

LITTLE MISS SMITH ARRIVES

"Popper" Tells All About His First Evening With the Wonderful New Baby.

Dear Aunt Eleanor: Little Miss Smith (weight 10 pounds) arrived at the Methodist hospital at 3 last evening.

So far as human intelligence can foresee Margaret and the little one are both in apple pie order.

And, believe me or not, when she was about half-an-hour old she looked up at me and grinned.

P. S.—In my haste I may have neglected to mention the fact that she weighs 10 pounds, and is really something out of the ordinary.

P. P. S.—Say, do you think those hospital nurses are the wise gasaboos they are cracked up to be?

WORLD TAKES CARE OF ITSELF

Real Philosopher Does Not Worry Much Over the Terrible Plight of the Future.

One may ardently advocate the conservation of natural resources without losing rest in worrying about what we shall do for ourselves when all forests are destroyed.

It is just as well to consider that by the time crocodylian material gets growing all the Pullmans will be in the air with all the berries upper, and that a thousand years from now, if the scarcity of coal runs the price up to \$1,000 a ton, some miserably stung men of the present may have cause to rejoice in the prospect of lower temperatures.

The world is going to take care of itself and the guess that the little earth will be rocking along on scheduled time a hundred thousand years hence is just as good as any other.

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ELEVEN TONS OF DIAMONDS

Output of the Kimberly Mines in Thirty-nine Years—Discovery of the Record Gem.

The day's work at the mine was over and Frederick Wells, the surface manager, was making his usual rounds. Glancing along one side of the deep excavation his eye suddenly caught the gleam of a brilliant object far up the bank.

Determined to test the stone on the spot before proceeding further, Wells rubbed off the dirt from one of its faces with his fingers and soon convinced himself that it was not a lump of glass, but a diamond, apparently of exceptional whiteness and purity.

It was thirty-nine years, July 13, 1871, since the discovery of diamonds in South Africa. Do you know how these great mines were discovered?

They were discovered by a trader stopping over night with a Dutch farmer saw the children playing with bright marbles.

SANDS OF THE SEA USEFUL

Of Great Importance in Glassmaking and Warfare—Moving Character of Quicksands Explained.

The sands of the sea are singularly useful. They are of primary importance in glassmaking. They have an important place in warfare, as a bank of sand twenty inches thick is proof against modern rifle shots.

The singular drying effect which occurs when a stretch of wet sand is pressed by the foot is due entirely to an alteration in the piling of the sand grains. Normally the grains are close together, but abnormal piling is brought about by pressure of the foot, the space between the edges of the grains being enlarged and the water drained away.

In quicksands the moving character, is thought to be due to the imprisonment between the grains of gases from organic matter.

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CHANGING NOTES OF BIRDS

Their Calls Vary Decidedly in the Changing Circumstances of Sunshine and Storm.

One of the most interesting features in the study of bird life is to note their varying calls in the changing circumstances of sunshine and storm.

The frequent snowfalls of the recent winter have often been heralded by the mournful "cluck-cluck" of the blackbirds as they flock around the doors, looking for the crumbs that custom has led them to expect.

The skylark also passes south uttering a timid, twittering note, which will later give place to a gay burst of song. The starlings flock greedily to wherever food is to be found, be it in field or homestead.

The sparrows which robbed the farmer in the autumn flock toward the water, and their cheerless twitter on the house-top bears faint resemblance to their noisy clamor in the cornfield.

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TELEGRAPHED TO THE CAT

New College Girl Let Her Mother Know She Was a Phi Beta Kappa.

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"Dear Mamma—I have captured a Philbetakappa. To Tighath Pileos Brown, 3127 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

The messenger boy got into further trouble by inquiring of the dignified maid of color who opened the door if Italians lived there and receiving an indignant negative he retorted: "Well, they must be a set of dippy freaks, anyway."

Bald-Headed Musicians. The important observation has been made that the blowers of wind instruments are invariably bald or balding, while the sawyers of strings are adorned with locks to match a Duffin's finger tick.

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BARBERS OF ANCIENT TIMES

Introduced into Rome From Sicily. Their Shops Became the Resorts of the Fashionable.

Professional barbers are said to have been introduced into Rome by Messia from Sicily, of which island he was praetor in the days of Cicero.

Under the empire their shops, in some instances, became fashionable resorts at which every luxury of the toilet was enjoyed, and the gossip and news of Rome and the empire were discussed.

