The Astors.

The death of William Astor in Paris set people talking as the death of an Astor always does, about the family origin and history. Our statement has been made that William Astor was the son of the third generation of the Astor family.

This is not true. William Astor left a sister, Mrs. Delano, who lives in Europe, and a brother, Henry, living obscurely on a farm in Columbia county, N. Y. Henry's father, William B., cut his off with a small sum because he married in the rank of life from which the Astor family originally sprung and preferred farming to rolling up indorsed and building houses in the city. The founder of the American family of Astors was the son of a German butcher in Waldorf, near Heidelberg, Germany. But it was a crime of the blackest kind for the great-grandson of a poor butcher to wed the daughter of an equally poor and humble German family in America, therefore was Henry Astor snubbed out as unceremoniously as the girls of the Astor family sometimes are.

The policy of the Astors has been to keep their wealth together at all hazard. To do so, when shows talent for managing the family millions is bequeathed to the eldest of the property, while the girls, worth nothing as money makers, are merely portioned off with a small amount. Thus William B. Astor gave to each of his $200,000,000 to his son John Jacob, a respectable portion to William, who has just died, and $1,000,000 apiece to his daughters.

William B. Astor, the father of the late William, was the real money maker of the family, for old John Jacob, "the original Jacob," was worth only $20,000,000 at his death. His money was got largely in the fur and China trade. But when William B. became the head of his family he turned his attention entirely to the real estate investment business, which has since rolled up the Astor fortunes so enormously. The Astor real estate policy is said to be to only buy cheap and never to sell at all, but to hold and rent.

At all events the present head of the family, William Waldorf Astor, nephew of the late William and grandson of William B., is now sold on good authority to be worth $125,000,000. It is William Astor's widow who has the famous diamond ornaments. At the opera and receptions she has sometimes worn diamonds to the value of $100,000. William was the father of Mrs. Coleman Drayton.

The French Anarchists.

"These are not anarchists, they are nonsense," is the verdict of individuals in America who accuse themselves by calling themselves anarchists. They declare that murder and robbery are no part of anarchist politics. Therefore they are in a state of indignation because Ravachol and Simon were not guillotined at Paris instead of being sentenced to penal servitude for life.

There is no doubt that the "extenuating circumstances" found by the cowering jury who rendered the Ravachol verdict were the fear that they too would be blown up. The public so condemned it. "Cowards!" shouted the angry public as the craven jurymen passed out of the courtroom into the street. And the miscreants who do their crimes under the name of anarchists grew bolder than ever. The French are not a cowardly nation. They must know it is a brand of disgrace on them that a whole country is terrorized by a few cutthroats. The lives of the judges and jurymen who tried Ravachol night or night not have been endangered by a death sentence. But if so life is not worth having at such a price. M. Bourgeois, the public prosecutor, shows up splendidly in the midst of the general cravenness of the court. The threatening letters had no effect to drive his strong, brave spirit from its duty.

The heavens be praised! New York has laid the cornerstone of the Grant monument at last. He died seven years ago and New York has got as far as laying one corner of his tombstone. By 1895 the monument will be half done. It took many years for the town by the sea to build the pedestal for the Liberty statue to stand upon while she was enlightening the world, and then it was erected by the private enterprise of a newspaper. But New York got there at last and she will get there with the Grant tombstone. If Chicago had had that monument or Cincinnati or St. Louis or San Francisco or Atlanta or Texas——

There are always ways of getting around laws, even of the modus vivendi kind. Canadian coasters are so bent on exterminating the Alaska seal that they will sell their schooners to citizens of nations other than great Britain. The schooners will be sailed under foreign flags, but the same Canadian seal marauders will command them and continue the trade. Then the other nations will be brought into the contraglio. Apparently it has never occurred to these Canadian fellows that they can do anything else for a living than exterminate seals, or that there is anything else in the ocean worth catching.

Once more the habit of woman in holding notice her bed for a man just before she retires has been justified. This time it was Miss Turner, no actress. She saw a dark object under her bed, grabbed it and found it was a man's ankle. The ankle had a man fast to it and the man was, unfortunately for a well known and gallant profession, a detective.

A Circus Tumbler Has a Fall.

A dispatch from Warsaw, Ind., says: "Charles Noll, a laborer in Lakeside park, while engaged in trimming a tree fell from its top to the ground, a distance of sixty feet, and was instantly killed. Noll is an old circus tumbler, and the society formed in the city saved his life. He fell on his hands and rebounded in the air six feet, alighting on his feet without a scratch."

