FORTUNE IN GARRET

Poor Woman Discovers \$800,000 in Old Trunk.

Bonds and Securities Had Been Lying There for Thirty-two Years-Steps Taken to Distribute Money to the Heirs.

Sa. Francisco.--Hidden in the bottrunk which for 32 rears has been knocked about in San Francisco and Marin counties, a fortune estimated at \$800,000 in Mexican maximum bonds and securities has been recovered in the home of Mrs. Therese Louise Janson at Mill Valley. In the probate department of the superier court Mrs. Janson petitioned to reopen the estate of her husband, Charles J. Janson, to whom the great wealth belonged, in order that the first steps may be taken to collect the money and distribute it according to Law, between the aged widow and her five daughters.

In response to this petition Judge J. V. Coffey has appointed David Craelius of Mill Valley, son-in-law of the widow, administrator of the estate, and has authorized him to begin enliection.

Besides the widow, who is now sevemty-one years old, and who lives in a modest cottage in Mill Valley, her chaughters, Mrs. L. Lindsey, 324 Clipper street, San Francisco; Mrs. D. Craelius, Mill Valley; Mrs. Ebba Hilbon, Bolinas, and Misses Elizabeth and Elin Janson of Mill Valley, are heirs to the unexpected find.

Charles J. Janson died in this city February 2, 1879, leaving what his widow and daughters thought a small estate, all of which he disposed of by will. Mrs. Janson was named executrix and within the proper time distributed what she supposed was the centire estate of her husband.

At that time she discovered among her dead husband's papers the Mexican stocks and bonds, but was told that they were worthless. Believing this to be true, she cast them aside and gave no thought to the documents, merely keeping them as mementoes.

For many years after Janson's death his family lived in this city and the mecurities rested in a trunk. When Mrs. Janson moved to Mill Valley, a decade ago, in order to be close to -one of her married daughters, she took the trunk with her and it has occupied a place in the garret of her home ever

astace. Recently she chanced to mention the old papers while talking with a Briend. Curiosity caused the friend e privilege of examining the bonds. From their dusty hiding place they were brought forth, and the friend began an investigation, with the result that he discovered they were evidences of just indebtedness Somewing by the Mexican government to Charles Janson.

After a family conference it was deresided that Cracitus should take the matter in hand. He consulted with Attorney Rufus C. Thayer of San Francisco and the opening of the old will case is the result.

Janson had seen much service in the employ of the Mexican governmovernment about 45 years ago. But Mr. was not until 1863 that the first of the bonds were executed in his favor. Their dates show that for the next meven years he had distributed to him flarge blocks of bonds, some of which mre war issues and others for differemt services.

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Janson did not conceal his possesusion of the bonds, but, like the widow set the time of his death, he did not tennsider them worth much, principally because in those days Mexico was continually torn by revolutions. However, he kept them and passed them on to his heirs at his death for what they were worth.

During all of the years they have been in the possession of the Janson family no interest has been demanded from or paid by Mexico and it is this secumulation that makes up a large share of the fortune.

Just as soon as the necessary legal formalities here are concluded, Crae-) Hims will proceed to Mexico and prement the securities for payment. Since there is no flaw in any of the documents, it is expected they will be paid without demur.

There will be some additional delay In Craelius starting south because of the fact that all of the papers in the Janson estate were destroyed in the marthquake of 1906. Many of these will have to be restored from copies or from memory in order that there will be no hitch in the collection proemedings, which will bring to several families now in modest circumstances maexpected wealth.

STREET CARS STILL FAVORED

Demand for Service in New York City Has Doubled in Last Ten Years-Autos Kill Ninety.

New York .-- The annual statistical meports of the New York departments convey the information that 1,600,000,-600 persons rode on the city's car mose during the last year—twice as many as in 1901.

The health department reports show M1,195 births, as compared with 6,571

mmn years ago. Deaths and marriages show small Increases. The actual death rate has declined from 20.2 to 13 per thousand. Ninety persons were killed and 855 factored in automobile and cab acoldents in New York City streets dur-

ing the last ten months.

DUNCANS RETURN TO EUROPE

Angry Because Greek Costumes Fail to Make Hit in This Country-Attract Much Attention.

