

EASTERN NOTES.

The New York *Star*, speaking of the "Terrible Plague" among the horses, asks, "What shall we do to be saved?"

Anna Dickinson is inclined to *emb-wong pong*, so 'tis said, and finds it extremely difficult to look pale and thin when speaking of the sufferings of her sex.

In Buffalo, many mothers wait for a sand zephyr to come along, when they set their children out doors and get their faces scrubbed without water or cost.

A seven year old son of Dr. J. H. Lacey, of Jacksonville, Ill., destroyed the eyesight of a younger brother, the other day, by snapping a whip.

A woman in the Pennsylvania oil regions lately sold her two-weeks-old baby for \$10, and soon after wanted it back because another party had offered her \$25 for the bantling.

Pickpockets rejoice at the prevalence of the horse disease. What few cars there are upon the roads are so crowded that the thieves find no difficulty in "operating." Pocket-books are plentiful among the fraternity.

Leading New York physicians testify that from twenty-five hundred to three thousand births occurred in that city, out of wedlock, in 1871, and that under the old Blackwell's Island system of hand feeding about ninety-six per cent. of these waifs died. A Protestant asylum is now in operation for their relief.

The venerable Judge Nelson, of the United States Supreme Court, having reached the age of seventy, is about to retire on the life pension provided by law in the cases of superannuated members of that Bench. Hon. William M. Evarts, of New York, is spoken of as his successor. The President has the appointment.

Olive Logan, in her new lecture, speaks of the poor rewards of literary labor, and says:

"Half the labor I have put into a book, for which I have been most unmercifully criticised, would have secured me a fortune in the millinery line."

It's a maxim of servantgalliam in this city that the summ'r quantum of washing shall diminish, from and after the 15th of October. Biddy allows her young missus three white skirts a week until that time; and only two after it. While the missus is often indifferent to this maxim, she never openly rebels against it. When Biddy comes to count the skirts in the basket on Monday morning, she epitomizes any transgression in something like the following soliloquy. Beginning with the topmost skirt, she counts—"Wan—tow—thray! an' do me eyes-deasse me?—FOOB!! May the Lord have mercy on me, but she's a divil!" If the missus over-hears this, the offense is not repeated.—*Cincinnati Times*.

A subscriber asks us the following question, which we have already answered in these columns, if our memory serves us, but perhaps to one of a former generation: "Is a note written in pencil, and signed in pencil, legal?" We answer, yes. Story on promissory notes (one of our highest authorities), in his first paragraph touching the requisites of this form of obligation, declares that "A promissory note must be in writing, either in ink or pencil; that is to say, the signature of the promisor must be so; the body of the note may be printed." This is conclusive; but the courts, in a great many cases, and without a dissenting judgment, have confirmed this rule.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*.

Husbands are probably the most ill-used of all classes of persons in the world—except wives.

A man who did not know for what he was nominated found out the day after election on inspecting his wine-cellar.

The towns along the river Amazon, in South America, in the midst of the most productive country in the world, get meat and flour and dried fruits from North America and Europe, because the people are too lazy to work.

"Happy is the country that has no history," as the schoolboy said on being flogged the third time for not knowing who was Henry the Sixth's wife.—*Punch*.

A bereaved widower mourns his loss in the following manner:

"Only a few days ago I bought her a whole box of pills, and she hadn't time to take half of them before she died."

A gentleman who used to carry on the Sheriff business, wholesale and retail, in Ontonagon county, Mich., in an early day, was frequently called on to quell tumultuous brawls, which he did by rushing into the crowd and knocking every man engaged in the row as flat as a flounder, and then repeating these memorable words over their prostrate bodies:

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