THE LONGFIELD APPLE.

A Fine Semi-Acid Winter Variety That Is Attracting Attention from Pomologists.

The Longfield made attracted a great deal of attention at the meeting of the Western New York Horticultural society.

A SECTION OF THE LONGFIELD APPLE.

ciety, where it was on exhibition. It is one of the most promising of Russian apples and was highly recommended by Vice President Villard. Pomologist Van Demuf, however, thought that western New York growers could grow other sorts of more value, because a red apple sells better than one of the color of the Longfield, which is of a rich golden hue, with a faint blush on the stem end.

A member present did not think it true that a red apple always sells best, and stated that last season some nicely selected Greenings, carefully packed, brought just as much as other sorts having more color. The Longfield is a fine, standard winter variety, that is winning much favor among men desirous of growing something better than ordinary grades of fruit for the continually increasing fancy fruit trade of our cities, says Country Gentleman, from which this cut is reproduced.

Single Dahlias.

The growing of dahlias from seed is one of the pleasures of gardening, and the wonder is that the practice is not more universal, since it is attended with so little trouble in proportion to the success attained. A correspondent in The American Agriculturist explains that seed sown in a hotbed or in pans in the house will make good flowering plants by the middle of July; in fact, they come into flower nearly as soon as when the roots are planted out in May. The pots should be set in rows three feet apart and a foot apart in the rows, so that if one-half of the plants produce flowers that are not desirable they may be thrown out, and the remainder will amply cover the ground. A great cause of failure in growing dahlias, as with most other flowers, comes from placing too closely. Plants must have room for their perfect development. This rule is generally disregarded, and as many as twenty plants are allowed to occupy the space that is but sufficient for one.

Diseases of the Plum.

The black fungus or knot, as a rule, attacks plum trees growing in grass and neglected. The best preventive for knot is good clean culture, and the best remedy, cutting away of the diseased parts as soon as discovered. As for the curculio there is only one safe plan. Just as soon as the peach begins to ripen, spread a large sheet prepared for the purpose around each tree and jar it so as to shake down all fruits that have been stung, as well as all the curculios, both insects and stung fruits are then to be destroyed. This work must be performed daily to insure a full crop. Let those who desire to grow fine crops of plums try this jarring system; if followed up rightly they will be successful.

The Best Four Peaches.

At the last annual meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural society, in reply to the query, "Which are the best four peaches?" four answers were elicited.

President Blackwell replied, Mountain Rose, Moore's Favorite, Elberta and Beers' Late.

Mr. Creely answered, Mountain Rose, Old Mixon, Crawford's Late and Foster or Weatherby.

Mr. Black's preference for light soils was Mountain Rose, Reeves' Favorite, Stump and Crawford's Late; for the heavy soils, Stump, Crawford's Late, Stephens' Rareripe and Jones' Seedling.

Mr. Corbaart said, Mountain Rose, Stump, Crawford's Late and Keyser's White.

Ashes for Rose Insects.

In La Nature the statement is made that if wood ashes are sifted when dry over the heads of rosebushes, after they have been syringed with water, the ashes will adhere to the leaves, and on account of their alkaline nature will soon make it very uncomfortable for any insect pest that may infest them. The ashes in moderate quantities will not injure the plants, but on the other hand will be rather beneficial as a fertilizer when washed off into the soil, says the California Fruit Grower.

Helpful Hints.

For garden display the dwarf dahlias zinnias are commended. These are easily grown from the seed.

The Rotcomic de Congress pear is large in size, good in quality and matures early.

The French marigolds are free flowering and positive in their stripes and markings.

Fistbeaded borers, which attack the trunks and branches of trees which have been neglected, can be prevented from so doing by painting the bark on the south and southwest side, by the use of paper tree protectors or wrappings of old paper or sacking, says the California Fruit Grower.

Large gourds may be converted into nice baskets and vases for fruits, flowers and flowers.

Catching Up with Civilization.

