of them, for he was a captain at seventeen and was wounded seven times during the war.

M. C. Crouch, whom the mines of the new camp in Colorado have made a millionaire, is a native of Illinois, who went to Colorado twenty years ago and has since been a miner, a cowboy and a cattle dealer. He is described as "the most genial and unselfish fellow in the whole diggings."

Senator Proctor is fast becoming known as the way of the sculptor. He has such a show, professional relations and whom for the most well acquainted with him are unaware of his abilities as a sculptor. In his chambers, however, there stand some of his human bronzes modified and has full play.

Baron von Falder, of Vienna, has sold his famous collection of bibliography to Lord Rothschild, of London, for $75,000. The baron, who is now seventy-eight years of age, believed that he was too old to care for a collection, and so he sold it. It is said that Lord Rothschild intends to have his collection, now the finest in the world, to the British museum when he dies.

Stone he left the much Mr. Edendale has a much more youthful step and appearance than he had the last year or two he was a cowslip, the result of frequent outdoor exercise. He says he feel heavens quite a lay upon, and explains that "those old fellows in the senate were so green and serious that a man got to hold ing very up by mentioning with mean."

### FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

The ant is said to have the biggest brain according to its size of any creature.

The theory that salmon spawn only once in two years seems to be confirmed by recent experiments in England and America.

Snails of the sea, known as winkles, are used for food in England. They are sold on the street corners and are regarded as great luxuries by the poor.

The ostrich surpasses the goat as an optimist. When in danger it runs in another with avidity and digests with ease, stones, pieces of wood and iron, knives and silver like delicacies.

It is said that goats in the Kalahari frequently pass months without water, and according to Mr. Markanie, there are certain antelopes which are never seen to visit the drinking places.

The war of a species of fox common in Patagonia. Turns out Frogs and other reptiles, and in the Falkland Islands, the adjacent islands, is a dark skin in color and is said to be more poisonous than a snake.

A horse at Guelph, Victoria, while cutting thistles a few weeks ago killed a large brown snake measuring 5 feet 2 inches. On being dissected it was found to contain a tape worm 3 feet 4 inches in length.

The rapidity with which lizards travel is astonishing. Two specimens from Brazil 100 miles per second, when in travel of ordinary flight, this speed of motion carries an adverse opponent of twenty feet.

From the small island of St. Kilda, off Scotland, a large number of sea birds are annually killed and although this bird kept only one egg per season, and is four years in attaining maturity, its numbers do not diminish.

### CURIOUS CULLINGS.

The Mazarock society is a peculiar organization in Chicago composed of colored men who have married white wives.

Here man of the Missouri say that river banks are caving worse than ever. No scientific explanation of the fact can be given.

The Ichthyophiol, or fish eaters, who lived in a region bordering on the Persian gulf, are mentioned as having the custom of invariably committing their corpses to the ocean, there enjoying the obligations they had incurred in life.

An advertisement for a man to fill the position of hangman has been published in the Vienna Official Gazette. The salary offered is 2520 per annum, with 50 for lodging and 450 for two assistants. Candidates must give certificates of ability, capacities and good character.

Beside sign shows business. The most singular thing about them, however, is their marvelous variety. They may be horned in a furnace, and then reduced to powder, yet on the application of moisture they swell and regain their vitality, knowing not as freely and successfully as if they had been let alone.

### FLOWER AND TREE.

In California peach trees are successfully grafted with roselads, thus producing grove of red, white and pink trees.

The largest oak in Scotland is supposed to be 36 Cantons, ninety feet high and eighteen feet in girth, and there is one in Wiltshire park the same height and sixteen feet in girth.

White ash leaves are claimed by entomologists. It is said that a entomologist placed in a cigar, one half of which is formed of ash leaves and the other half of fine leaves will cause the ash rather than touch the leaves.

The Irish shamrock is very much smaller than the ordinary clover, indigenous to this country and just grows, without any of the shading seen in the white and pink clovers. It is said that the Arabs word for trefoil is shamrock.

The Glastonbury oaks, corresponding in age to the old Charter Oak, in Hartford, are considered to be 500 years of age. The Charter Oak, of which was dismembered in a severe storm here, Aug. 21, 1856, had been a famous tree in that time for 600 years.

Those who only know growing plants and bulbs flowers as adjuncts of conservatories and gardens will be interested in knowing that one species grows as a tree in western Mexico, twenty or thirty feet high, and with a trunk three feet in circumference. The flower is about two inches long and white, pallid in hue.