

NEWS NOTES.

Moths can't eat through muslin. Harriet Beecher Stowe, likewise all of her toes, are at the White Mountains.—Ex.

The London school authorities find that "it is impossible to teach a child with an empty stomach."

A dog who was epicurean in his his ideas of mutton, at Franklin, Ind., tried eleven sheep before he found one to his taste.

A general outcry is arising against the practice of women kissing each other so much. Great waste of sweetness in these days of rigid economy.

The roof of Westminster Abbey, in London, long supposed to be of oak, when examined last year, was found to be of chestnut. It was sound and perfect, although it had stood for eight centuries already.

Gov. Kirkwood, of Iowa, at Des Moines the other day, said "he honestly hoped to see the day when in going to the polls we shall take our wives, daughters, and sisters with us." Why not?

Miss Dr. Dunbar told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that she had frequent occasion to recommend a little hard work or genuine study to "ladies with an all-overish feeling of illness."

Dr. Hicks, a Methodist minister of Live Oak, Fla., has been acquitted by a committee, after a protracted trial, on charges of impropriety. In his defence the reverend gentleman said that he would hunt down his persecutors with relentless fury.

Miss Kellogg will open English opera in New York on the 11th of October. Her troupe will comprise Mrs. Van Zant, Miss Beaumont, Miss Montague, and Messrs. Maas, Carleton and Peakes. There is a rumor that Mrs. Zelda Seguin will also be one of the company.

Miss Agnes Alice, the daughter of Prof. Beckwith of the Lambert Baths, aged 14, has just swum five miles from London Bridge to the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, in one hour and five minutes. No man living, it is believed, has ever equalled this feat of a girl only fourteen years of age.

A train from Little Rock to Memphis was ditched by a misplaced rail, but no one was hurt except the engineer. Near where the rail was displaced a note was found saying: "This will occur frequently unless your hands are paid." It is supposed the deed was done by some men recently discharged.

The society for the prevention of cruelty to children in New York is causing the arrest of organ grinders and others who employ children to travel through the streets, and thus keep them from school. It is also causing the arrest of parents who let out the children, getting from fifty cents to a dollar a week, besides the board of the juveniles.

The London Times observes—"We have practically half-a-dozen articles in our tariff, and they yield a revenue of £20,000,000 a year. We may make bold to prophesy that not many years will pass before the half-dozen will be reduced to four, but the four will still yield £20,000,000 a year, or even a larger sum." The Times expects the abandonment of the duty on coffee and fruits.

John Wise the balloonist, who has kept so quiet since the failure of the projected trans-Atlantic air trip that a newspaper inadvertently spoke of him as dead, writes to Appleton's Journal to say that he is alive and still a believer in the air-current theory. He will, he says, use a copper balloon on his next attempt. He is also laying the foundation of a system of weather predictions by which he hopes to foretell the weather accurately a year ahead.

Cold-blooded murder and highway robbery are becoming very ordinary crimes in the southwestern and western counties of Missouri, says the St. Louis Republic, and there is some reason for believing that the laxity of administration of the criminal laws by the courts has something to do with it. The Neosho Journal states that there has not been a man hanged west of Springfield since the war, though murders are counted by the score.

Baron Boileau, who married Miss Benton, and who was found guilty of association with Fremont in the Memphis and El Paso swindle, has

been pardoned out of prison by the French government as being innocent of fraudulent intent. He surrendered his wife's dowry, \$140,000, to his creditors in that affair. She died while he was in prison. Since his release he has fought two duels with his calumniators in that affair, slightly wounding his second adversary, and society will take him back.

Nominally, a car-load is 20,000 pounds. It is also 70 barrels of salt, 70 of lime, 90 of flour, 60 of whiskey, 200 sacks of flour, 6 cords of soft wood, 18 to 20 head of cattle, 50 to 60 head of hogs, 80 to 100 head of sheep, 9,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 40,000 shingles, one-half less of hard lumber, one-fourth less of green lumber, one-tenth of joists, scantling and other large timbers; 340 bushels of wheat, 400 of corn, 680 of oats, 400 of barley, 360 of flax-seed, 360 of apples, 430 of Irish potatoes, 360 of sweet potatoes, 1,000 bushels of bran.—Ex.