New York .- The Raymond Duncans and their shivering little son Menalkas have sailed for Europe. The fondest and most affectionate of good bys at the pier were interrupted while tearful huggers and kissers took a

grance at their costumes. Mrs. Duncan is a Greek. Both she and her husband try to make themselves believe that they and poor little Menalkas of the blue shins are very ancient Greeks. Mr. Duncan wore a white tunic over a green robe, Mrs. Duncan wore a green tunic over a purpie robe. Menalkas did not have any tunic. His robe, which ended above

his bare knees, was also green. The Duncans have been in California among the Klikitat Indians, studying basket weaving and teaching the red men how to weare their own clothes and make a tribal yell like

the frog chorus in Aristophanes. They founded a weaving institute for destitute women and also spent much time in Chinatown in San Francisco learning things about Chinese potteries.

Mr. Duncan said they were going to Paris to keep some lecture dates, and that they would return to this country. to settle up their affairs. After that, he said with firmness but sadness, never again for America. Mr. Duncan holds that Americans do not regard art seriously enough. He has been of that opinion ever since the Gerry society arrested him here a. year ago for not putting enough warm clothes on Menalkas.

The Duncan family has attracted more or less attention in New York and in some western cities the last year or two, where they have appeared as advocates and demonstrators of a "dress reform," the principal departure from present customs being to wear sandals, no trousers to speak of, robes of gay colors and figures. They are greatly disappointed, it is said, by the indifference shown by society and their consequent fail-

RENEWS SEARCH FOR PLANET.

Astronomers on Mount Wilson, Cailfornia, Join In Hunt for "Ceres," Wandering Since 1801.

Pasadena Cal.-Spurred on by the report that scientists all over the world were searching for the lost planet Ceres, astronomers at the Mount Wilson observatory have joined the search, and from now on much time will be devoted at the local station in an effort to be the first in dis-

covering the lost planet. With the powerful equipment on hand for the scientific work, and a location that is probably second to none in the world, the local men of science have every confidence in locating the lost planet. A search will be started and continue until the wanderer is either located or the impossibility of its discovery determined upon.

At present little is known of the planet, with the exception of what is recorded in astronomical history. It was discovered first by Piassi, January 1, 1801, and its peculiar shape has made it especially interesting.

"We are always looking for new things up here" said a professor at the observatory. "Naturally, we are all interested in this lost planet and there is no doubt but that a vigorous search will be made from this point for the mysterious oval-shaped wan-

"From what history tells us, it is one of our nearest neighbors and its rediscovery would be of unusual importance. As far as known it is the only planet of its shape ever reported, and the fact that it is oval allows much room for scientific study should the planet be rediscovered."

It is believed that if not located before that time the new planet will be brought out with the completion of the powerful 100-inch telescope at the observatory.

PULITZER NEARLY LOSES OUT

Carefully Prepared Speech Came Near Not Being Delivered-St. Leuis Member Comus to Rescue.

Macon, Mo.-Maj. B. R. Dysart of Macon was a member of the State Constitutional convention at Jefferson City in 1875 and the other day related this anecdote of the late Joseph Pulitzer on that occasion.

"Mr. Pulitser and myself were two of the younger members of that notable convention. He was primed for a big speech on some particular matter, but when his time came it happened that Mr. Pulitzer was not in the room. The subject on which he had fortified himself was taken up, passed on and the convention proceeded to other business. Presently Mr. Pulitser came in somewhat out of breath and began firing off the speech he had stored up when he was interrupted by

the chairman: "'Mr. Pulitser,' said the chairman, 'we have reached that subject and it was acted on while you were out."

"Mr. Pulitser looked around in dismay. He was evidently surprised to learn that the speech he so carefully prepared had been summarily cooked. Then a member from St. Louis, realising the situation, got up and moved that Mr. Pulitzer be allowed to make his speech."

Tell the Truth. Chicago - "Don't lie to your wife" is the maxim for a happy marital life laid down by Judge Goodnow after several years service on the beach of the court of domestic relations.

WOMEN IN MASONRY

English Parson Forms Frateraity for Fair Sex.

