

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Two of a Kind. Is there anything so fair... On the land or in the air...

A Quaker City Fourth.

Omaha Man—This contribution box is for patriotic subscriptions to the fund to celebrate Fourth of July.

An Ambiguous Compliment.

Landlady—Mr. Johnson, you were speaking of bringing a friend to board with us?

The Fraternal View of It.

"What a beautiful outfit!" exclaimed Miss De Gush.

In the Horse Car.

"I was a little surprised that a man of your well known gallantry should have permitted that lady to stand."

He Needed It.

"I am informed that a new anesthetic is on the market. It is said to be much superior to any now in use."

Hard to Down a Boy.

"What, five dollars a week? Why, boy, think you your money is worth that?"

A New Name For It.

Emma—That's a pretty new "Olivia" chair you've got there, Mary.

A Natural Supposition.

A strawberry is scientifically described as "a pulpy pericarp without valves." We always supposed they had lots of valves, and that these valves were closed when a quart of them were crowded into a pie box.

How to Marry.

When pretty, pouting lips say "no," Don't bow. Your brain all out to simply show how deep you're plunged in mental woo and pain!

One Objection.

De Smith—There is one thing about Miss Angeline Poppley that I don't like. Travis—What's that?

Nice Fresh Eggs.

Old Lady to grocer—My daughter is quite an invalid, sir, and wants some nice fresh eggs.

A Rash Man.

Lieutenant ventures decks the planes. The clover sweet the manlike features. And now the knowing good doctor.

Good News.

Smith—I see by the papers that the day of Algiva is dead. Jones—I'm glad to hear it. It's time death took a day off.—Texas Sittings.

The Lost Key.

Mary had a little key; She looked it up to grow, And everywhere that Mary went The key was sure to go.

A Dry Speech.

Bibbion—Don't you think Dumpey gave us a rattling speech last night? Poppley—Yes, it was so dry it couldn't help rattling.—Burlington Free Press.

Not in Good Taste.

Miss Ethel after leaping at Delmonico's—How much change was there left of the dollar? Miss Clara—Five cents.—The Epoch.

He Lost Something.

When William to the grand stand went, His voice was sweet, of course; When William from the grand stand came His voice was low and hoarse.

HERE AND THERE.

The Colorado coal beds have veins eighteen feet thick of the finest quality of coal.

There are about a million and a half of carriages made in the United States yearly.

F. W. Jenkins, of Pittsburg, failed in his business, and he and his wife were driven before help came.

A London dealer in orchids employs sixteen collectors in South America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

It is credibly stated that soap, water and scrubbing, in the cleaning of his cars, cost the Pennsylvania railroad \$200,000 a year.

Nine brothers and sisters from a family of ten attend the same school in Clarence, Mich. The oldest is 50 and the youngest 5 years old.

Minnesota and Dakota alone, as thinly settled as they are, raise more wheat enough to feed the 35,000,000 people of Great Britain and Ireland.

A Memphis girl, aged 7 years, has just gone alone all the way from Florida to Tennessee, and that, too, not by express but on an ordinary passenger ticket.

An Iowa general office of United States signal observer, city clerk, township clerk, United States claim agent, township treasurer and t. c. a. a. b. post.

A Biddeford, Me., man advertises for a wife, and offers to the lady who will take him as "wifely, promising, good looking, young man 40 years of age, a good home and two yoke of oxen."

Mexico, now that she has railroads, is getting up enormous without end—and will be largely represented at the Barcelona (Spain), exposition next year, and the coming Washington centennial.

A Kansas man in revenge stole the child of a woman who refused to marry him, and has grown so attached to it that he refuses to give it up to the mother, even under threat of legal proceedings.

Two large firms of Japanese nurserymen are introducing into California the Ushiro dwarf orange tree, and find many customers for the tree because it can be grown in a very small space.

At a late election, Kansas City voters who cast their ballots for T. Robinson, thinking to elect a male fellow citizen, were astonished to find that instead they had made a councillor of Mrs. Tina Robinson, his wife.

A reader of the Boston Globe reports that the word "dude" is to be found in the dictionary of the Swahili language spoken by Fanagile negroes—that the plural is "madedes"—and the word itself probably older than the hills.

Page county, Va., had the most unique fire of the season—a house there having been set afire by the burning swallows that flew out of a chimney and the fire having been put out with hard cider, several barrels of which happened to be at hand.

