

THINKS SOLOMON WAS RIGHT.

"Billy Sanders" Also Believes That Boys Need the Rod.

"That never was a boy born into the world that don't have to have the hickory put to him more than once, an' the oftener the better," said Mr. Billy Sanders.

READERS ARE OF MANY KINDS.

Differ in Taste as Widely as Do the Books They Read.

Who has the habit of good reading and the appetite for it will read what suits his appetite if he can get it.

Not Up to the Standard.

Ibsen has invaded the sacred precincts of the select boarding school for young ladies. He has entered disguised as a "course in northern literature."

Treatment of Hardwood.

In these days of polished wood stairs and hallways it is almost impossible, even with frequent polishing, to keep the wood from getting black.

In His Right Vocation.

A prominent western author has a bright son of 16, who is in a bank, and who also writes a verse occasionally which he submits to his father for criticism.

New Conception of Scotch Dialect.

Some years ago the college entrance requirements in English called for the "careful study" of four or five English classics, one of which was Carlyle's Essay on Burns.

Children Should Be Models.

The kings of Persia place their children under the direction of four of the greatest men of the nation, viz., the most wise, the most just, the most temperate and the most courageous.

LION TAMER TALKS OF PETS.

Timid Animals Less to His Liking Than the Pugnacious Ones.

A lion tamer, over his midnight supper, talked shop. "The timid lion is the only one I fear," he said.

GREAT CONDUCTOR HAD HUMOR.

Witty and Genial Remarks Credited to Dr. Hans Richter.

Countless are the stories of the geniality of Dr. Hans Richter, the famous musician. While rehearsing a Mozart symphony in which the first violins had a number of delicate trills and turns to perform, these were played too heavily for Richter, who said:

A Matter for Reflection.

"The editor of my paper," declared the newspaper business manager, to a little coterie of friends in his office.

Photography.

Practical photography first saw the light in 1839. On February 21 of that year Talbot, who had obtained permanent prints and camera images as early as 1835, published his process.

Imitating His Elders.

Young folks are quick to pattern after their elders, had habits as well as good. A little Rochester boy was sent on an errand by his mother to the grocery store, and when he came back he was contentedly eating a banana.

The Intelligent Public.

"It is amusing," said a librarian of a public library, "to see the way in which many of the public who are always clamoring for new fiction may be fooled with a new copy of an old novel."

Smart Preacher.

Little four-year-old Carrie went with her aunt to church. The preacher was very earnest in his delivery, and she was much interested.

HOARDING HARD COAL

BIG STORAGE PLANTS BUILT BY MINING COMPANIES.

About Ten Per Cent. of Annual Production Is Held in Reserve for Various Reasons—Fuel Now Handled by Machinery.

New York.—Storage facilities have been increased by the anthracite mining and coal companies within the last five or six years to an extent that few people outside of the coal business realize.

The object of the companies is to render the coal supply steady to prevent the sudden fluctuations in the market which have been, at certain periods, very embarrassing to the entire public.

It is not many years since the storage of anthracite coal, compared with other branches of the industry, was regarded as comparatively unimportant.

Coal storage nowadays is a science, like mining itself. It has its own peculiar conditions, its experts, its inventions.

Storage plants represent a large part of the capitalization of coal companies. The fact that they bring no direct profit in themselves cannot delay their construction.

As anthracite and bituminous coal differ in chemical composition, and in the manner of their mining, so they are very differently stored.

Bituminous coal must be stored in piles not more than 35 feet high to avoid the danger of spontaneous combustion.

Even more remarkable than the building itself is the mechanical equipment. Thirteen men are all that are required for the working force now, and 20 will be ample in the season of open navigation.

Horse 15 Years in Prison.

Altoona, Pa.—After being kept a close prisoner for 15 years because it ran away and upset a buggy, a once vicious horse was liberated the other day and was sold by the owner to Plus Inlow, a drayman.

WINS MILL FROM FATHER.

Young Woman Victor in Business Struggle—Boss of 150 Hands.

Forest, O.—Boss of 150 mill hands and sole chief of a \$150,000 company is the height to which Lizzie Dickelmar climbed by beating her father in a business fight for possession of the plant.

The clash grew out of an attempt to make the company more of a family affair than it had been for some years through the young woman's association with her father.

She had earned a half interest in the \$175,000 Dickelmar Steel Roofing company, both by expert knowledge of the mill end of the business and by sales ability.

For several years, under her guidance, a profit of \$15,000 a year had been earned. Then the father, Joseph L. Dickelmar, thought to give a share in the business to his son Lawrence and to his son-in-law, Miss Dickelmar objected.

Unable to settle the difference on this point, father and daughter agreed to throw the company into a receiver's hands.

When it was offered for sale by the receiver the young woman started the town by bidding up to \$180,000 against her father. They were the only bidders, and the parent won at the auction, topping her bid offer by \$100.

SHOES LAST THIRTY YEARS.

Not Nearly Worn Out, Says the Proud Owner.

Darby, Pa.—Shoemakers would starve if all shoes were like the pair that Robert Green of Main street has been wearing for 30 years, and which he had made from the skin of a calf that he killed.