Founder of Society Is Ridiculed by World for Admitting Females to Lodge-Masons Do Little but Eat Dinners.

London.-There is nothing in Masonry, according to Rev. Dr. Cobb, founder of the Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Masonry, that forbids the inclusion of women, and he adds that they are quite as capable of preserving the secrets of the society as the men. So women are admitted to his frateruity-and the rest of the Ma-

sonic world is laughing. Dr. Cobb is the vicar of St. Ethelburga's, a tiny, picturesque, ancient church in the heart of the old city of London, and it was here a correspondent found him.

"I belonged to the Grand Lodge of England for many years," he said, "but I saw that few people took it seriously. Though, of course, they keep up a large number of charitable institutions, they do little else but est dinners. Originally Masonry was a religious movement, which insisted that spiritual life was the most important. In the process of time, the spiritual side of Masonry has been lost to sight, and it has become too materialistic.

"Some years ago I was attracted to a form of Masonry practiced by Annie Besant, and, becoming interested. in it, I joined. But I found her tooautocratic altogether. All members were bound in obedience to her, and this seemed inconsistent with the spirit of Masonry, as I understood it. So I left her society, and some time after a few friends and I-we were five in all—decided to found a lodge of our own. Now we have 150.

"The aim of our fraternity and the aim of the church are identical. I take it that aim is to deepen the spiritual life. This being so, there is no argument that can be brought forward to uphold the exclusion of women. The term 'brotherhood' is a contradiction if it does not include them.

"There are a large number of unattached Masons, who, like myself, take no part in lodge activities, owing to the failure of English Masonry tosatisfy their spiritual needs. Our order should meet their requirements, and in addition it enables the Mason to bring his wife and daughter into his Masonic life."

"What does the Grand Lodge of England say to your innovation?"

"Of course, they have called us to book severely about it. But I maintain that I have done nothing to viclate the ancient traditions of Masonry. According to the rules, I took an oath to reveal the secrets of Masonry to none but Masons, and this I have kept. The members are initiated and all the proper ceremonies are carried. out reverently.

"The objection raised by the Grand Lodge of England that no one is at liberty to establish a lodge without its consent is an old one. It is the pleathat whatever is is right and that all attempt at reform is wrong. Such objections have been raised through all ages, dating from the time when the Pharinees objected to the preaching of

Christ in Palestine. "Furthermore, the feminist movement cannot be ignored. Looking back on the events of the last few years it can be seen how disastrous has been the absence of a policy as regards this movement, and the resuit has been a course of events of which no nation can be proud. Such a position is not one that Masonry can afford to risk. To exclude woman as a sex is to court early disaster, so let us be beforehand and welcome her gladly."

"And you find that women keep the great secret perfectly?" "Perfectly," replied Dr. Cobb. "The secrets of Masonry cannot be told."

NO THORNS ON BLACKBERRY

Luther Burbank Exhibits at Santa Rosa Result of Experiments Extending Over Ten Years.

gan Francisco. - The thorniess blackberry bush has arrived. Luther Burbank, after ten years of

experimenting, has been able to produce a blackberry bush that is destitute of thorns. Yesterday afternoon, while Burbank was showing a party of Australian boys about his gardens at Santa Rosa, he said: "Now I will show you something about which nothing has been said

as yet. It is the thornless blackberry. It has not been distributed yet, and possibly will not be for some time. You see, I have to be careful about stating anything until it is a reality." Burbank broke off some of the branches from the bush, and they were carefully examined by the visitors. There were no thorns visible, the surface of the branches being smooth as silk. The fruit is said to be

of exquisite taste and quality.

Patriotic Chickens. Mountain View, Cal.—Patriotism to the ultimate degree is exemplified in a new breed of hens now flaunting the national colors at the poultry farm of Dr. L G. Royte here. Bright red of head, pure white of body and indigo blue of tail, the bowls came into the world a short time ago. There are several of the varihued birds and Dr. Royte asserts that the extraordinary plumage is the result of long experimental observation. He has named the new breed the "patriot."

