

PROVED HIM AN IMPOSTOR.

Judge Clever Ruse Uncovered Trickery of Plaintiff. Joseph Choate, the famous lawyer, seated at a dinner party at Lenox...

BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTION.

President Buchanan Had Had the Visitors He Wanted. President Buchanan's home still stands in the outskirts of Lancaster...

COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

About a year ago, Sewell Ford became a resident of New York. He had lived there only a short time before...

CARELESSNESS ABOUT FIREARMS.

A few days ago at Brockton, Mass., a year-old child blew a man's head off with a shotgun. At Banker, Me., a small boy killed his infant sister...

PASSING OF WEDDING RINGS.

Perhaps because rings as simple ornaments are so completely out of fashion, few married women wear the symbolic gold band at present...

TOO CARELESS.

"Did you bring the engagement ring, Ben?" "Yes, I have it here. But fair and even, Gwendolin. Before I place it upon your finger, I must ask you for sufficient security to cover its fair value."

GOT THINGS EVENED UP.

Convict Suffered Inconvenience to Have Laugh on Law. The late Capt. "Joe" Nicholson used a tell of a long-time prisoner who had been in the house of correction...

GOOD AND BAD READING.

Best Kind Must Arouse Reflection and Build Up Ideals. Schopenhauer said: "The surest way of having no thoughts of our own is to take up a book every time we have nothing to do."

DESERVED REBUKE.

Lady Walrond, the wife of General Sir William Walrond, M. P., described at a dinner party in Boston the life of a maid of honor.

NOT SO MUCH NEEDED.

A family that had struggled many years in poverty suddenly came into possession of an income. They moved into a little place in the country and tried to impress their neighbors with their importance.

FISH THAT CLIMBS TREES.

There are fish that shoot, fish that fish, fish that can't swim, said the nature student. "But I didn't know till I visited Tongatabu that there was a fish that climbed trees."

CULT OF THE CONCERTINA.

An attempt is being made in certain musical circles to promote the cult of the concertina. It is quite likely that in the hands of skilled professional players the concertina is capable of giving an excellent account of itself.

AMERICA'S CHARLES LAMB.

Oliver Herford, who is equally famous as a poet, illustrator and brilliant wit, was entertaining four magazine editors at luncheon, when the bell rang and a maid entered with the mail.

CAMERA CAN BE CHEATED.

Some Tricks in Posing Are Known Only to the Photographer. "I always hate to have my picture taken because I have such a horrid long neck," said the woman, petulantly as she entered the photographer's gallery.

HINDOOS ARE POOR WORKERS.

Not Fitted for Manual Labor, Says Experienced Contractor. To find his gang of Hindoos carefully smoothing down the side of the dump on the railway grade with their hands was the sorrowful experience of Fred Lane, a contractor on the Ketchikan Valley Line railway.

AGES IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

A great variance as to length of life appears among different animals. Some insects live for only a few hours, while fish, elephants, and turtles are frequently centenarians, says a writer in the "Sunday Magazine."

GOOD OLD TIMES IN OREGON.

Return to the "good old times," would you? Then rise on a cold morning and wash at the pump, pull on a pair of rawhide boots that rival a tin can in stiffness, pull on a woolen shirt over your back and sit down to a bare meal with your three-legged stool dancing around on a slipshod floor.

UNETHICAL BUT LUCRATIVE.

A Seattle doctor, who had an overabundance of muscle and an underabundance of cash, created a lot of excitement in that lively town by challenging the champion of the world to a wrestling match.

MAKING AN IMPRESSION.

"Say, dear," cried Subbubs, running upstairs, "there's a girl at the door to see about the place!" "O, goodness!" exclaimed Mrs. Subbubs, excitedly, "have you any idea what her nationality is?"

THE VIEW OF EXPERIENCE.

"What I want," said the constable, "is a nice, easy position." "My friend," answered Senator Borghum, "give up the idea. When an easy position is discovered so many people are after it that a man has to fight ten hours a day to hold on to it."

DIDN'T KNOW OF THE BOY.

But Man Who Married Widow Had to Pay the Penalty. "It seems very hard that I should be called upon to pay for the boy," was the lament of an elderly man who was summoned under curious circumstances at Lambert, England.