An English traveller, Mr. Harts-horne, gave the British Association, the other day, an account of the Weddas, a wild tribe which lives in the interior of Ceylon. These Weddas are about five feet high, live on water and roast monkeys, and are, he reports, incapable of laughter. After trying every way to make their chief laugh, and failing, he asked, in amazement, whether they ever laughed. "No," replied the Wedda; "why should we? What is there to laugh at?"

The Government lately referred to the Medical Council of Great Britain the question, if it was desirable that women should be admitted to the profession, and the highest medical authority in the country has recommended that the present restrictions shall be removed, that women shall have the opportunity of attending lectures separately; and has promised that if the present licensing bodies will not admit women to the register, the Medical Council will.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Indiana have prepared a memorial to Congress asking (1) the appointment of a commission to investigate the consequences of the liquor traffic of the U. S. on health, industry, crime, &c.; (2) the prohibition of the importation of alcoholic liquors; (3) the prohibition of the manufacture of liquors in the District of Columbia and the Territories; (4) the requirement of total abstinence as a condition of office holding in the service of the U. S., whether the office be civil, military, or naval.

Query: Why do the press and the whole community fall into raptures when an ocean steamer makes an unusually swift voyage, and then, after every ship-wreck, vehemently advocate careful passages, with no reckless speed? If the steamer that makes the "quickest time on record" is also the safest steamer and the most carefully managed, it is all right; but what will be the verdict of the people if a steamer striving to "make the quickest time on record" sinks her passengers?—Harper's Monthly.

The late Richard M. Blatchford stopped one day in the winter of 1873 at an old woman's stall on Nassau street to buy a banana. He laid a package down by his right hand while he selected the fruit and fumbled in his pocket for the pennies needed, and feeling a tap on his left shoulder, turned to see who thus attracted his attention. As he turned to the left, a skilful thief grabbed the package without being discovered, and made his escape. The package contained \$55,000 in government bonds, and no trace of them has ever been obtained.

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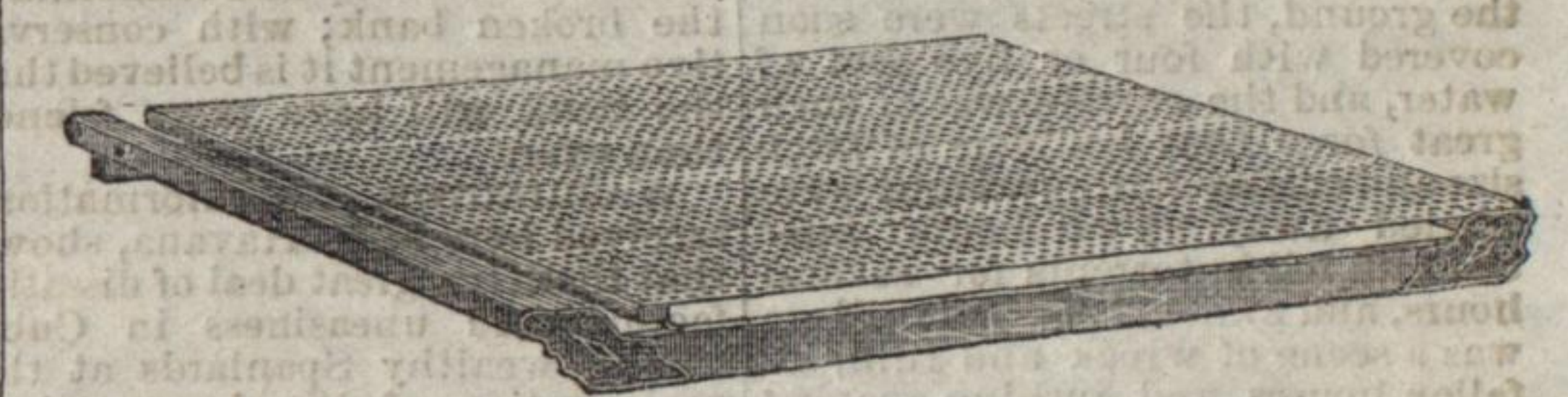
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