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What's the matter? I started sleeping. There's a rattler here. I believe he's under my coat. It was queer that I couldn't hear it if it was so near.

Pat and the Muttie. Pat, when did you get the whistler? asked one section hand of another. "What's it called?" "Oiled whistler," said Pat. "It's a good one."

One of Miller's Associates. Friends and Kingley were special favorites of Professor Max Miller, according to his recently published memoirs. Kingley's refusal to pay for any share in his friend's success led to a quarrel.

Andrew Lang also called at the house of the late James Fyfe to inquire about his health. The servant informed him in a broad accent that it was one of the servant's "wonder days."

Contrary to All Precedent. Railroad President—What does this mean, sir? You have one of the suburban trains leaving a station at 6 o'clock.

How She Viewed It. Perhaps she was jealous, perhaps she wasn't; anyway, she had just heard of the engagement, and she could not help musing on the engaged girl's pride in her captured youth.

during the time of middy repose, wandered off "on his own" in his direction. Gaining the walls without discovery, he took it into his head to scale a breach made by the cannon of the ship.

Watt, the great improver of the steam engine, introduced into the vocabulary of mechanics the term horsepower. When he first began the manufacture of steam engines, he experienced much difficulty in explaining to his distant customers what "horse" engine they required.

Legend of the Red Priest. Dharma, the acrobatic priest, was the son of a king of India. He went into China, and for the space of nine years he remained in contemplation in a temple.

I was in a well known lampshop with a friend the other day. He was seeking some of those stubby candles of generous diameter which are used as night lights in sickrooms.

Many of the outfalls in French prisons are paid for their labor and earn about 1s. 6d. a day. Half of this they are allowed to spend for extra food.

"What do you think, my dear?" exclaimed Mr. Brown in tones of joyful excitement. "You know the Federation of Ashore is meeting in our city."

A heterogeneous collection of loafers met in the village public house, alternately wiping their eyes and sighing heavily that day, and a fitting air of gloom pervaded the place.

They don't know what you're talking about. It's a queer notion and one which I can't get used to. That a trotting horse can be made to work.

The other day I was coming east on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, said Mr. H. T. Wood. In the parlor car in which I traveled were a couple of hilarious New Yorkers.

Think of the time lost in shaving, Campbell, the poet, calculated that a man who shaves himself every day and lives to the age of seventy will spend more of his life in the act of shaving than in the act of living.

Several papers dealing with the Pennsylvania coal region appear in the Century. Hearst, editor of the "New York Journal," says:

A little old woman with a sharp nose and sharper tongue was in the country grocery store buying supplies. Among other things she brought in from her cart was a bottle of hair oil.

The suppositions of some of the mad and wry of the best minds in society is suggested in the following dialogue. "Where is Jones?"

"By their works ye shall know them," said the courier and he said when his father gave him his watch to play with.

What's the good of me clothes?—Argonaut. A newspaper man of some celebrity as a disciplinarian was noted as his office for the extreme disorder of his own desk.

How does this happen, Mr. Miller? "Forgot it," shortly answered the editor. "Well, you're going to clean things up today, aren't you?"

Amphibious fishes are to be found in various quarters of the globe. Beginning in Europe, there is the frogfish, which, when kept in aquaria, has been known to live at least an hour's pure air out of water.

"Are you the society editor?" asked the large woman, who seemed to fill the room. "No, madam," said the one addressed.

Queen Victoria's Married Pream. Here is a funny story told of a happening at the English court: Sir Theodore Martin had been requested by Victoria to read aloud from "The Ring and the Book."

There are about 3,000 persons in France who are set down as anarchists and are under the constant watch of the police of the various European countries.

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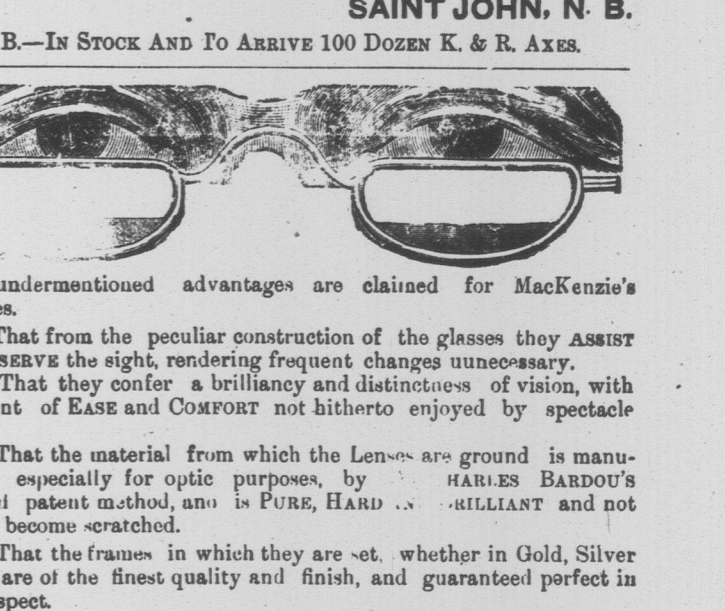
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