

BOON FOR TIRED HUSBANDS

New York Supreme Court Decides They Need Not Take Wives to Theater in Evening.

New York.—Justice McCall, of the state supreme court, has handed down a decision which should be hailed with joy by married men who work hard and who are too tired to take their wives to the theater in the evening.

The decision was made in dismissing the complaint in the suit for separation brought by Lillian Blum against her husband, Jacob Blum.

CUPID'S CABLE CODE WINS.

Love's Undercover Messages Are Followed by a Wedding in Romance of Three Continents.

New York.—A romance involving use of code of deep sea cables, with ends in British Columbia, Australia, and Europe, has culminated in the marriage at Round Beach, Conn., of Miss Daisy Bladworth and Paul Sidney Couldrey.

Before the couple parted it was arranged that they should meet and return to America together.

The mails were not rapid enough for Couldrey when it became a necessity for him to hasten from British Columbia to Australia last winter.

COOKING INVENTIONS LEAD

Nearly 3,600 Contrivances Have Been Patented in England in Past 48 Year—Umbrellas Rank Second.

London.—The classification of sealed patents at the patent office rendered necessary by the act which came into operation on January 1 last has shown that the inventiveness of the human mind can be classified in 146 sections.

Cooking, it appears, has brought forth in 48 years 3,575 patented inventions, an average of 73 every year.

Invention runs in periodic grooves. Thus 1896 and 1897 reflected the enormous development in cycles.

For half a century the uppermost problem, as indicated by the trend of invention, has been that of locomotion.

LIMBURGER TOO LOUD.

Hazleton, Pa., Board of Health Satisfactorily Solves an Annoying Problem.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The board of health of Hazleton has successfully wrestled with an unusual and annoying condition.

The board of health then visited the store and found it in good condition, but odorous.

Auto Not at Fault. It isn't the automobile that ought to be abolished, says the Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

WOULD IMPROVE WHEAT.

British Millers Making Important Experiments to Raise the Grade.

A plan to improve the quality of British wheat has been reported to the department of agriculture by its European agent.

The decline which the industry in the United Kingdom has long been undergoing, not only in quality of product, but especially in extent of area, has for years attracted wide attention.

The introduction and testing of seed wheat from foreign countries has been carried on on a large scale.

EXPERT ON LIARS SWORN.

One Whose Testimony Was Sufficient to Outweigh That of an Eye-Witness.

A Kansas City lawyer tells of the use of expert testimony on lying.

"I was prosecuting attorney for Finney county in 1881 and had a fellow up before Squire N. C. Jones on the charge of horse stealing.

"Buffalo" took the stand and swore that, while he had never seen nor heard of the witness before and knew nothing at all about the crime committed, he had had a great deal of experience with men and could tell pretty certain when they were lying.

FIRES THAT NEVER GO OUT

There Are Hearths in England That Have Been Kept Glowing for Centuries.

There are domestic fires burning in Yorkshire, England, to-day which have never been out for hundreds of years.

The country round is noted for its "griddle cakes," which are made from dough baked in quaint pans suspended over the peat fires.

There is a fire at Castleton, in the Whithby district, which has been burning for over 200 years.

Chinese Woman Graduate.

Miss Li Bi Cu, of Hingghua, China, who has spent the last four years in Philadelphia, taking a medical course at the woman's medical college, will graduate from that institution this year with high honors.

Speaks Two Languages. Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of ex-President Harrison, has never attended school, but speaks French and German fluently through the tutelage of her mother.

Possible After-Effects. Never strike a man when he is down. Ten chances to one he will get up again.—Chicago Daily News.

MIGHTIEST OF WAR CRAFT.

Battleships Michigan and South Carolina to Have Big Gun Batteries.

The naval bureau of construction is perfecting plans for the battleships Michigan and South Carolina which will make them the most powerful warships in the world.

In tonnage the ships will about equal the splendid new British vessels of the King Edward VII. and Africa class.

The adding of a third screw to the new battleships, which will call for the addition of another engine, is reported to have been definitely decided upon by the bureau of construction.

FRAUD ON LIFE COMPANIES

Death Cleverly Simulated by Girl Who Was Insured in Uncle's Favor.

A fraud scheme at the expense of life insurance companies was carried out three times successfully as long ago as 1730.

To compensate for such a loan, he would have to insure her for its value, but could not afford to have this insurance become known.

He did not try to collect the insurance for some months, and when he did the company paid him in full with expressions of real sympathy.

TAKES DOG UP A STEEPLE.

Daring Climber Pays No Heed to the Dizzy Height He Scales.