The Chicago and Alton road has very lately put upon its line between St. Louis and Chicago two aircoach coaches, to be known as "aircoach" and the first having been put out entirely for sale. No extra charge will be made for their occupancy.

It is said that there is a postoffice for every 1,000 men, women and children in the United States, and that if the expense of carrying the mails each citizen would pay an average of eighty-five cents a year.

An interesting legal question is likely to arise over the finding of a jaw containing \$12,000 at Holman Station, Ind., by Smith Stewart, on a farm which he had rented. The landlord claims the money as his property, that it had been buried by his sister, now deceased. The collection includes some coins over 200 years old.

For giving information about a forgery in Texas, Frank Murray, a Tennessee man, was arrested by a Texas agent, and was released without warrant of law, hustled off to Texas and kept in jail six months. Now that he is at liberty he is giving his whole mind to securing the punishment of the men who made him the inmate of a jail.

SOME QUAIN INKSTANDS.

A tiny ink bottle is set in the center of a silver knapsack. A bronze bear scrambling over a fence has become so do duty as an inkstand.

The "old oaken bucket," with its picturesque well sweep attachment, is a favorite design. A pear, made entirely of glass, is handsomely mounted on metal and is especially for holding ink where its core should be.

Devotees of the national game will appreciate an inkstand consisting of an ivory baseball, with the batter in front close at hand.

An attractive novelty is a grinning clown in brass, with the head struck through a hoop of the same material. The ink is disclosed by lifting his peaked cap.

An appropriate desk ornament for a sportsman is a jockey cap in brass with silver trimmings. It rests upon a couple of riding whips. The ink is hidden away under the topknot of the cap.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Von Molthe is to be made a prince. Tenyson is at work on a poem of some length.

Senator Spooner is devoted to horseback riding. Don Pedro has resigned over Brazil for fifty-seven years.

King Humbert, of Italy, is something of an Anglomaniac as regards his attire. M. Floquet is a diminutive man with a large head and a fine crop of white hair.

"Dan" Rice, the old showman, owns 500,000 acres of land in Texas and New Mexico. Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's physician, received \$25,000 for a journey to Italy.

William O'Brien, the Irish leader, says that "journalists are the watchdogs of civilization."

Senator Evans has purchased a new silk hat, spring style, to wear to the Chicago convention.

Daniel Webster's great grandson is to marry a great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

Caroline Herschel, the discoverer of eight comets, never could remember the multiplication table.

Senator Blodgett, of New Jersey, is six feet four and the tallest man in the United States Senate.

Two sons of Charles Dickens and one son of Anthony Trollope are in the stock raising business in Australia.

President Cleveland has made an addition to his stable by the acquisition of a pair of handsome sorrel horses.

Mr. Mackenzie, son of Sir Morel Mackenzie, is now playing with success in a farce at the Strand theatre, London.

William K. Vanderbilt is reported to have spent \$200,000 in London in clearing out the six curiously shaped of Bond Street.

George Gould is a model husband, who never smokes, seldom drinks and never goes out without his wife on an evening.

C. H. Jackson and George A. Jackson, father and son, are rivals for class honors in Hillside college, where they expect to graduate in June.

Young John A. Logan has developed a great love for the turf. He has four promising horses in training at Louisville for this season.

While Gen. Boulanger was minister of war a company was formed which cost \$5,000 and was named after him, and he was elected the ruler of France.

The emperor of China has four physicians, each of whom receives a weekly salary, stopping in him as he becomes sick; therefore his indisposition is never of long duration.

Mr. Thomas Nast will make his home in the Los Angeles journalists who have founded a colony of their own at Ramona, in the San Gabriel Valley, a few miles out of the city.

Probably the oldest employe of the government in term of service is Lindsey Munn, an uneducated colored man, who has stood guard at the door of the secretaries of the navy since 1828.

It is reported in London that the Duke of Marlborough will return to this country in June, to continue his wooing of a fair widow whose charms attracted him when he was here last year.

Gen. Boulanger reiterates his exclamation at the recent speech he made prior to his election: "If I wished for war I should be a madman. If I did not prepare for it I should be a worthless wretch."

James Babler, a poor coal miner of Shamokin, Pa., with a wife and seven children, has fallen heir to \$1,000,000 by the death of an uncle in England, who disinherited him at the time of his marriage, and repented on his deathbed.

