

Miscellaneous.

THE STORY OF A DIAMOND.

One of the finest brilliants in America, and one with a romantic story, is now for sale at the store of J. & F. in Salt Lake City. This stone is 1-33 of a carat lighter than the celebrated Tweed diamond, but its cutting is much better, and it is considered by experts to be more valuable. It weighs eight and a half carats, and is exactly half an inch in diameter. It was for many hundred years in the family of an East Indian prince. This prince presented it to Queen Christina, of Spain, who presented it to her daughter, ex-Queen Isabella, on the occasion of her marriage. The latter was forced to sell it, with many other diamonds, and a fine cabinet of jewelry, to the American Club of New York, but he refused to sell it. It was subsequently stolen from him while visiting at Saratoga Springs by thieves, who employed what is known as the umbrella game. While alighting from a car a man spread an umbrella in his face, and the thief, back, the pin was torn from his shirt bosom. The trick was so dexterously done that the victim did not discover his loss for several hours. When, however, he found himself missing the wonderful brilliant, he promptly telegraphed to the daily papers of New York city, offering 5,000 dollars and no questions asked. In twenty-four hours his pin was recovered, and the thieves were the richer of the reward. After this the same gentleman came to Salt Lake City, and traded his diamond for mining property valued at 25,000 dollars. This mine the Bureau Zintz developed well and the lucky speculator realized over 60,000 dollars from his investment. The mine which received the stone was situated out of it by Chicago gamblers, who sold it to a diamond dealer, who in turn, sold it to the firm in Salt Lake City that now possess it.

THE TRADE OF BOSTON.

Boston may fairly claim to be the second commercial city in the United States. It is also the headquarters for immense manufactures in cotton, woolens, silks and leather, and the thousand other manufactures of New England. The great Boston capitalists are largely interested in the West. In 1875, the great Boston capitalists, \$32,000,000 worth of goods, from 22,228 establishments, on an invested capital of \$233,000,000. Boston's textile manufactures amount to \$100,000,000; her boots and shoes, \$90,000,000; metal and metallic products, \$38,000,000; clothing, \$29,000,000; leather, \$25,000,000. Boston capitalists are largely interested in the West. In 1875, the great Boston capitalists, \$32,000,000 worth of goods, from 22,228 establishments, on an invested capital of \$233,000,000. Boston's textile manufactures amount to \$100,000,000; her boots and shoes, \$90,000,000; metal and metallic products, \$38,000,000; clothing, \$29,000,000; leather, \$25,000,000.

How we loiter away our lives! If we wasted our means as we do our time, we should all be bankrupt.

Hard words are like halibut in summer, beating down and destroying what they would nourish if they were melted into drops.

A COUGH CURE.

An Italian doctor (according to Les Mow) attributes cough to the presence of a parasitic fungus in the air passages. In grave cases this parasite multiplies, and reaches into the lung cells. Quinine has the property of stopping the development of microscopic fungi, and is therefore adapted as a remedy in the present case. Dr. L. has used with success the following powder: Chlorhydrate of quinine, one grain; bicarbonate of soda, one grain; gum arabic, twenty grains. The bicarbonate of soda is meant to dissolve the mucus, and the gum arabic to increase the adherence of the powder on the bronchial passages. The fumigation (blowing in) of the powder should take place during a deep inspiration of the patient, so as to facilitate its penetration into the windpipe which is the principal seat of the microscopical fungus.

A TARANTULA'S NEST.

The nest of a tarantula (spider) has been found in California of the most singular construction. It is about three inches in length by two in diameter, built in a small shell, and is very thick. Inside of this is a partition, which neatly divides it into two apartments, about an inch in diameter. The inside is lined with a white downy substance, not unlike velvet, and is lined with the cleanest and most tidy little household imaginable. But the most curious part of it is a door, which fits into an aperture, and is hermetically secured by a hinge, formed of a like fibrous substance as the lining of the house, and upon which it swings with freedom. The nest is occupied by a dozen little tarantulas, which seem to inhabit on a yellow secreted substance, that appears upon the walls of the front apartment. The arrangement of the door for the protection of the little inmates indicates great instinctive architectural knowledge.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Upright walking is sure walking. Virtue and happiness are near kin. Small faults indulged are little thieves. You never lounge by doing a good turn. The boughs that bear most hang lowest. One hair to-day is worth two to-morrow. Not to hear conscience is a way to silence it. Zeal without knowledge is fire without light. Proud looks make foul words in fair faces. Learning makes a man fit company for himself. From the lowest depth there is a path to the loftiest height. We often waste for one little reason, when there are a thousand why we should love. An indiscreet person is like an unsealed letter, which every one may read, but which is seldom worth reading. Gold is but a poor legacy in comparison with immortal thought. The one is but man, worthless; the other divine, invaluable. Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever!

