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A Mountainous Story.

Speaking of Pike's Peak, a young lady visiting in Lowell, Mass., told a good story of one of those rare conditions that first surprise and then almost inevitably amuse. Her sister, who went to Colorado for the benefit of her health, was sojourning at Manitou, and there one day fell into conversation with a gentleman on the piazza of the hotel. They had not met before. They were admiring together the snowclad pyramid of Pike's Peak, towering in majesty before them. They agreed that never before had a more beautiful and inspiring sight met their eyes. "I suppose," at length remarked the gentleman, smiling, "that the mountain has a peculiar interest to me from the fact that my name is Pike." "Naturally it would," returned the lady, "and I may say that my own enjoyment is greatly due to the fact that my name is Peak."—Lowell Citizen.

Just Missed a Fortune.

In 1847 Admiral Cochrane, one of the heroes of the English navy, obtained from the government a perpetual lease of the pitch lake of Trinidad at nominal figures, but as the value of the pitch was then little known Cochrane was so indifferent to his bargain as to allow it to revert to the government. The lake is now leased for a fine for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $16,000. Its area is about ninety acres, and Humboldt believed that the supply is inexhaustible. Had the importance of its product been known, as it is now, in the manufacture of Trinidad asphaltum, Cochrane's family would be the richest in the ranks of the Scotch nobility.—Pittsburg Times.

Parents Charged Fee.

"Good morning, children," said a suburban doctor as he met three or four little children on their way to school, "and how are you this morning?"

"We daren't tell you," replied the eldest, a boy of 8.

"Dare not tell me?" exclaimed the doctor; "and why not?"

"Cause paps said that last year it cost him over $20 to have you come in and ask us how we were."—London Tit-Bits.

A Far Off Star.

It is difficult to conceive that the beautiful dog star is a globe much larger than our sun, yet it is a fact that Sirius is a sun many times more mighty than our own. This splendid star, which even in our most powerful telescopes appears as a mere point of light, is in reality a globe emitting so enormous a quantity of light and heat that were it to take the place of our own sun every creature on this earth would be consumed by its burning rays.—Exchange.

Ruling Passion Strong in Death.

An extraordinary incident occurred during a run with the hounds of Sir Watkins Williams-Wynn. In passing a cottage the fox suddenly found himself among a lot of fowls. Self preservation is generally understood to be the first law of nature. Not so with Reynard. The temptation of the situation was too strong for him, and his own peculiar nature instantly asserted itself. Absolutely regardless of possible consequences, he snatched up one of the fowls, and, with a tenacity of purpose to be admired, actually carried the fowl in his mouth to the end of the run. Then, the bird being of course already dead, the fox also paid the death penalty.—London Telegraph.

Public Conversation.

In the trial of a case recently in one of the Middlesex courts a witness was asked to repeat a conversation that she had with her husband. Objection was made that the question should not be answered because the conversation was private in its nature. The judge then asked the witness whether anybody except herself and husband were present. Her reply that her mother and the husband's mother were, whereupon the judge remarked, "It appears that both mothers-in-law were present; I shall therefore rule that the conversation was public."—Boston Letter.

"Cultivate the habit of wearing gloves whenever there is an excuse for it," says an authority on men's dress. "They keep the hands clean and add to one's comfort, and to the appearance of comfort in winter. A man with his hands stuck into the sides of his overcoat, or into his trousers' pockets, looks more or less wrecked or Bohemianish."

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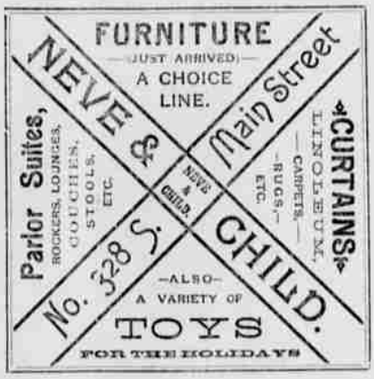

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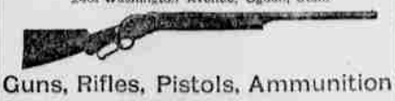

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