

CUPID IN A BOTTLE.

The Ohio River Assists a Lonely Young Woman to Find a Husband.

Miss Edna House, of Bromley, near Cincinnati, was an ambitious young woman, who on one September afternoon became tired of single blessedness and resolved to secure herself a husband.

She cast a bottle upon the waves of the Ohio, in which, before sealing, she had placed a note which read: "The finder of this will please correspond with me at once. I am lonely because the Bromley boys are too slow."

The bottle floated along until it was lost to sight, and the young damsel had almost forgotten its existence when one day a month later she received a note from John Eggleston, a farmer of North Bend, Ky., which stated that he had found the bottle and intended to comply with the note found therein.

Shortly afterward Bromley people were startled by the appearance one Sunday afternoon of a new rig in front of the House homestead, and investigation revealed the fact that Eggleston had come to make the acquaintance of Miss House. Since then frequent visits have been made, and the gossip of the town predicted a speedy union of the two young hearts.

The expectations were realized one day lately when Eggleston arrived in town dressed in his best, and soon the two were seen wending their way toward the office of Squire Anderson, where they were married.

NERVE OF A BOLD DRUMMER.

He Compelled a Railroad to Hasten Him in a Private Car to Sioux Falls, S. D.

His bold defiance of a railway corporation procured M. T. McNeil the honor of a special car recently from Fort Dodge, Ia., to Sioux Falls, S. D. McNeil is a Chicago traveling man. A few days ago he bought a ticket over the Illinois Central from Chicago to Sioux Falls and engaged a berth in a sleeper for the entire trip.

SPARROWS KILL A POLECAT.

The Ferocious Little Birds Riddle the Animal's Hide With Their Bills.

"You have often heard of the ferocity of birds, no doubt," said William Anderson, a hardy old woodsman who lives on the lower Ohio, reports the Louisville Post, "but I doubt if you ever heard of birds attacking and killing an animal that one would imagine could whip three or four fierce cubs. While hunting down in the State near the mouth of Green river several years ago I saw a large and fierce skunk beat an ignominious retreat after trying in vain to best several English sparrows and later, when the skunk had scowled his courage up to the sticking point again, I saw those same insignificant-looking little birds tear the animal to shreds. When my attention was first attracted the sparrows were flying from one side of the thickets to the other, twittering like mad. When I went to learn the cause the skunk, badly frightened, was dodging from one side to the other of a log, trying to escape the savage attacks of the feathered tribe. The birds didn't mind me, but kept dashing their little bills into the skunk's well-punctured hide. When the skunk started across an open space to the cover of nearby driftwood his tormentors pounced upon him and riddled the poor cat's hide."

DENTISTS AND THE KLONDIKE.

Gold Seekers Wisely Have Their Teeth Attended to Before They Start for Alaska.

"Do you know," said a New York dentist, "that this rush to the Klondike has made a perceptible increase in our incomes? And it's all very natural, too. Those who intend to visit the newly discovered gold regions realize that the part of their bodies most likely to be affected if they manage to keep from freezing and starvation will be their teeth. Consequently they rush to us and have them thoroughly examined. The slightest imperfection is attended to. If the teeth are decayed to such an extent that they cannot be filled with gold, why, the prospective tourist promptly has them pulled out. No expense is spared, as they are all anxious to have their teeth in the best possible condition before undertaking the journey, so they can withstand any kind of climate. Now it's not hard to see how much the profession has benefited by this state of affairs. My case is only one instance. Only this morning I had a party of six in here, and from the superficial examination made I estimate about \$250 from the crowd."

UNCULTIVATED LAND IN ENGLAND.

Dartmoor, which occupies one-fifth of the county of Devon, is the largest tract of uncultivated land in England.

PRAISES FOR MASON.

Senator's Friends Congratulate Him on His Answer to Spaniard.

Feel that the Honor of the Nation Has Been Upheld—His Humorous Comment on Challenge to Duels.

Senator Mason has smilingly received the congratulations of his friends on the magnificent way in which he had risen to the occasion and picked up the gauntlet thrown down by the haughty hand of the Madrid editor.

If the worst should come to the worst and the two should meet in mortal combat, and if the senator should go down to defeat in the struggle his friends will have the consolation of knowing that he well maintained the honor of the United States and of Chicago, and he will have the honor of knowing "the boys" will give him a military funeral. He will not see it, of course, but he will be there all the same.

There was a shadow of fear on Senator Mason's ruddy face as he discussed the great question that now broods over the senate chamber. He cares nothing for the fame of the marquis as a fire-eater and duelist, and does not consider for a moment the number of headstones planted in the quiet graveyard kept by that personage. He is ready to face him and to do or to die.

DIVING BOAT IS NEEDED.

Extra Force of Workmen Expected to Have It Completed in Two Months.

Work on the vessels of the navy is steadily progressing under hurry orders from Washington. The submarine boat Plunger, being built at Baltimore, will be ready in two months, and an extra force of workmen is employed day and night on the long-delayed craft.

WANTS TO BE CIRCUIT CLERK.

Former Illinois Girl in Missouri Announces Herself an Independent Candidate.

Miss Edna G. Johnson, the most enterprising woman in Macon, Mo., has announced herself as independent candidate for the office of clerk of the circuit court. Miss Johnson was born in La Salle county, Ill., and she intends to make a hard fight for the office, which is particularly important one on account of the heavy legal work of the county.