Accompanied by his pet dog, Fred Sutherland, better known as the "human fly," scales heights that would make the common person ill from fright and dizziness.

"I can go up it in two minutes," said he, and he very nearly made good his assertion.

Sutherland is a Californian by birth, but has done steeplework in all parts of his country and Europe.

Political Ambition.

"But why," persisted the questioner, "do you want to be a senator? There's little money in it.

"I know you didn't," said the other, softening.

Feminine Amenities. "But, my dear, it is a secret. I vowed on my honor never to tell. Marie—Well, I'm listening.—Le Frou-Frou.

ANT WHICH CUTS LEAVES.

Species of the Tropics That Destroys Whole Groves of Quinine and Coffee Trees.

In the tropical countries there is a species of ant known as the leaf-cutter. It is the habit of these ants to go forth each day and cut the leaves from trees and plants that grow in their vicinity.

After cutting the leaves the ants carry them to their underground dwellings, where they bite them into small bits and stack them in thick, close layers to ferment.

The leaf-cutter knows no obstacle, for he goes around nothing that happens to stretch across his path.

STORIES OF BEAU BRUMMEL

Spoke Lightly of His Humble Birth, But Once Met His Match.

An English paper prints a number of stories of Beau Brummel, some of which, perhaps, are not generally known.

He made no secret of his humble birth, and when asked about his parents declared that "the poor old creatures both cut their throats years ago eating peas with a knife."

Once, at least, Brummel met his match. He was playing hazard at Brooks' when a well-known alderman, a brewer, was one of the party.

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CABLE HOLDS WHALE FAST

Submarine Wires Hold Monster of the Deep Until Death Ensnues.

The submarine cable between Valdez on Prince William sound, Alaska, and Sitka, Alaska, was suddenly interrupted after it had been in successful operation for a month.

The steel armor wires, with the exception of three, were broken at the twist of the loop and had the cable not possessed great tensile strength.

One other case of interruption of a cable by a whale is on record. This occurred in the Red sea many years ago and was caused by a loop of the cable being caught around the whale's tail.

FAD FOR SPURIOUS GEMS.

Imitation Jewelry Now Manufactured Which Deceives Even the Experts.

This is the day of the manufactured or imitation jewelry. It is said the sale of genuine jewelry in New York has suffered from the trade.

CAT TIES UP SWITCH YARD

Takes Possession of Station and Holds It for Half Hour—Finally Succumbs.

Clinton, Ia.—During the worst congestion of freight cars which the Northwestern has experienced in years, the entire work in the yards at Tama a few days ago, according to reports of trainmen, was tied up for half an hour by a cat.

In order to facilitate the work of clearing the yards at Tama, one of the officials of the road went to that place, which seemed to be the most congested point along the entire system.

Looks Like a Senator.

Some one, name unknown, has sent \$12,000 to the United States government's "conscience fund," stating that he at one time defrauded the government of that sum.

Trustworthy.

Junior Member of Firm—How did you happen to lend that young man money without security?

Senior Member—Because I've lent him books from my private library time and again, and he never failed to return them.—Detroit Free Press.

JERSEY LEADS IN CIGARS.

That State with No Reputation for Manufacture Has Florida Badly Beaten.

New York.—For many years the competition between imported Havana cigars and hand-made Key West cigars has been going on actively.

Uncle Sam, who is a lynx-eyed collector of revenue from cigar factories, takes account in a year of 7,000,000,000 cigars, that being the number of domestic cigars smoked in a year.

The great cigar-making state of the country, notwithstanding the ignoble reputation in many quarters of Pittsburgh stogies, is Pennsylvania, which manufactures in a year nearly 2,000,000,000 cigars.

Other states of the country are practically trailblazers to these, with the exception of Virginia, which manufactures in a year 500,000,000 cigars.

Kentucky, which furnishes an enormous amount of tobacco, makes a few cigars, and New Jersey, which has no particular reputation in the cigar line, makes in a year nearly twice as many as Florida.

SEES REPUBLIC IN AFRICA.

C. Sonnenberg of Cape Colony in Chicago Speech Tells of the Effects of the War.

Chicago.—C. Sonnenberg, a member of the Cape Colony parliament, a former friend of Cecil Rhodes, a member of the Africaner bond and one who knew Paul Kruger intimately, is at the Auditorium Annex.

"The one great good wrought by the war is that the federation of South Africa is brought nearer," he said.

Every real stone except a diamond is transparent. Without the tip of platinum these "diamonds" would also be transparent, but with it they are given an undetectable resemblance to the genuine stone.

As genuine pearls are the most costly of gems, the imitation pearls take the lead in price. They are made of fishskin and a secret composition.

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