

KISSES VS. CATTLE.

Curious Election Bet of a Ranchman with a Kansas Girl.

Letter Loans and Must Pay the 1,000 Kisses Wagered at the Rate of Twenty Each Week Until Paid.

Kansas, with her usual reputation of producing many strange and wonderful things, is again at the front with one of the most peculiar election bets that has so far come to light.

It was Miss Lucy Withers, a resident of Golden, who brought this isolated prairie town to the attention of the public. Miss Withers is a comely woman of some 20 Kansas summers.

Now, the teacher owned no steers, neither had she anything equivalent to 30 head of cattle, but she determined not to be outdone. She hesitated a moment and said:

"I will wager you 1,000 kisses at one dollar each against your steers that Jerry Simpson wins."

"You may suit your pleasure about that,"

"Then it is an agreement and our listeners are the witnesses."

The election resulted in a bad defeat for Mr. Simpson. Harold Owens says he will collect 20 kisses a week until the obligation is cancelled.

UNDERGOES NOVEL TEST.

Lover Rides Many Miles on a White Mule to Win a Bride, Who Makes the Conditions.

A strange young man, well dressed and intelligent, passed through the outskirts of Shelbyville, Ind., the other day astride a white mule and destined for Greensburg, 40 miles south.

Through a matrimonial agent he had begun correspondence with a young woman at Greensburg. They exchanged photographs and their acquaintance ripened into love.

Col. Marsh, Chairman of Committee on Militia, Preparing a Bill to Offer in Congress.

Col. Marsh, chairman of the committee on militia, is determined to look after the interests of the national guard, and will in the near future either take up a bill which he introduced at the last session of congress for the reorganization of the national guard or draft a new one which will conform with the changes to be made in the formation of the regular army.

Blow at Duelling: Heidelberg university has struck a blow at the institution of duelling by suspending eight "corps" students for four schesters—that is, two years.

Costly Ram: A ram has just changed hands in Australia at 1,000 guineas.

REPLIES TO A CRITIC.

Nikola Tesla Becomes Involved in a Row with the Editor of the Electrical Engineer.

Nikola Tesla has become involved in a row with T. Cummerford Martin, editor of the Electrical Engineer, as a result of his most recent expressions of revolutionizing ideas in the development of electricity.

In the editorial referred to Mr. Martin treated that subject, as well as several others of Mr. Tesla's advanced theories, in a delicately light vein. He opened by giving Mr. Tesla full credit for his practical achievements in electricity in the past and by stating that his journal cannot be numbered among those who are impatient with Tesla's tendency to let imagination outrun achievement.

Mr. Martin publishes Tesla's letter and in his comment says he had no intention of doing the inventor an injustice, but still contends that some of the inventions Tesla claims are visionary.

DEADLY MAXIM GUN.

The Inventor in a Lecture at New York Shows with Blank Cartridges What His Gun Will Do.

Hiram Stevens Maxim delivered a lecture the other day at New York city under the auspices of the Engineer society of Columbia university on his well known invention.

It was guns similar to this that the army of the Sirdar, Lord Kitchener, used in the Sudan and that made it possible for his few regiments, formed in hollow square, to destroy more than 50,000 dervishes.

When the "baby" Maxim was discharged and 250 empty cartridges were thrown from its side the little gun belched a continuous flame two feet from the muzzle.

HEIR TO A DUKEDOM.

Prisoner at Johannesburg Tells Queer Story of Sham Death and Funeral.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the London Mail telegraphs: "A remarkable story was told the other day during the hearing of a charge of fraud against Charles Gunn. A statement was put in by the prisoner in which he declared that he was the brother of the late duke of Hamilton, and left England after fighting a duel. For private reasons his death was formally announced and a sham funeral took place. Gunn asserts that Robinson, of Rotherhulgh, filled a coffin which was sent to Hamilton palace and placed in the mausoleum, and says that if the coffin is opened and examined his statement can be verified."

RISE OF A COPY BOY.

Young Character of New York City Hall Becomes Mayor's Confidential Clerk.

Matthew J. Dobbins, a boy who carried copy from the New York city hall newspaper reporters to their various offices, was appointed mayor's confidential clerk at a salary of \$1,200. Matthews was accustomed to style himself "sergeant-at-arms of the City Hall Reporters' association" but the frequenters of the place knew him as "Matty."

Miss Westop, who is well known for her work among sailors in England, has just had an interview with the queen at Windsor, who is keenly interested in her labors.

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TO BE A GOOD TEST.

Government Ownership of Telegraph Lines in Porto Rico.

Opportunity Afforded of Fairly Proving the Wisdom of the Plan—If Successful May Be Tried in This Country.

The situation in Porto Rico promises to force on this government for a time at least the experiment of federal ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. The war department now controls all lines in Porto Rico and in the evacuated sections of Cuba.

The signal service reports the commercial business on the island wires light at present owing to disturbed business conditions, but what there is of it expeditiously and satisfactorily handled by the government. Telephones are being substituted for telegraph instruments, on most of the purely military lines, but the work of reconstruction in Cuba is very slow as it is at least ten years behind hand in repairs.

JUDGE CONGRATULATED HER.

New York Woman Who Knocked Down a Man Who Had Annoyed Her.

Mrs. Charles C. Lane knocked down Henry James, of the Putnam house, at New York city the other day. He was a stranger to her, but had annoyed her by following her through the streets. He had also spoken to her.

After she had knocked him down she went about her business, which is juggling cannon balls and breaking iron chains with her hands. James caused her to be summoned to the Yorkville police court to answer to the charge of assaulting him. Magistrate Meade not only let Mrs. James go free, but congratulated her for having punched the head of James. Professionally she is known as Mlle. Suzinetta, and has been employed with her husband at a Fourteenth street museum.

The magistrate in discharging her shook her hand and said: "You are the woman this town has been looking for for a long time. This court has nothing against you. More power to your right arm." Other court officers echoed the magistrate's congratulations, and James backed cautiously down from the platform in front of the judge and rapidly left the room.

A MENTAL MARVEL.

Inmate of Binghamton (N. Y.) State Hospital Develops a Miraculous Ability to Remember Figures.

The case of Merritt Rose, a colored inmate of the Binghamton (N. Y.) state hospital, is attracting the attention of the medical fraternity throughout the state, and several doctors from New York city have called to see him. Rose is an uneducated colored man, who was born in the south and came to Binghamton from New York. He could not read or write and arithmetic was a sealed book to him. Becoming mentally unsound, he was committed to the hospital.

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