

Dust in Climate.

Said a friend to us once, with some emphasis, "I detest the climate of Washington."

The idea was new to us, that dust could make part of a climate; but in that day, before the advent of the district government, the error was allowable.

We thought ourselves free of this plague for over a year. It was fast sinking into an unpleasant memory of the past, when suddenly it returned, bad as ever.

Of course, as a guardian of the watch tower, emblemized by that on the New York Tribune buildings, we made inquiry as to the cause of this unexpected return.

In an evil hour our authorities were induced to advertise for that pest known as the lowest bidder. The lowest bidder with us is generally a man who makes a fortune where an honest man would starve, by not doing the work he has underbid all others to get.

The streets of our city are so perfect, such smooth, even highways throughout, that machinery is available for the purpose of keeping them free of dust and dirt.

RECENT MARVELS OF IRON MAKING.—Some years ago there was rolled in this city a piece of sheet iron 1-1,000th of an inch in thickness. This at the time was thought to be something wonderful, and it was sent to England; where, some time afterwards, a still thinner sheet was rolled.

Philadelphia gives employment to no less than sixty thousand women—chiefly in exhibiting their spring bonnets on Chestnut Street.

Mr. Leigh Hunt, grandson of the famous author of the same name, committed suicide in London recently by blowing out his brains.

The government admits to being a loser by the new law requiring prepayment of postage on newspapers, sent through the mails at the offices of publication.

It makes one melancholy to think that there are now in Milan three hundred American girls studying singing, with a view to the operatic stage.

NEWS NOTES.

Judge Porter is to get \$10,000 for his great speech in defense of Beecher.

At Elmira lately, eight ladies officiated as pall-bearers at the funeral of a friend.

Mr. Fletcher Harper, the only surviving member of the original Harper Brothers, was lying dangerously ill of diphtheria, May 29.

Quincy, Ill., undertakers are running each other, and advertise their solemn work at "bottom prices" in the papers.

Mrs. Gaskins, of Carteret county, North Carolina, weighs 640 pounds, and one of her stockings can hold a bushel of shelled corn.

At this season everybody who has been scratched on the thumb by the tooth of a dog during the past twenty years begins to feel uneasy.—N. Y. Herald.

The oral instructions of the deaf and dumb by lip reading and articulate speech is one of the latest and most beautiful of humanitarian achievements.

Wife beating has become so common in New Jersey that Justice Hoffman, of Jersey City, advocates the revival of the whipping post from the Bench.

The old maids of Athens, Georgia, are on the war-path. They've actually requested the Legislature to make it a penal offense for any widow to marry again.

"It's generally the case with bad boys," philosophically remarks Miss Anthony, "that they look like their mother and act like their father."

George Cary Egglestone advises men in moderate circumstances not to marry rich wives, as the cost of maintaining them usually exceeds the amount they contribute to the general fund.

James Williams, a Bow Street detective, found James Octavius Ward at Wilton, Iowa, and has taken him to England, on a charge of the murder of his uncle, Edward Brown, late a rich resident of Hull.

The Cincinnati water-works investigation has elicited the fact that a late trustee reduced his own water rent from \$830 to \$420, and that after he went out of office a new survey resulted in increasing his rent to \$1,190 per annum.

The London Lancet says that Miss Kate Field will shortly appear before a London audience as "Peg Woffington," in "Masks and Faces," and that during her stay in London, she will be the guest of Sir Charles Dilke.

The Portland, Maine, Press, has just been sued for libel, \$10,000 damages, for asserting that a certain gentleman was the biggest liar in the State. The jury found for the defendant. So the gentleman has his character judicially determined.

A public entertainment at Brookline was interrupted, the other evening, by a man who confronted a couple about to occupy reserved seats and gruffly demanded the pay for a pair of pantaloons which the young man had on his legs.

Mr. Evarts says that the East River bridge, when finished, should be loaded with a train full of Brooklyn epithets, and if it will bear that it will bear anything. But will he not give his colleague, Porter, a passage on that train?—New York Herald.

Austria complains that, as the monks and nuns driven out of North Germany take refuge for the most part in her dominions, she thus suffers a great "addition to the needy part of her population and to the enemies of her liberal institutions."

It is said that Rochefort twice attempted to commit suicide recently, but was prevented. And now he has gone and got married. Prevent an infatuated Frenchman from committing one desperate deed, and he'll turn right around and commit another.

Esop's fable of Jupiter and the wagoner is being illustrated in Missouri. The governor has appointed a day of fasting and prayer for relief from the grasshoppers, while the State entomologist recommends natural means—such as offering a pecuniary reward for every bushel of "hoppers" destroyed, an excellent suggestion if practicable, as it will not only diminish the voracious swarms of destroyers, but at the same time afford remunerative employment to thousands of people now unemployed and needy.—Ex

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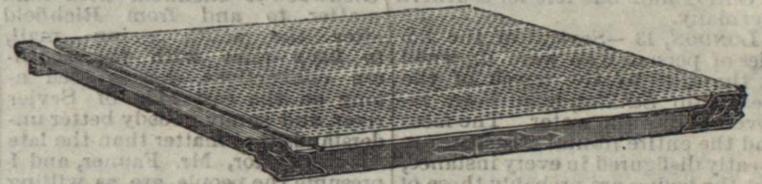
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