

STRAY BITS.

A railroad will soon be built from Gibraltar to communicate with the rest of Spain.

Great pearl discoveries are reported in the Gulf of Mexico. One was sold for 140,000 francs.

Maurice Guignard, a workman at St. Ouen, in France, has inherited \$4,000,000 through his wife.

At the age of 18 Edward Blawett, of Fremont, Neb., was \$10,000 in debt, but is now worth nearly \$1,000,000.

The master tailors in the British army complain that they have very little chance of promotion, and they want a change.

There is \$25,000 in New York, awaiting the order of John Anthony Barga, who left Boston in 1899 and has not since been heard from.

Walter Cooper, a prominent English actor, died recently, and his body was drawn to the churchyard by a favorite mare. The mare was then sacrificed.

The London and North Western railway has decided to discontinue the practice of the American customers to "disturb the system of checking baggage."

Three hundred London cabmen recently struck against paying a guinea a day for their cabs, and succeeded in having the price reduced to sixteen shillings.

In the first five months of 1887 there were 3,277 miles of railroad. The world's total is nearly one-third. California has 270 miles and Georgia is next with 180.

The last French rifle, as described, has a ball so small that a soldier can carry 250 rounds, shoots with a new magazine power, and its bullet pierces a brick wall eight inches thick at 400 yards.

There was a sickle of southern vegetables in the New York market the other day that thousands of soldiers were supplied with the harbor. This was done to secure a demand for the next arrivals.

The Liverpool and Manchester Ship canal, which is to cost \$30,000,000, and to be built in seven years, will be dredged by German dredging machines, as the English contractors find nothing in England to equal them.

The mammoth timber ship at the Pigeon Point, Nova Scotia, is about two-thirds built. Mr. Robertson states that there are 21,000 pieces already in this ship, and he expects 7,000 pieces will be required to finish it.

The English farmers have turned against the sparrows as a pest to agriculture, and are offering rewards for their destruction. It is asserted that these vicious birds cause a loss to agricultural England of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 per year.

Two young men of Racine, Wis., locked the door of the Methodist church in that city during the service, and it became necessary for a deacon to climb through a window and unlock the door before the congregation could be released.

It appears that besides having ships with no guns, England has cavalrymen with no horses. For example, the Third regiment of Household Cavalry has but 800 horses for 1,200 men, and 17,000 dragoons and hussars the most proportion is 1,000 horses to 700 men.

Moscow Jackson, a sleeping car porter on the Central Georgia railroad, has been the employer of southern railroads since 1838. He was a slave and sold by his master to the Mason and Western road, now a part of the Central, and was for eighteen years put down among the valuable assets of that corporation.

The skeleton of an Indian who was killed in what is known as the "Kilburn fight," of 1755, was recently discovered in a field near Walpole, N. H., where the fight took place. It was in this famous encounter that two men, two women and two boys defended themselves for six hours against 400 blood-thirsty savages.

The expression "dark horse" now in such general political use, first occurred in Lord Beaconsfield's "Young Duke." Here is the paragraph: "The first favorite was never seen after the distance post, all the ten-to-ones were in the race, and a dark horse which had never been thought of rushed past the grand stand in sweeping triumph."

When the United States Fish commission steamer Albatross was in the Straits of Magellan, where she spent a month making collections, the run out of ice. So she never left Eryn sound, where icebergs are often found floating, made fast to a nice berg, cut off big blocks of ice, which were clear and solid, and took on board six tons, which lasted until she reached Panama.

The African explorer, Lieut. Kund, the leader of an expedition which started from Battanga into the interior last November, and reached last 4 days north and long 10 days 30 min. east last February, was recently attacked by hostile tribes while crossing the Tannian river on his way to Cameroon. Both he and his companion, Lieut. Tappanbeck, were wounded by rifle shots, but their injuries are not serious.

GASTRONOMICAL TIDBITS.

These are salad days—lettuce, watercress, dandelion and chive. Take your choice.

The interesting scientific discovery is made that new potatoes will not make hash.

This is the season for dainty desserts—the "airy castings" that follow the substantial afternoon dinner.

A discussion has been revived as to the health of the vegetarians compared with habitual meat eaters.

He who eats ice cream and drinks coffee simultaneously is the kind of man who would rather have pork than fish.

It should be remarked that there is too much cottonseed oil in hotel salads, and a superfluity of lard in restaurant ice cream.

Home prepared corned beef is said to be as different from the butcher's as day is from night. No housekeeper will doubt this assertion.

Every table d'hôte and every restaurant one enters proves there are thousands who have yet to learn it is a gastronomic sin to cut lettuce.

There is some truth in the satirical statement of an exchange that the largest strawberries of every season are found in the illustrated catalogue.