BLIND GIRL SEEKS POSITION

Wins A. B. Degree at Barnard, but Finds It Extremely Difficult to Secure Work as Teacher.

New York - After having surmounted almost insuperable difficulties in obtaining her A B degree last June, Miss Margaret Hogan, the only blind student Barnard has ever had, finds that she did it only to encounter others. The difficulties of equipping herself for work have given place to those of finding it.

Impudiately after her graduation Miss Hogan began correspondence with principals of schools in the west, as she hoped to become located there as a teacher. She has found, however, that her inquiries were late, as all the vacancies are reported filled. Her hope now is to give tutoring in some of the subjects she studied at Barnard-English, Latin, German,

French and history. Miss Hogan became blind at the age of five after an illness. She was left an orphan when seven years old by the death of her father, and lost her mother seven years after that. All her education up to the time of entering Barnard was obtained at the New York Institution for the Blind, at Ninth avenue and Thirty-fourth street.

While she was studying at Barnard Miss Hogan attended lectures along with another student who acted as ber secretary. This student took notes and afterward read them to Miss Hogan. Miss Hogan then wrote out what she wished on a typewriter with embossed type. Her essays and exercises were written on a typewriter such as people with normal vision use. Sometimes Miss Hogan took

notes herself. Miss Hogan was able to take her course through the aid of a scholarship obtained by one of the principals of the New York Institution for the Blind, while the cost of her secretary was borne by New York state. The state makes an allowance of \$300 a year for a secretary for each blind person studying at a college. At the beginning of Miss Hogan's fourth year it seemed as if it would be impossible for her to complete her course because of lack of funds. The members of the senior class at Barnard took the matter in hand and raised \$450. which enabled Miss Hogan to con-

GOOD TURN BRINGS PARDON

Man Whom Convict Once Loaned \$100 Obtains Clemency for Him as Well as Employment.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Bread, in the shape of a \$100 loan and a gift of two theater tickets, cast upon the water in San Francisco two years ago, has returned to Albert D. Walk, serving two years in a Utah prison for obtaining money under false pretenses. He has been rewarded with a pardon.

Walk met R. H. Brainerd, formerly an Illinois sheriff, on a train en route to San Francisco two years ago. Brainerd's first business had failed, and he found himself without money and greatly discouraged. Walk accidentally learned of Brainerd's misfortune, loaned him \$100 and sent Brainerd and his wife to the theater to cheer them up.

When Brainerd, who had prospered in the insurance business, heard that Walk was serving a sentence in Utah, he appeared before the board of pardons and made an earnest plea for his former benefactor. He promised to give him employment at a good sal-

The board notified Walk, and he was released in custody of Brainerd, provided he repay the money wrongfully obtained and reimburse the state for the money expended in extraditing him from Pennsylvania.

JOY AT END OF HER VOYAGE

Gloucester Man Greets His Bride-Elect as Big Steamer Docks-Couple Soon Made Man and Wife.

Philadelphia.—For a week Arthur Owens, an iron worker employed at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding company in Camden, has carried about with him a marriage license while about every hour he was looking up steamship arrivals. The steamer Haverford warped into her dock at Washington street and Owens got his reward for all his patient waiting, when a pair of pretty eyes caught sight of him from the deck and their fair owner waved a happy salute.

In a jiffy, or as soon as the red tape of the steamer landing could be unwound, Owens and Miss Theresa Maher, who had come from England for the very purpose, were in each other's arms. As fast as boat and carriage could carry them they were in Gloucester, at Owens' home, at 216 Warren street, and there they were made one. The lovers' troth had been kept. Miss Catherine Connolly was bridesmaid, and Joseph Connolly the best man. Mr. Owens is chief ranger of Court Washington, Foresters of America, of Gloucester.

Big Fish Show in Paris. Paris.-Many countries are represented in the international fisheries exhibition which opened in Paris the other day. The exhibition is under the control of the French government. It will continue open until the end of the year.

Wante Name Changed. Chicago.-Louis C. Schmeltekopf has applied to the courts to permit him to change his name. In his petition he declares that in the German "Schmeltekopf" means "Fat-

CAYUSE RUNS AMUCK

Little Pony Was Satisfied After ...Landing in Areaway.