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BABY PLANETS NUMEROUS

Asteroids, All Moving in Orbits Between Those of Mars and Jupiter, Number 669.

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"Not long ago it was almost the rule for physicians to discourage the habit of drinking water except in minimum amounts with meals, on the ground that the gastric juice was thereby diluted and that digestion was impaired and delayed.

Recent experimental evidence seems to confirm the latter view. The work of Foster and Lambert has shown that water is a distinct stimulant to the gastric mucosa, and that instead of the presence of water in the stomach resulting in a dilute gastric juice, it, on the other hand, occasions the secretion of a juice of higher concentration than under ordinary circumstances.

More recently Fowler and Hawk have made a study of the metabolic influences of copious water drinking with meals. A normal man, 22 years of age, was studied for a preliminary period and then for a period of five days, during which he drank three quarts of water a day with his meals.

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HAS NEAT TRAP FOR INSECTS

Device Patented by An Oregonian For the Protection of His Apple Orchard.

In the country all sorts of homely devices are used to catch the bugs and kill them, and an Oregon man, who probably had his apple orchard overrun by some destructive species, patented a trap for the pests.

A barrel has pieces cut out of the upper portion and is half-filled with rotten or bruised apples or some other odoriferous fruit. On top of the barrel is placed a pan partially filled with water, oil or some poisonous liquid.

In the daytime the insects will be attracted by the odor of the fruit, and in flying up to feast many of them are likely to fly into the water. At night the lantern is lighted and bugs will come from afar to flutter against it and meet their death in the liquid below.

The pumpkin festival at Niles is one of those old world customs rescued by popular sentiment from a gradual decay that was hastening towards oblivion. It is a celebration singularly unique, in that the wildest exuberance of spirit alternates with serious ceremonies, representations of art and prosaic business dealings—a celebration so quaint and so little like the usual productions of modern mankind that it leaves one with the impression of having witnessed a scene idealized upon the stage rather than an actual festival of the present practical age.

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ANTIQUITY OF FAKED FOODS

Pliny Tells of the Adulations Practised in Ancient Rome—Wines Often Were Doctored.

So much is heard of pure food laws and food adulteration these days that one is prone to assume that the abuse in question is a result of modern conditions of trade and competition.

Pliny also touches upon wine adulteration. He assures us that not even the rich Roman noble could be sure that the wine he purchased was pure.

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SAFEGUARD OF ALL FREEDOM

Without Liberty of the Press the World Would Return to its Old Barbarism.

The liberty of the press is the highest safeguard of all free government. Ours could not exist without it. It is like a great exciting and abounding river. It is fed by the dew of heaven which distill their sweetest drops to form it. It gushes from the hills as it breaks from the deep caverns of the earth.

On its broad bosom it bears a thousand barks. There genius spreads its purpling sail. There poetry dips its silver oar. There art, invention, discovery, science, morality, religion may safely and securely float. It wanders through every land. It has a genial, cordial source of thought and inspiration wherever it touches, whatever it surrounds. Upon its borders there grows every flower of grace and every fruit of truth.

Sometimes that river oversteps its bounds. Sometimes that stream becomes a dangerous torrent and destroys towns and cities upon its banks. But without it, civilization, humanity, government—all that makes society itself—would disappear and the world would return to its ancient barbarism.

Another Passage. A physician of some note has just announced another passage for all the ill humanity is heir to. It consists simply of sunshine. It is, however, fall upon the bare skin. Among the afflictions which it is said to have cured by this means are tubercular ulcerations, skin diseases, old cuts and sores and obesity.

While shopping in Shreveport, La., Mrs. Katie Dumack of Centerville lost her one-month-old daughter in a grocery store outside of a department store, and when, completing her purchases, began to push her cart a carriage wheel she apparently thought was hers after traveling several squares Mrs. Dumack noticed her error and became so frantic that officers had to restrain her.

A search was made throughout the town and with newspaper assistance the lost child was restored to the distressed mother.

Quest of Quetzels. "It's a long way to look forward," said Mr. Cumru: "but I earnestly and myself wishing the Fourth of July would come round again."

"I should say not. Mother and the girls are getting up lawn parties and afternoon teas and sailing trips and motor excursions and a lot of other things. It's getting so that the Fourth of July seems like the only safe and sane day in the year."