How to eat, after all, is often of more importance than what to eat, especially among people who deny themselves rubber over shoes in order to buy a book on social etiquette.

Your modern epicure is now inclined to elevate his nose at the suggestion of ice cream, and will satirically observe that it is merely "frozen trash" for very young women.

The text of Sir Henry Thompson's gastronomic sermons is that healthiest and most comfortable people in hot weather are those who eat meat but once a day. As before observed, the butchers say Sir Henry is a stick.

WHAT THEY WEAR.

Pink is the favored color for evening wear. Black jet with colors appears in both costumes and millinery.

Showy tennis gowns are of white serge, braided with gilt or silver.

Dainty tea gowns are made of Henrietta in light shades, with silk fronts.

A dainty matinee was of sepié net, with perpendicular tucks inclosing ribbon.

White cloth jackets, braided with metallic cords, are in high favor for dressy wear.

The open mesh point d'espirt net is more fashionable just now for a bride's veil than illusion.

Gilt, silver, steel, white or red braids are used to trim boating dresses, usually in graduated widths.

In many of the latest imported costumes there is a tendency to combine several shades of one color.

A single spray of flowers is seen upon some of the newest lace parasols, as if blown there by the wind.

A novel color combination is reseda with terra cotta, and both these colors are combined with black.

Gold, silver and other fancy embroideries are used to ornament costumes of pongee and cashmere.

Poppy red, rose, old rose, russet and goblin blue are popular colors for the foundation of dressy black lace toilets.

Flower bonnets are likely to be extensively worn as summer evening entertainments where a bonnet is necessary.

Foot trimmings on skirts are surely being revived, and occasionally a single founce of corded silk depicts the sea.

Poppy bonnets are composed entirely of red, black or gray poppies, with velvet petals and a few spray trailing streamers.

Although made of fine purple wool dress for traveling, silk and wool combinations are used for such toilets this season.

The bonnets of all reds are supposed to be worn out of compliment to the Princess of Wales in this, the season of her silver wedding.

A pretty feature of a cream tinted surah tea gown was a bag front, with a box plait in the center which was daintily feather stitched.

Ribbons from four to eight inches wide are now used upon hats and bonnets, and some of the arrangements are astonishing, to say the least.

Pretty frocks for little girls are made of surah or other soft silks, and decorated with smoking and torchon lace of the finest quality.

Many entire bonnets are composed of a single large bow of ribbon, with a full front of gathered velvet, lace or lisse, and a garniture of flowers.

The wrap for yachting is the naval cape, a sort of half jacket, with loose, falling sleeves, that one can slide into and out of without damage to the waterproof drapery.

The newest of the vests is of shirred tucks, made by taking a length and a half of stuff, and stitching up to the proper shortness.

Mummy cloth, made up mummy fashion, with bands of red or yellow and tortoise and drapings that more than suggest cements, is the latest effort of a daring London dress-maker.

An Indian pony sent from Texas to Milwaukee, Ky., escaped from his new owner, and three weeks later, we believe the story, was back at his old range.

Tulle, fully pleated, puffed or flounced over silk, is the favorite gown for a youthful bride, and silver and pearl passementerie are chosen for such wear in place of gold.

RELIGIOUS GLEANINGS.

The Kings Daughters now number 4,000 in the United States. The society is to have a monthly paper.

The rector of Folkestone asks for such an alteration in the Prayer Book as will make the saying of the Athanasian Creed optional. He protests against its "monstrous dogmas of the dark ages."

In establishing an order of disconnection the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States is not leading, but following. In Germany, and among the Wesleyans of England, men have for several years labored with success. Mrs. C. M. Mead contributes to the June Andover Review an account of "European Disconnections."

The general synod of the Reformed church in America, in session at Catskill, N. Y., elected the Rev. Marcus H. Hutton, of New Brunswick, N. J., as president. The introduction of a committee to amend and add to the liturgy of the church caused a lively debate and the ultimate passage of the resolution.

BASEBALL TALK.

Dunkley has played seventeen consecutive games this season without an error.

Harry Wright will push the movement for a double umpire system next season.

The "Phillies" are considered by Anson to be the best base runners in the business.

John Kelly, manager of the Louisville club, has accepted an appointment as league umpire.

The Philadelphia-Pittsburgh game which was sold on account of Gardner's playing with the former, will be played over July 18.

"Kid" Maddigan, the pitcher, has been released by the Kalamazoo club. Second baseman Day also walked the plank to make room for Childs, late of the "Phillies."

Umpire Daniels, of the National league, in case of a close play at the plate, calls out distinctly: "The run scores," or vice versa the case may be. This practice is one that all umpires might follow and give better satisfaction to their audiences.

THE ORIGIN OF THINGS.

The first daily, Frankfort Gazette, in 1613. The photograph was invented by T. A. Edison, 1877.

