

ing life, and in all the heart-rending details which cluster in the wake of this evil.

In conclusion we have only to add, the constant recurrence of the same facts demand the repetition of the same truths. The same necessities call for the same returns. If we cannot originate newer and better plans we must content ourselves with the old and tried. Would that the work were done better, but better, perhaps, as it is, than not at all.—*Washington Gazette.*

An Embarrassing Situation.

An exchange informs us that the old philopena trick has been revived again in Alabama, where the young lady takes a double almond in her teeth, and the young man bites it off. That sort of thing used to be popular in Doylestown, Pa., but it is hardly ever tried any more since the painful accident which occurred at a philopena party last winter. The lady who held the almond between her teeth was somewhat advanced in years, and not a little dilapidated. The almond was uncommonly tough, and the man who nibbled at it was in deadly earnest. He closed his teeth on it and pulled. It would not give. He pulled harder, but made no impression. He clinched his jaws upon it and gave a desperate wrench. It is unpleasant to relate what followed; but, as truth crushed to earth will certainly rise again anyhow, whether we try to keep her down or not, we may be pardoned for saying that as a consequence of the violent efforts of the young man he found himself standing up in that room holding in his mouth a nut in which were fixed a double set of porcelain teeth belonging to the afore-said maiden. It was embarrassing in a certain sense for all parties, the young man thought it would be soothing to the feelings of the company if he went home. Other and less perilous games are in vogue at Doylestown this year.—*Max. Adeler.*

Memorializing Congress to Plant Trees.

On February 12 a bill was introduced into the Legislature of Wisconsin, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. It read as follows:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,

The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin respectfully represents:

1. That the State of Wisconsin, together with other of the Northwestern States, are suffering severely through the inclemency of the western and southwestern winds, which burn and wither in summer, and greatly increase the frequency and intensity of our droughts, and which are dry and severely cold in winter, materially obstructing the growing of fruits and many other productions of the soil.
2. That it is well settled among meteorologists that these winds that produce the extreme inclemencies of our season cross in their course the arid plains lying to the eastward of the great ranges of mountains near our Western coast, where they are wrung of their moisture, and in that condition are forced through the Northwestern States, producing the extreme severities of both summer and winter.
3. That those Western plains are destitute of trees, and that history and science prove that trees exercise a marked influence upon the atmosphere, not only increasing its humidity, thereby reducing its liability to become either extremely hot or cold, but do actually impart warmth to a cold atmosphere, and also cool it when very warm, and do increase and regulate the rain fall; and that these effects are realized not only in the immediate vicinity of the forests, but are extended in a greater or less degree over the whole path of the winds passing the forests in their course.
4. Wherefore your memorialists most earnestly urge upon your attention, as a matter of importance to the whole Northwest, the propriety of instituting, by Government aid, large plantations of forest and timber trees in various sections of the Western plains.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing memorial to our members in the two houses of Congress, and to send a copy thereof to the Governors of the following Northwestern States and Territories: Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado.

Half the sorrows of women would be averted if they could repress the speech they had resolved not to utter.

Like a beautiful flower, full of color, but without scent, are the fine but fruitless words of him who does not act accordingly.—*Buddha.*

He who should conquer in battle ten times a hundred thousand, were indeed a hero. But truly a greater hero is he who has but once conquered himself.—*Buddha.*

The dog crop of the Union is estimated at 21,000,000. Of that number upwards of a hundred thousand go mad annually, and bite about ten thousand people. Interesting item, this!

A lady writer says, if women were as particular in choosing a virtuous husband as men are in selecting a virtuous wife, a moral reformation would soon begin, which would be something more than froth and foam.

Richard Lovell Edgeworth said to his daughter one day: "Maria, I am growing dreadfully popular; I shall be good for nothing soon; a man cannot be good for anything who is very popular."

"Gath," of the *Chicago Tribune*, being in Washington, asserts, without qualification, that "draw-poker is more of a national game at present than base ball, backgammon, or President-making."

"How many unfortunates have fallen in war," said a spinster to a veteran General, who was also a veteran bachelor. "Not half so many, madam, as have fallen in love!" was his terse reply.

Germany is coolly furnishing her military chest with 40,000,000 thalers, as though another war were inevitable, ere long, in some direction. "The means to do ill deeds makes ill deeds done."

There are three hundred religious periodicals in the United States, with a circulation of ten and a half millions. Enough salt to save the literature of the country if the salt had not lost its savor. Much of it has not; it never had any saving property to lose.—*Boston Globe.*

Mr. John Hullah, whose name is so closely identified with the progress of popular music in England, and the only approved method of general instruction in that art, has been appointed musical inspector for the United Kingdom by the committee of council on education.

Emmett Hill, of Benton, Alabama, used his gun as a balance pole, handling that harmless weapon, as all experts do, by the muzzle. The reports of both barrels were simultaneous, and the apertures in his stomach were not more than an inch apart.

The origin of the title "The Thunderer," by which the *London Times* is known, was from a writer beginning a leading article with the phrase, "We thundered forth the other day," etc. Some of the *Times'* contemporaries, in referring to this expression, called the *Times* "The Thunderer," and though nearly fifty years have elapsed, the title still clings to it.

It has often been said that Washington is a hard place for an innocent and unsophisticated citizen to visit and tarry any great length of time. Representatives and Senators have been sent there from all parts of the country, and although they were on their first arrival men of good moral character, correct habits and moderately temperate, they soon learned bad manners and became corrupted.—*Sacramento paper.*

An exchange says:—"A writer has calculated that as the average area of the human mouth, when open, is about four square inches, the combined mouths of the 25,500 singers at the Boston Jubilee will form a cavity of over seven hundred and thirty-six square feet. Measuring jubilee cavities by the square foot, is a new wrinkle. Should they attempt to sing 'The voice of free grace cries escape to the mountains,' the hearers may be tempted to take it literally."

Gen. D. S. Stanley wrote from Fort Sully, D. T., March 31:

"How about the Black Hills? Are not you fellows ashamed of yourselves? I can put all the gold in my eye that has ever been found in the Black Hills up to this date. The Indians do bring in nuggets here sometimes, but they invariably come from the Yellowstone, or its tributaries; and I believe in most cases when the Indians get the nuggets, they get the scalp of the original owner."

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