Senator Ingalls has had eleven children, seven of whom survive. The names given to his offspring have been somewhat peculiar: George, Ruth, Ribbles, Ralph, Addison, Constance, Sheffield, Faith, Marion, Blaine, Edmunds and Windom.

Blaine, Edmunds and Windom are the living four of the eight Republicans who received votes for the presidential nomination at the Chicago convention of 1880. The dead four are Grant, Garfield, Washington and Cleveland.

PLAYS AND ACTORS.

Annie Oakley intends a touring next season. Paul Arthur will support Minnie Palmer in England.

Opera for ten cents will be a summer pleasure in Philadelphia. Ben Teal has been engaged to put on Maggie Mitchell's new play.

New Orleans is to have an iron theatre with a seating capacity of 4,000. The performance realized \$21,000.

Thomas Nast, the caricaturist, is talking of building a theatre at Los Angeles. Marion Russell and Minnie Redfield have been engaged by W. J. Florence for next season.

Lillian Russell has had her tonsils cut out and says that she can sing better without them.

Patti gave the first performance of her South American tour at Buenos Ayres, April 8. The performance realized \$21,000.

Inre Kiriloff has received a letter from Chevalier Blondin, in which he says he wants to cross Niagara Falls once more before he dies.

W. J. Florence has purchased of Mr. Palmer the right to play "Heart of Hearts" next season, and will produce the piece as part of his repertoire throughout the country.

Karl Formes, the famous basso, who lived in America for the past 20 years, has been engaged to sing at the approaching London season of Italian opera. He is 73 years of age.

At the close of Jimmy Davenport's New York season he will leave for the Pacific coast, where he will visit with John S. Clark in May, before she plays "La Tosca" in San Francisco.

Lawrence Barrett's life is insured for \$10,000 and he will leave a very pretty bank account behind. He and Mr. Booth drew over \$5,000 in two performances in Salt Lake City.

Salvini will begin his American season in October next. The engagement is for twenty weeks, and but two pieces, "Obaboo" and "The Gladiator," will be presented. Young Salvini will support his father under A. M. Formes's management.

It is said that when Edwin Booth was a boy in white trousers and black jacket he appeared at a school examination with John S. Clark in the quarrel some between Brutus and Cassius, his father listening, unseeing. In 1831 the future tragedian was an actor, earning \$6 a week.

A southern genius is to send out a fleet of floating theatres. The first, built by a foot and a half of water, will be 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, made up in the same way of a smaller stream, and will be accompanied by a manager even though he will be up at promising towns, not only along the Mississippi river, but in the smaller streams.

Two silver horseshoes, one pendant from the other and behind which is a nail of polished gold, is a pleasing pattern in scarf pins. A handsome design in brooches consists of two bent horseshoes made of silver, incrusting a crystal covered horse, in enamel, standing before a peacock.

Lacework brooches, showing various patterns in different colored enamels on the gold, and set with pearls, diamonds, sapphires or rubies, are much in favor.

An oval brooch of white enameled lacquer, having in the center a pattern of diamonds and small, pear shaped caruncles, is a pleasing and popular design.

A miniature balloon, the gas bag of which is represented by a pear shaped pearl, from which the cord of gold hangs suspended by tiny golden cords is an attractive scarf pin.—Jeweler's Weekly.

EUROPEAN JOTTINGS. The weight of the new ironclad Nile is 5,500 tons, 1,000 tons heavier than any other English ironclad.

Tall horses are now fashionable for saddle horses in Boston row. Sixteen hands and a half is the standard.

On Feb. 8 a meeting was held in Tokio to celebrate the translation of the Bible into Japanese. It was begun in 1872.

A repeating cannon invented by Gruson has been tried at Broochart in Belgium, which can throw twenty-seven shots a minute.

A new war vessel has been ordered by the British admiralty, which is to be named the Blake, of 9,000 tons burden and 30,000 horse power.

Snow drops, lately all the rage in Paris for dressing dinner tables and decorating feminine garments, have been superseded by yellow flowers.

Horses and carriages can be hired cheaper in Russia than in any other civilized country. The average cost per month of a private carriage or sleigh, with one horse and coachman, is about \$70, while a pair and carriage and sleigh both cost \$123.

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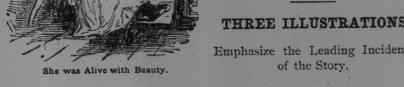


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