When Harness Became Disarranged Animal Started on Wild Rampage Through Madison Square-Persons of Leisure Disturbed.

New York.-Eight out of a dozen. Jim, one of the liveliest little ponies that ever came out of Texas, woke Madison Square the other day and for five minutes made the landscape rat-

Jim arrived here a few days ago as green as grass and with the brand on his flank hardly healed. He was attached to a laundry wagon, but not fond of it. It was his province to haul soiled collars and cuffs from the environs of the square to the Plymouth establishment, 541 West Fortythird street. Something went wrong with the harness. In fact, any kind of gear would have impinged on the nerves of fretful James. He also longed for the plains and for a bite of real grass, and for a life in the open.

A chafing trace was the excuse. Like a thunderbolt this delegate from the Lone Star state leaped out of Twenty-sixth street, and tore right into the park. He proceeded to do things to the scenery. The wheels of the wagon tore up the sward in chunks. Two little boys were driving, or, at least, one thought he was. One jumped when Jim got the bit in his teeth. The other went up into the air and described a curve and came plump into the arms of a fat gentieman, who caught him and said "Huh," just like that, spell it forward or backward. Anyway, he said it and went and sat down with his hand slightly below his heart and grunted.

Jim did not care at all. Up went his heels and parts of the landscape gardening ascended in all directions. The shabby persons of leisure who were sleeping on the benches, rolled off or got up and ran. The nursemaids grabbed armfuls of bables and took to their heels. There was a line of perambulators issuing out of one side of the park and a string of ragged ambulators pouring out of the other. High noon it was and the typewriter young women were coming out for luncheon. The clerks were taking the air. What a flurry of skirts and a clicking of heels, and all because a Texas pony wanted to frisk a bit.

Steady! Whoa there, Jim! That was the sixth park bench that went over. Don't you know you just missed. the fountain? Then way out to the east James hit the asphalt trail. He struck it with such violence that his teeth cracked like castanets. A policeman tried to catch Jim's bridle. The Texan wonder sniffed, tossed his head and went straight across Madison avenue and down into an areaway. Jim tried to take the green wagon with him, but there were obstacles. There was an Indian balustrade there. made of turned supports of brown

stone, all standing solemnly like pins on a bowling alley. Bang! Every one of them and the rail on top of them, went down into the areaway and clattered at the heels of fretful James. .The pony looked up in despair. There was no more balustrade to burst. Just nothing more doing at all, for when he butted the side of the house and kicked it a little to test its strength the building stood stock still. Jim. sat down and looked up in a way which said. "Pretty good while it lasted, eh?"

The wagon was fished out and James was helped out, and in about five minutes after that everything was dozing again in Madison Square.

WALK FLOOR WITH HIS BABY

Chicago Man is Also Ordered to Give His Wages-Judge Will Determine Christmas Gifts.

Chicago.—Sentenced to walk the floor for two hours each night with his baby in his arms, was the fate of Patrick Knight, arraigned in the court of domestic relations the other day, on complaint of his wife, who charged non-support.

When Judge Sabath saw Mrs. Knight with the baby in her arms he ordered the husband to take the child. Knight took the baby, while the mother talked with the judge.

The baby's hands stole up and caressed the father's face. He smiled. The wife turned to look, and smiled,

"That's betetr," said the judge to Knight. "I'll dispose of this case right now. Knight, I sentence you to go home with your wife and walk the floor with the baby two hours every night from now until December 20. Besides that you will turn your wages over to your wife every pay day.

On December 20 you will come here. and you and I will discuss the kind of Christmas presents you are to buy for your wife and baby."

Walks Long for Job. Minneapolis, Minn. - Hans Peter Kloster wants a job in the courthouse. Since June 1, when he started after the job, he has walked 2,350 miles in the courthouse corridor. Until he had passed the custodian's office 10,590 times, his wants were not made known to the official inside. Probably he never would have got courage to apply for the place, but the custodian, after seeing him haunting the corridors for months, asked what he wanted, and was told it was a job. Kloster hasn't the job yet.