Theophrastus mentioned amber in his writings 300 B. C.

The first authentic newspaper was published in 1492.

The first bank was established by Lombard Jews in Italy, A. D. 898.

Aurelian was the first Roman emperor who wore a diadem, A. D. 272.

Photographs were first produced in England in 1816, perfected in 1841.

The first daily paper in the United States, The Pennsylvania Packet, in 1784.

Gutta serena was first used as a coating for telegraph wires, in Brooklyn, in 1848.

The first daily paper continuously printed in America, The Boston News Letter, in 1703.

The first academy for girls only was the Adams academy at Derry, N. H., incorporated in 1823.

LIGHT AND ARMY.

The Monkeys. Now the poor, consumptive monkey is through; shaved out.

And gaiters in the shetels by shining up a spout.

Then sit upon the curbstone shivering in the cold.

While his ancient Roman master grinds out a chestnut odd.

Oh, what a sad affliction to be chained to a thing That's sitting out "Sweet Voices" and "Spirits."

Gentle Spring—

It's bad enough to hear it while passing on your way.

But that poor monkey gets a thousand times a day.

Fed on a steady diet of "Spring, Gentle Spring."

I would not blame that monkey for doing any thing.

It's bad all that old Italian and then this out the rain.

I'd see he got a pension and a hearty vote of thanks.

—Chicago News.

Summer Life on the Hudson. Lady Fair du her summer villa on the Hudson—Perkins, have the Pinkerton guards

Perkins—Yes, madam; they are now cleaning and reloading their Winchester.

"Has the night sentinels come in from the park?"

"They have, madam, and they report that no gangs of rascals have been seen since midnight."

"Very well. Request the guards to form ranks and be ready to accompany me. I wish to walk a few moments in the garden."

—Omaha World.

The Awakening. Oh, not the night and not the storm, And not the lightning's fire.

But midnight's work, the kind, the warm, This, this awakes the fire.

—Felicite Hemans.

Oh, not the fight, the foeman's rout, The countless under fire, But going out to fair for foot, This, this awakes the fire.

—Boston Courier.

Looking Out for Number One. Bobby (whose uncle has given him a dollar—

—I wish you would give me a nickel, Uncle James, instead of a dollar.

Uncle James astonished—But, Bobby, a dollar is better than a nickel.

Bobby—That's the trouble; if it's a dollar, pa, I'll want it; if it's only a nickel, I can have it.—The Epoch.

He couldn't better to Mr. Newsgate. Hummer sarcastically to his best girl—People may sneer and laugh at my special line of work, but it brings in the dollars.

Best Girl reproachfully—I hope, Charley, you don't include me. I never think of laughing at your work.—New York Sun.

His Spring Suit. Belinda, Belinda, for charity's sake, And to my cardigan agency make, Believe my distress that is true and acute, And say in a word what you think of my suit.

Augustus, Augustus! I regret that I must reduce the fond hopes of your heart into dust, And crumble your yearnings in ruin and wreck, But your suit—

—Jesse Sittings.

About Barking Dogs. Tommy, being out walking with his mother, was much scared at a dog that barked at him.

"Why, you are a regular little coward. Don't you know that the barking dog never bites?"

"I know the barking dog never bites, but how do I know that the dog knows it?"

—The Herald.

Words and Their Deeds. Mrs. Spelling—I suppose, Mrs. Snuggs, that your daughter graduates this year.

When do the commencement exercises begin, visitors?

Mrs. Snuggs—Yes, dear Jennie will be through college next week. Dr. Firley gives the commencement sermon next Sunday.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Philosophy. This world is but a fleeting show, And no wise man would regret it, For man was made to live below, And generally he gets it.

—Somerville Journal.

A Straight Tip. Young Lady sat the room—What is meant by saying, Jack, "He looks like a dead sure winner?"

Jack—A horse that is apt to win the race.

Young Lady—How can one tell a horse looks like that?

Jack—When you see his nose under the wire first.—New York Sun.

Evidence of Genia. "Yes, several members of our family have illustrious names."

"Is that so?"

"One of my brothers distinguished himself as an author and another as a soldier."

"That's nothing. Three of my brothers are star players in the best baseball club in the country."—Lincoln Journal.

No Spooning. He held her hand and her fingers pressed, But he never spoke of love; For he was a clerk, and at her request He was trying on her glove.

—Somerville Journal.

A Terrible Disaster. Telegraphic Editor—Terrible accident! Twenty cars go through a bridge.

Managing Editor—Give it a triple head and get me some points for an editorial. By the way, what bridge was it?

Telegraphic Editor—A covered bridge.—Tid Bits.