A young gentleman named H. E. Hagard has arrived in Violin, I. T., direct from San Francisco on a frontier mission. An Indian calling himself Chief Felix Moyne, of the Chickahoos, has been lecturing before the churches and the Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco and collecting money for the purchase of Bibles for the country. He has likewise been getting his office and promotion, and in this way caught Hagard, who came to take charge of four large stores which the man represented that he owned at Violin, Tahlequah, Muscogee and Atoka, this territory. No such men is known here and he certainly was never chief.—Indian Territory Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

London Women Coming to Like Flats.

A very significant change has come over Londoners of late years with regard to a certain form of residence known as "flat." Not many years ago the idea of living in a flat was so little apparent that advertisements of that kind would hardly be said to exist at all in London. A few unsalable blocks of buildings were built after the American fashion, but so little did they suit the English taste that for a long time they remained almost empty and tenantless, notwithstanding the fact that they then added a very few rent to the other advantages that they offered to their occupiers. Now during the last three or four years the inhabitants of London seem to have suddenly changed their minds and flats cannot be built quickly enough to accommodate the numbers who are looking for them.

Whole streets of flats, in some cases, have been constructed, and have been taken up eager tenants even before the builders had started them. Indeed, an inquiry for flats the other day, who was willing to pay a very fair rent for very modest requirements, discovered that, unless he could speedily make up his mind to take the unfinished article, he had no chance at all of inhabiting the article when it was finished, so very much greater was the demand than the supply. That the supply is making gigantic strides to overtake the demand is evident to any one who has lately watched the building operations in our streets, and the gradual rise of great blocks of red brick bearing the premature inscription, "Residential flats to be let." On the whole, we do not think it would be an exaggeration to say that, whatever may have been the increase in the number of houses in the metropolis during the last twenty-five years, the number of flats must have increased more than a hundredfold.—London Spectator.

A Postoffice Strike.

All the clerks in the postoffice at Vancouver, B. C., went out on strike Monday. The trouble has been expected for some time. The postoffice here is "farmed" by the postmaster, who, by keeping down salaries, makes $4,000 a year, which is equaled by the salary of only three postmasters in Canada. The lady clerks have been getting $25 a month, and one male clerk, married, gets $50 a month. The clerks asked $65 for ladies and $90 to $70 for men, which would leave the postmaster about $3,300 a year. Victoria's postmaster, being on the civil service list, gets only $2,000 a year. Postmaster Miller refused point blank when the scale was first presented. Lady clerks are expected to dress at least neatly, and how they can do it on $25 a month and pay their own board is a mystery.

The mail from the east today was eight hours late, and the sight of the big sacks and the thought of the China mails to get ready tomorrow brought the postmaster to time, and he agreed to accede to the demand.—Cor. Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

How Pops Lost His Fish.

A prominent member of the Lasca Fleaes' union went on a fishing expedition Sunday, with good results. He caught a nice mess of eels, which he carried home with him. On the ride, intending to cure them after he looked out for the interests of the inner man.

In the meanwhile his little son, while amusing himself with papa's game, pulled up the stick by which the eels were to be gibbed silently into the depths of the ocean.

When papa went to clean his fish he found the boy with a fishline through the stick, apparently angling.

Inquiry elicited the fact that the fish had "crawed away" and the diligent son was trying to recapture them.—New Bedford Journal.

Death of the Rag-pickers' Queen.

"La Mere Maupy," the queen of "Ohte Maupy," a famous colony of Paris rag-pickers, was an old character among many. Her husband, whose right hand she had lost for thirty years past, during time in the sometimes difficult task of keeping the "offiss" in order, died a few weeks ago and, the ragpickers not conducting themselves with proper respect at his funeral, "La Mere Maupy" gave them notice to quit, one and all. Her occupation gone, "La Mere Maupy" tired of life and committed suicide a few days ago by asphyxiation.

In her will she indicated that her funeral should be a civil ceremony purely, and that no clergymen should be allowed to follow her coffin to the grave.—Pall Mall Gazette.

British Columbians for Independence.

The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has declared for independence. Had he done so long ago he would not have to resign defeat after defeat. The only possible solution of our political calamity is independence, and until it comes we are merely parasites, who are treated as such abject creatures deserve to be. We are nobodies upon the map of the world.—Vancouver (B. C.) World.

Leprosy in Spain.

Consternation exists in several Spanish villages in consequence of the great increase of leprosy. In the town of Guata there are so many lepers that a separate hospital is to be built for them. There are eight families in Benidorm that the other residents fear to associate with even for the transaction of business. Every member of the eight families is a leper.—Yankee Blade.

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