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Coal is said to deteriorate in value when kept in open piles, to the extent of thirteen to fifteen per cent. in six months.

Wind up your conduct, like your watch, once a day, and examine whether you are "fast" or "slow."

An economical husband in Ohio kicked his wife to death for extravagance in using milk for milk toast.

A case of cholera in collapse has been cured by injections of morphine under the skin.

It is proposed in France to abandon the *franc* for a unit twenty-five times as large, equal to a sovereign or half eagle.

Eczema epizootica is the terrific name of a very contagious disease, prevailing among cows southwest of London. It does not kill many, but they lose in flesh and milk.

"You have not one drop of the great Napoleon's blood in your veins," said testy old Jerome one day in a pet to his nephew the Emperor. "Well," replied Louis Napoleon, "at all events, I have his whole family on my shoulders."

A well known Canadian Scot, recently spent a few days in seeing the 'sights' of New York. In company with a friend he visited the 'gold room,' and after looking at the 'bulls' and 'bears' with great eagerness for a time, he finally remarked: 'Man, what a pity it is to see respectable-looking men, dressed in good clothes, going on in that kind o' way!'

At Sierra Leone, on the west coast of Africa, there is printed a paper called the *West African Herald*, the entire staff—proprietor, editor and compositors—being real natives. Amongst the names of the agents who receive subscriptions and supply papers, is the following:—At Winnebah, Henry Ahquah, king of Winnebah. His sable majesty is also agent for the same paper for the Gomoosh district.

Jerrold and a company of literary friends were out in the country. In the course of their walk they stopped to notice the gambols of an ass's foal. A very sentimental poet present vowed that he should like to send the little thing as a present to his mother. "Do," Jerrold replied, "and tie a piece of paper round its neck bearing the motto: "When this you see, remember me."

Mr. Adam Abbott, of Troy, Vt., owns a monstrosity in the shape of a natural four-in-hand team of kittens. It consists of four live pussies, two black and two white, all perfectly formed and all joined together. Three are headed one way, while the other unfortunate will have to walk like a crab at least three-fourths of the time.

"Father," asked a little three-year old the other day, at dinner, of his papa, "what is it that makes the lightning?" "You can't understand it now," was the answer; "I'll tell you when you get a little older," and the father went to his avocation. In the evening he returned, and the young hopeful, climbing upon his knee, said to him, "Papa, I know now what makes the lighting. It is God scratching matches against the sky!"

Cold is now systematically produced by the action of the steam engine. A condensible gas is compressed into a liquid that boils at thirty-two degrees. In resuming the gaseous it abstracts heat. A ton of coal is as efficient as seven tons of ice. The refrigerator at Delmonico's of New York is thus cooled by steam. In the manufacture of ice the advantage of coal is less; but the plan is at work in New Orleans and in the East Indies.

Mr. L. B. Arnold gives the *Country Gentleman* a marked instance of the fact that odors inhaled by dairy cows will affect the milk. In June he lost a calf, the carcass of which was placed where north-west winds carried the stench over his pastures. It was soon found that the milk was tainted, and was tainted or pure as the wind changed. The cause being traced and removed, the trouble ceased. In another case, dead horses in the cow pasture caused serious loss to all the patrons of a cheese factory.

A stone-blind bridegroom in St. Louis was led by his blushing bride to the altar of a Justice of the Peace. That honest and benevolent functionary felt it to be his duty to inform the poor blind man that the chosen of his heart was really one of the ugliest women in the world, and that she had already, to his certain knowledge, buried two husbands. To this the bridegroom responded that he had seen the lady a great many years ago, and that, according to the best of his recollection, she was then a "thing of beauty" and "a form of life and light." As the unfortunate man insisted on getting married to this dream of his earlier and happier days, the knot was tied; but the Justice swore that he couldn't in conscience take a fee for doing it; and so the poor victim was led away rejoicing.

Mark Twain thus describes, in the Buffalo *Express*, a remarkable citizen of that place: "John Wagner, the oldest man in Buffalo—one hundred and four years—recently walked a mile and a half in two weeks. He is as cheerful and bright as any of these other old men that charge around so in the newspapers, and is in every way as remarkable. Last November he walked five blocks in a rain storm, without any shelter but an umbrella, and cast his vote for Grant, remarking that he had voted for forty-seven Presidents—which was a lie. His "second crop of rich brown hair" arrived from New York yesterday, and he has a new set of teeth coming—from Philadelphia. He is to be married next week to a girl one hundred and two years old, who still takes in washing. They have been engaged eighteen years, but their parents persistently refused their consent until three days ago."

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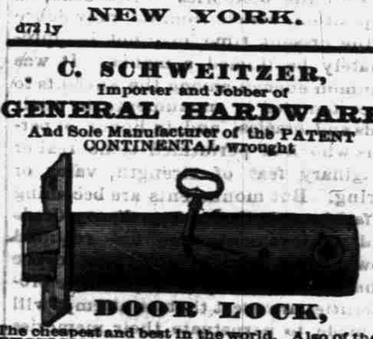
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