"It was the finest calf I had ever seen as a butcher," said Green; "only nine weeks old and yet it weighed 325 pounds. Harry F. Singler and I were associated in the butcher business at the time, and when we bought the calf for \$12 we determined to kill it and make two pairs of boots and two pairs of shoes each out of the hide, which was the finest we had ever seen.

FIND MYSTERY IN OLD CLOCK.

Always Strikes One Before Death of Any of the Family.

Richmond, Ky.—The old-fashioned F. Crook, aged 79 years, of Kingston "grandfather's" clock owned by Ben which has not run for a quarter of a century, has mysteriously struck just before a death invaded the family for the past 16 years.

Mr. Crook says though the old clock was but an ornament for the parlor, yet a few days prior to the death of his brother, William Crook in 1891, the timepiece chimed out the hour of one.

There is no explanation. The clock has not been wound for years. No one is superstitious in the Crook home. It is a mystery, that is all.

DRAW STRAWS FOR HUSBAND.

Winning Girl Writes to Californian Who Wants Delaware Wife.

Georgetown, Del.—Receiving a letter from one William Hanford of San Francisco, who described himself as 23 years old, and possessed of no bad habits, asking that a good-looking wife who had \$2,000 be found for him.

The other day two well-known ladies, both of whom are as yet heart whole, laughingly drew straws to see which should write to the Californian.

The lucky one, a fair-haired miss who is employed in a local store, at once answered the letter, and is now anxiously awaiting reply.

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CITY WINS CONTEST

ENID, OKLA., WHIPS RAILROAD IN BITTER FIGHT.

Attempt of Rock Island to Establish Townsites of Its Own Is Abandoned—Victory Accomplished by Aid of Senate.

Enid, Okla.—The last chapter in the most historic town fight of the southwest was written when the Rock Island railroad abandoned its station in North Enid and moved the effects of the office there to this city.

When the Cherokee strip was opened for settlement in 1893 the Rock Island had the only line across the strip from north to south in the western part of the new country.

Thirty-two hundred acres of land were bought by the Rock Island from the Cherokee Indians prior to the opening of two miles north of the townsite of Enid and a future city laid out.

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A few months after the opening federal troops were imported to protect the railroad's property in Pond Creek and Enid.

So notorious did the loss of life and property and the reign of lawlessness become that congress finally took a hand and ordered the Rock Island to put in a depot at "South Enid."

The first train stopped in Enid September 15, 1894, while the inhabitants of the city were holding a great anniversary celebration.

A movement has been started to celebrate the abandonment of the station.

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ENERGETIC BOY HIRES FATHER.

Fifteen-Year-Old Merchant Also Employs Big Brother While He Studies.

St. Louis.—McKinley Edmiston, 15 years old, a student at a St. Louis business college, knows what it is like to have his father and his brother work for him.

"I'm going in the newspaper selling business. I've got three dollars, will you lend me five dollars?"

His father, J. D. Edmiston, at that time chief clerk and registrar of the office of the state inspector of grain for Illinois, made the loan.

McKinley made use of the basement of his home for a distributing station. His business grew until he had 13 boys working for him.

Mr. Edmiston and another son, Clyde, will take care of the business until McKinley has finished his business course.

FARMERS IN NEED OF HELP.

Immigration Officials Take Steps to Send Aliens to Country.

Washington.—The division of information of the immigration bureau can furnish places for 500 men who are willing to work on farms for \$18 to \$25 per month, board and lodging included.

The object of the division in sending out these circulars was to find places for aliens who came from farms in their native countries and form a large percentage of foreigners who are stranded in New York city, or nearby, and who make a precarious living doing odd jobs.

Chief Powderly of the division of information expects to locate places on farms for several thousand aliens by the time spring opens and planting begins.

RARE SPORT IN JERSEY.

Farmer Catches Carp, Goose, and Otter on Fishline.

Towaco, N. J.—Wesley Jacobs, farmer, living on Hook mountain, shot into a flock of wild geese, which rose from a marshy inlet of Passaic river, and brought down two.

Upon investigation Jacobs discovered that the goose was caught on a set line nearly 500 feet long, with 50 hooks set at intervals.

Following up the line, Jacobs found it drawn down into a hole under a stump. Pulling the line, he dragged out and an 18-pound German carp.

VOCAL CORDS CUT. HE TALKS.

Man Who Slashes Windpipe Startles His Surgeon.

Lancaster, Pa.—That a man's power of speech is not gone even if his windpipe and vocal cords are completely severed has been demonstrated in the case of Eaton Mohr, at St. Joseph's hospital.

In a fit of despondency, Mohr slashed his throat with a pocketknife, and when he was taken to the hospital the physicians found that both his windpipes and his vocal cords were severed.

It looked like a hopeless case, but the surgeon drew the portions together, and after three hours' insensibility Mohr surprised them by inquiring: "What do you want?"

To Walk on Human Teeth.

Altoona, Pa.—A walk of teeth is to be built around the novel new home of Dr. John Kinsel in Bellwood.

He never knew exactly what he would do with them until he decided to build a "round-house" for a dwelling. Then he concluded to use the teeth in the walk.

The dwelling is perfectly round, 50 feet in diameter, two stories high, with a cupola on top. It was constructed of concrete blocks, manufactured by the doctor himself.