ITEMS.

The Black Hills papers say that if 1,000 women would emigrate there they would at once find remunerative work and husbands best suited to them. A Mr. Holland, of San Francisco, claims, and an expenditure of \$2,000 and several years of labor, to have discovered an infallible indicator of the presence of gold, with which he has been able to tell, without the aid of any instrument, the amount of silver carried about him and the proportion of gold and silver, so sensitive does it appear to be. It is observed that Europeans, while ordinarily possessing far more courage and nerve than the Asiatics, do not sea down the scaffold with such cool indifference. A civil officer at Lucknow was superintending a hanging. The rope broke, and the man to be hung calmly observed as he said, "Sahib, the rope is broke," as though wishing to relieve the distress of the officer, who was a man of sensibility and refinement. The number of ocean steamers frequenting the port of Gibraltar is between two and three thousand a year. Custom House regulations and supervision do not exist, and the only expense imposed on ships anchoring in the harbor is represented by the port dues. Vessels of every calibre and of all nations are free to come and go without inspection or detention. This has made the port one of regular call for vessels arriving from and bound to every part of the globe. The chief revenue of Gibraltar is derived from port charges, which aggregate six hundred thousand dollars a year.

THE BOA CONSTRUCTOR.

The boa constructor at the New York Aquarium, which recently gave birth to fifty young snakes, is said to have transferred its affections from its young to a common land turtle, which occupies the same apartment, curling his body under and about the turtle, and embracing it in the most affectionate manner. In this position the snake often falls asleep. The turtle seems to accept the situation with the utmost satisfaction. It is said that there is in the forests of the department of Loreto, in Peru, a species of tree which the natives call the "tree of life," which possesses the remarkable property of absorbing an immense quantity of moisture from the atmosphere, which is afterward poured forth from its foliage in a perfect shower, so that in many cases the ground in the vicinity is converted into a bog. It possesses this curious property in its greatest degree in summer, when the rivers are at their lowest and water most scarce.

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THE BANKRUPT STOCK!

Bankrupt Prices!

and will be continued until May 1st, 1877,

DOMESTIC ITEMS

To render the colors of cotton fabric permanent, dissolve three gills of salt in four quarts of water. Put the calico in white hot and leave it until cold.

Soap and pulverized chalk spread over mildewed spots of linen, and laid in the sun, will remove the mildew without injury to the material.

To remove a screw rusted in wood heat a poker in the fire red hot, and put it on the screw for a minute or two; then take the screw driver, and you will easily get it out if you do it whilst it is clapping.

Morris—Clippings of Russia leather, sprinkled among your clothing when put away, will drive off moths. Cedar shavings will do the same. Common black pepper is also good for the purpose and camphor is universally used.

A simple cure for rheumatism is to take a pint of spirits of turpentine, add half an ounce of camphor, let the mixture stand until the camphor is dissolved, then rub it on the part affected, and it is sure to remove or greatly relieve the complaint.

To keep Muslins of a good colour never wash them, or any kind of white cotton goods, with lye; for the later deposits or discharges a gum and scum, which mangles every time it is washed, which discolors and dyes the cotton. Wash them by themselves.

The following remedy for toothache is by a dentist of great reputation:—"First wash the mouth well with warm water; then use the following tincture:—Tannin, 10 grains; gum mastic, half a drachm; 10 drops of carbolic acid; dissolve in half an oz. of sulphuric ether."

THE SICK-ROOM.—Never disturb a patient when asleep, even to take medicine, unless the physician has specially directed it to be done. Few prescriptions are equal to sleep for the sick. Speak low and pleasantly in the sick-room, and be careful to introduce no unpleasant themes. Don't talk much—you will easily weary the invalid.

The quantity of cream on milk may be greatly increased by the following process: Have two pans ready in boiling hot water, and when the new milk is brought in, put it into one of these hot pans, and cover it with the other. The quantity is improved as the thickness of the cream is increased.

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The white of an egg is an efficacious remedy for burns. Seven or eight applications of it soothes the pain and extends the burned parts from the air.