CLAY EQUAL TO EMERGENCY.

How "Great Commoner" Satisfied Deprived Constituent. One of the best stories told of Henry Clay relates to his dealing with an old Kentucky mountaineer who accosted the "great commoner" after one of his speeches and said: "Well, Henry, I have always voted for you before, but I can't do it this time."

UNIFORMS OF CHINESE STUDENTS.

The establishment of government schools in China and the equipment of students in uniforms is furnishing a market for military clothing. According to the British consul at Wuchow, 60 of these schools have been opened in that prefecture alone.

STUNNER FOR THE MANAGER.

When Manager Henderson was in possession of a certain metropolitan theater a would-be patron, obviously well bred, but rather too well primed by stimulant, called at the box office and demanded an orchestra seat.

STRENUOUS TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.

A Milwaukee physician, Dr. John E. Worden, has adopted this strenuous treatment to prepare his babies for the rigors of life, and up to the present his methods have been abundantly justified by their success.

TURKEY TALK.

"My dear," remarked Mr. Grouch, "this turkey is unusually tough. May I ask where you got it?" "Certainly," returned Mrs. Grouch, sweetly, "I purchased it at a stationery store. Do you suppose I got it from the butcher's shop?"

KNEW THE ANSWER.

A motorist, who was touring in Ireland, one day met a native on the road who was driving a donkey and cart. Thinking he would have a little fun at his expense, he began:

PAT NOT TO BLAME.

Yardmaster Had Had Three Chances to Shut the Door. Not long ago I overheard a conversation at a station outside of Chicago that to me was very amusing. Our train had pulled in, and our engineer had left his engine to the care of a round house attendant.

GIVING THE ROYAL ASSENT.

Lord Thurlow Rather Unceremonious, According to George III. At the close of the late British parliamentary session five peers, acting under letters patent, went through the ancient and picturesque ceremony of giving the royal assent to those bills which have completed their stages.

A VERY PRESENT HELP.

Coal oil, the new genius of the lamp, is a fine ally in the fight with dirt and grime. Nothing else so easily cleans a bathtub, without any marring of its surface. Rub with a clean, soft cloth wet in the oil, going quickly over the whole, and follow with another cloth wrung out of white soap suds.

NEEDLESS FORMALITY.

"Are you a witness in this case?" "Go 'long, Judge—you know I is." "Did you see the prisoner steal the hog?" "My, my, Judge—don't you know I see him?"

CARYLE AND THE AXE.

Caryle as a schoolmaster was a terror to evildoers. Even the biggest and boldest boys wilted when he growled out "dunce" or "blockhead." He did not thrash often, as his scowl was not thrash often, as his scowl was not thrash often.

CHURCH PAW SOLD FOR \$3,875.

New York—At an auction in the real estate exchange pavilion No. 112 in Grace church was sold for \$3,875. It was sold by the estate of Francis Jones. Another male that attracted attention was that of thirty shares of stock of the Keeley Motor company, which once attempted to manufacture a perpetual motion machine.

ENTERS HIGH SCHOOL AT EIGHT.

Boston—A little lad, puny and stoop-shouldered and wearing double lens glasses, astonished the pupils of the Brookline high school the other day when he entered the institution and coolly took a seat in the freshman class.

TRIBE NEVER SAW WHITE MEN.

Whaler Finds Strange People in Interior of Arctic Island. Victoria, B. C.—The discovery of a tribe whose members had never seen white men has been made by Capt. Klinkenberg of the whaler Olga on Prince Albert Land, in the Arctic ocean.

GAIN MILLIONS OF YEARS.

Scientists Helped in Estimates of the Earth's Age by Radium. London—Sir Robert Ball said in a lecture at the Birkbeck institute that the discovery of radium had gone a long way toward solving an important controversy between mathematicians and geologists.

GIRL WANTS TO CARRY MAIL.

Allentown, Pa.—At the civil service examination for mail carriers in the rural districts, held in the city hall here, there appeared Edie L. Moss, daughter of a farmer living near Allentown. The young woman was one of five persons who took the examination and the manner in which she answered the questions tends to believe that she will pass.