KANSAS TOWN HAS VANISHED

Slabtown Was Once Popular Village in Vicinity of Leavenworth, but Has Long Been Extinct.

Leavenworth, Kan.: Within a circle of ten miles of L avenworth are the sites of half a dozen towns that were started with high hopes of their becoming future cities, flourished for awbile and then died. Were the history of these towns to be written, it would be a story of great interest, and would make a very large book.

Recently E. W. Snyder has purchased the site of one of these towns, originally East Leavenworth, but which in later years degenerated into "Slabtown." This land Mr Snyder purchased from W. H. Burt of Rogers, Tex. Mr. Snyder already owned a large tract of land adjoining Slabtown and wanted this tract to square up the land he already owned.

The site of the town is nearly opposite the Ryan ice plant, and it is there that the old ferry landed passengers before the terminal bridge was built. In looking over the abstract, Mr. Snyder found that the town was platted in 1869, and that it was laid out by Hervey L. Bickford, formerly a prominent citizen here and now dead.

Slabtown was an ambitious town in those days and had its numbered streets in one direction and its Chestnut street, its Broadway and others. Its lots were but 25 feet, wide, showing that the land was valuable over

Here was located the station of the Missouri River railroad: afterward the Kansas City and St. Louis railroad. There were two stores, five or six saloons, a post office and about 150 people in the town at one time.

In plowing the land for wheat a short time ago Mr. Snyder's tenant uncovered a large brick cistern in a good state of preservation, the foundstions of two store buildings and any number of broken bottles, showing where the saloons were located. All of these were covered from sight until the plow passed over them. Had they remained undisturbed for a few centuries some antiquarian, digging them up, would have thought he had discovered the remains of an ancient civiliza-

tion—and he would have missed it. The abstract also shows that around the townsite were located several subdivisions and smail tracts, showing that there was probably, at some time, a big real estate boom in Slabtown. What hopes, what aspirations, what disappointments centered in this little town during its existence!

But Slabtown passed away long ago. The station has been moved twice. each time being taken over nearer the bluffs, and the houses of the original town tumbled down or were moved, the last one disappearing several years.

BOY CHAMPION CORN GROWER

Eber Kimbrough of Tallapoosa County Raises 225 Bushels an Acre at Cost of 19 Cents.

Birmingham, Ala.-A lad of 16 years, Eber A. Kimbrough, residing on his father's farm in Tallancosa county. Alabama, has just won the distinction of being the champion corn grower of the world, and captured two coveted prizes.

The Central of Georgia Railroad company offered prizes of a \$250 mule and a trip to Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Niagara Falls, Chicago and St. Louis to the boy on its lines who would grow the most corn to

the acre. Young Kimbrough two years ago ietermined to capture the prizes. He also joined the Boys' Corn club of Tallapoosa county at the suggestion of Prof. L. N. Duncan of the agricultural department of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and went to work to make a record on lowest

There is only one yield in the world's record that exceeds Kimbrough's in quantity—that of Jerry Moore of South Carolina, who last year was accredited the champion corn grower. Moore grew 228 bushels on the acre, but it cost him 43 cents a bushel. whereas Kimbrough has just measused out 225 bushels an acre at 19 cents a bushel.

FAVOR WOMAN COOKS AT SEA

Experiment on Pacific Coast Ships Meets With Satisfactory Results-Paid More Than Men.

San Francisco.-Woman cooks have been installed on several coastwise vessels, and the experiment is reported successful. Capt. Henry W. Crosby of a tug and barge company is profuse in his praise of the woman cooks.

"They're sober," he said, "and make better bread. Then there isn't any probability of mutiny. The gallays are kept much cleaner and the sailors and passengers alike appear to be better satisfied with the 'home cooking.' " Members of the petticoated sea cook force are being paid \$5 per month

more than the man cooks. Sparrow as Firebug. Reading, Mass.—The much perse-

cuted English sparrows have a new charge laid at their doors. Chief Frank Nichols of the Reading fire department believes they are responsible for many fires. His investigation of the burning of the old South Methodist church here the other day shows that the blase started in birds' nests under the caves. His theory is that the birds picked up matches on the street and carried them to their nests, where they became ignited and set fire to the straw.

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