There is a machine in Carrow, New, who has been constantly employed for 20 years in making models of contrivances to produce "perpetual motion." He professes to believe that he can make a successful machine, and has been shown enough to interest capitalists in various parts of the country, one after another, so that he has accumulated quite a moderate fortune.

Mr. E. A. Eberle, an actor of experience became strangely ill a few nights ago. At length he came down to the footlights and said:—"I am certainly not drunk, I don't know what is the matter with me, I never drank anything intoxicating. I was perfect in my rehearsal this morning, and now I cannot recall a word of it." He retired and another actor read the rest of his part. His trouble was paralysis of the brain, and there is not much hope of recovery.—Ez.

THE USE OF FRUIT IN DISEASE.

The following is an extract from an important paper by Dr. McKim on the value of fruit in disease:

There is scarcely a disease to which the human frame is heir, but the sufferings therefrom would be greatly relieved by the use of the very fruits which are now so generally despised. Further, many of these diseases would be conducted to a safe termination under the free use of fruits, because of the acids which they contain. When our troops were fighting the Seminoles in Florida, many who were sick with diarrhoea and dysentery cured these diseases by stealing from the hospital into the fields and eating fruits, blackberries especially. I have sent several children, suffering with cholera infantum and with dysentery, into the peach orchards, with most gratifying results; and where they could not be carried to the orchards to pick and eat the fruits fresh from the trees, I have had the little sufferers fed with sound fruit with equally good results. In the treatment of typhoid fever, in which such extraordinary care is evinced as regards diet, fruits are not only highly grateful to the patient, but even work very favorable results. A physician who had been sick some weeks with typhoid fever, says his diarrhoea was cured by peaches. "Say he, 'I ate half of a large peach, and feeling no ill effects I ate the other half, then one or two more, and the next day as many as I desired.' He adds, 'My bowels got better at once and my recovery was rapid.' Since our last meeting a typhoid fever patient, who had been about three weeks sick, and though improving, was allowed no diet but beef tea or milk punch, came under my care for a few days. I immediately ordered the free use of peaches and grapes, and at the end of five days, when I relinquished the care of her she was completely cured. My impression is, the disease runs a shorter course under the free use of fruits than under the usual mode of treatment, and I think the use of stimulants rarely required when fruits are freely used. In the treatment of scarlet fever and diphtheria our summer fruits and many of the vegetables are quite useful, and to the list may be added some or in fact any foreign fruits. There is scarcely a disease, accompanied with fever, but grapes and bananas may be freely given to the patient. In the treatment of dysentery I would greatly prefer ripe, sound fruits, peaches especially, to any medicine that can be suggested.

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Joker's Corner.

Man is a mister, but woman is a mystery.

Why is a kias like a sewing machine? Because it seems so good.

A man on West Hill died last week leaving considerable property, one-half of which he left to three needy and deserving lawyers, to assemble them, to get the other half.

Swift was one day in company with a young cockatoo, who, rising from his chair, said, with a scoffed and confident air, "I would have you know, Mr. Dean, I set up for a wit." "Do you, indeed?" replied the Dean; "then take my advice and set down again."

She—"How lovely is the calm stillness of evening to listen to the nightingale's note." He—"Ye' th, he's a doocid fine fellow, is the nightingale; but I say, he must be a noo'thance to all the other little birdth that want to go to thiesp."

"Can't you help me a little?" said a tramp, poking his head into a country shop. "Why don't you help yourself?" said the proprietor, angrily. "Thank you, I will," said the tramp, as he picked up a piece of bacon and two loaves of bread, and disappeared like lightning.

The leaves are turning yellow; their summer's hue is hence; the ripening fruit is on the mellow; the small boy on the fence. He looks around, he views the ground, and thinks the moment early, he fills his pockets full of round, then jumps the fence and scoots.

"Why, my sweet Arabella, you have papered this room since I was here in the spring—beautiful design! Does it represent sea-weed or some pretty little brown blossom?" "No, Mrs. Spriggins haven't papered it. These flowers which you see here, I mashed up with sketeers on the wall!"

"Well, it can't be for long," convulsively sighed the bereaved widow, as she returned from the last obsequies of her dear lamented. "No, it won't last long," and sure enough it didn't. Six months later she was skipping around picking orange blossoms and inquiring after the latest styles in wedding cards.

An exquisite, leading a dog by a string, loquiped to the ticket office window of a railway station last week, and inquired: "Must I—aw take a ticket for a puppy?" He was naturally both surprised and annoyed when the ticket seller answered, in a slightly bewildered tone, after a moment's reflection; "No, you can travel as an ordinary passenger."

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