The fair candidate is just 22 years of age, a bright, up-to-date young woman, very businesslike in all her transactions. She has also taught school and been so successful that she has saved money enough to buy a home for herself and her parents. She believes in the ballot for women, who have, she says, quite as much interest in good government as men.

BEST MACHINE GUN INVENTED.

Powerful Engine of Destruction Is Tested at San Antonio by War Department.

A rapid-fire gun which was recently invented by J. W. Greer, of Yoakum, Tex., is being thoroughly tested under directions of the war department at San Antonio, Tex. Artillery officers here claim that it is the most powerful machine gun ever invented. It is intended for artillery service. The gun is wholly automatic in its action, after the first shot is fired the force of the recoil being used to load, fire, clean and cool itself. This gun fires 300 three-inch projectiles per minute, or 100 six-inch projectiles per minute. It can be fired at any elevation, even 90 degrees, without damage to the carriage.

ORCHIDS OF THE WORLD OVER.

Orchids are found in almost all parts of the world, except in extremely dry climates and on the borders of the frozen regions. Over 5,000 species are now known to botanists.

THE USE OF SALT.

It is Said That Vegetable Condiments Might Well Be Substituted for It.

Contrary to the general belief that salt is an essential part of our daily diet, Capt. Poindexter, assistant surgeon in the United States army, maintains that it would be better to substitute for its use certain vegetable condiments, such as sugar, pepper, horseradish, spices, cranberry sauce, pickles, vinegar, olive oil, etc. He says that personally he has not been so situated that he could stop the use of salt absolutely, but he has reduced it to a minimum, and finds himself generally better physically and mentally, says the Atlanta Constitution. He finds in his own case that the senses of taste and hearing are apparently more active than when he used salt more freely. His hair, which had begun to fall off, has ceased doing so. His skin seems softer and clearer than before, and there are many other favorable changes. The broad hypothesis he adopts is that mineral matter as derived directly from the earth, is, if not poisonous, unassimilable and unnecessary for our bodies. He holds, however, that salt is an irritant poison, causing an irritation or sensitiveness of the tissues, as it circulates through the body and consequently induces tendency to disease. In the laboratories it is found that salt has no germ-killing properties, but when placed in bouillon for the cultivation of germs the latter thrive in the mixture. He makes no allusion to the belief entertained as to the virtues of salt as a solvent when taken into the system.

A MODEST MAN.

Who Many Years Ago Received a Famous Letter from Abraham Lincoln.

There passed away in Massachusetts one day recently a man who was at one time the friend of such men as Webster, Douglas, Lincoln, who presided at the famous convention of 1860 which nominated the martyred president; who was called to Washington in the time of the country's greatest need; whose opinions were sought by men of influence in whatever crisis faced them, says the Philadelphia Press.

George Ashmun was one of the most modest of men. When he was chosen to preside over the convention of 1860 he consented only on condition that Gov. Trask would accompany him. He and Mr. Trask both went to Springfield with the committee to notify Mr. Lincoln and it was shortly after that that he received from the president a letter that became famous and which said: "It seems as if the question whether my first name is Abraham or Abram will never be settled; it is Abraham, and if the letter of acceptance is not yet in print, if you think fit, have my signature thereto printed 'Abraham Lincoln.'" Daniel Webster once wrote to him: "Whenever anything good comes into this house we always think of Mr. Ashmun. A fish came up the Potomac last evening higher than is usual for his species to venture. Will you be so kind as to join Mr. — and myself at five o'clock to-day to taste him?"

ONE OF THE KAISER'S JOKES.

The German Emperor Once Made a Humorous Remark to a Toast by Telegraph.

There are many good anecdotes about the German emperor, and it must be owned that they all prove the kaiser to have no small amount of humor, says the Toronto Chronicle. The following, which comes from Mr. Ehlers, the traveler, is smarter than most. "The emperor and Ehlers were college chums from Bonn, and the emperor never forgot his old college student. At Bonn on special occasions the different corps used to drink to one another, and the following set form was always used: 'The president of the Palatio corps raises his glass, saying: "I have the great honor and pleasure to empty my glass in drinking to the youngest Hohenzollern." The emperor promptly wired back: "The youngest Hohenzollern thanks and drinks." On the birth of one of the sons of the emperor Ehlers telegraphed him: "I have the great honor and pleasure to empty my glass in drinking to the youngest Hohenzollern." The emperor promptly wired back: "The youngest Hohenzollern thanks and drinks."

Out of Left-Handed Cups.

A man gave a dinner recently at a fashionable restaurant. A man from Minnesota was one of the guests. When the coffee was brought on the Minnesota man engaged the attention of the waiter. "I beg your pardon," said he, politely, "but I am left-handed. Won't you kindly bring me a cup with the handle on the left side?" "Certainly, sir," replied the waiter, and withdrew. A few minutes later he was seen to re-enter the dining-room and with gallop the head waiter. The head waiter immediately bustled out. Presently he returned. He was visibly distressed as he made his way to the Minnesota man. "I'm very sorry, sir," he said, apologetically, "but we haven't any cups in the house with the handles on the left side. You see," with a brave attempt to preserve the reputation of the house, "you see, sir, we have so little call for them we don't keep them."

BRITISH SOLDIERS AS LINGUISTS.

British officers serving in Indian regiments are now required to learn the dialect of their men in addition to Hindustani. Pushtu, Punjabi, Hindi, Khaskura, Tamil and Marhatti are among the languages they must acquire.

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