Settled for a Moment. "There," exclaimed an inexperienced young woman at the Polo grounds, as Welch landed the ball in the pit of the batter's food department, while the latter lay down and tore up handfuls of grass, "he has hit him at last. Does that win the game?"—New York Sun.

A Bad Habit. He loved her once, or so he thought; But now he stays away. She could not possibly be taught To keep from saying, "Say!"

—Detroit Free Press.

A Meaty Conversation. "How do you feel?" asked the Mutton of the Sausage Meat.

"All cut up," replied the Sausage Meat. "How are you this morning?"

"I feel quite chop fallen."—Tid Bits.

Slow of Movement. Guest in restaurant—Waiter, where's that cheese I ordered?

Waiter—It's coming, sir, coming.

Guest—Well, I wish you would ask it to hurry up.—Texas Sittings.

Shool. Now in suburban haunts Once more begins the fun, Where bees bring up the plants Much quicker than the sun.

—Boston Courier.

HOW THEY DIED.

Henry I died of gluttony. Queen Anne died of dropsy.

Charles I died on the scaffold. Edward VI died of a decline.

Henry VIII was killed in battle. Henry VIII wasted away, as a miser ought.

Henry VIII died of carbo-nic acid, fat, and fury.

James I died of drinking and the effects of vice.

George IV died of gluttony and drunkenness.

Charles II died suddenly, it is said of apoplexy.

Henry III is said to have died a natural death.

Queen Mary is said to have died of a broken heart.

William Rufus died the death of the poor stage which he hunted.

Edward V was strangled in the tower by his uncle, Richard III.

Henry II died of a broken heart, occasioned by the bad conduct of his children.

William III died of consumptive habits of body and from the stumbling of his horse.

George I died from drunkenness, which his physicians politely called an apoplexy fit.

Edward III died of fatigue and Richard II of starvation—the very reverse of George IV.

Old Queen Bees is said to have died of melancholy, from having sacrificed Bees to his enemies.

Henry VI died in prison by means known then only to his jailer, and now only known to heaven.

William the Conqueror died from enormous fat, from drink, and from the violence of his passions.

George III died as he had lived—a madman. Throughout life he was at least a consistent monarch.

George II died of a rupture of the heart, which the periodicals of that day termed a visitation of God.

Richard Coeur de Lion, like the animal from which his heart was named, died by an arrow from an archer.

Edward I was barbarously and indecently murdered by ruffians employed by his own wife and her paramour.

Henry V is said to have died of "a painful affliction, presumably." This is a courtly term for getting rid of a king.

John died, nobody knows how, but it is said from chagrin which we suppose is another term for a dose of hellbores.

Edward I is also said to have died of a "natural sickness"—a sickness which would puzzle all the college physicians to denominate.

Henry IV is said to have died of "the cause by uncleanliness," and uncleanliness in palace in those times was a very common complaint.

DRAWING ROOM GOSSIP.

Japanese sleeping suits are new, and a sure cure for insomnia.

Spider leg style of penmanship no longer "colossal" among the fashionable elite.

Portable box rests for the right arm of the large piazza chair are something new.

Rugs made of colored matting, and intended for country houses, are reasonable novelties.

Tennis blazers recall the coat of the young man who was not nicely treated by his brethren.

Portfolios intended for summer use are in vogue enough to be exhibited on the piazza for hours.

Rugs made of matting have reached quite an artistic pitch, and are to be admired by all visitors.

Lawn racks to hold anything from a tennis racket to a garden hat are something new from the grass.

Men in tennis blazers pass for near relations of the circus clown among the ignorant and unsophisticated.

The extremely low cut waistcoat is too "Miss Nancyish" and effeminate for those we call the manly men.

They Mikado fans, made of paper, are worn in the hair by young girls who have not been released from school a great while.

It is quite a caprice for the girl of the period to wear the color of her favorite college fastened to some part of her gown.

The high black hat will prevail at Newport all summer long, and may stay at night in connection with dress suit.

Wicker, zinc lined hampers are taking the place of trunks with many ladies, and are not a joy into the baggage master.

A new perfume is named "Tuxedo," but there is not enough to make one believe it is nothing but perfume under a new name.

Sunshade handles are a succession of surprises and curiosities, and it is surmised some of the designers must be in the lunatic asylum.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Boston traded \$1,275 and Catcher Wise for Second baseman Kinsman, of the Manchester club.

Clarkson says he has not been able to grip the ball properly since he hurt his fingers at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg has signed its new men—Pitcher Staley, Third baseman Cleveland and First baseman Dextley.

Harry Wright has had over one hundred players on the Philadelphia pay roll since he became manager of the club.

There have been more successful pitchers developed this year than ever before. Nearly all the graduates from the minor leagues are doing the work. The three strike rule has helped the young pitchers.

Reckoning the season at six months, John Clarkson, Boston's \$10,000 pitcher, who will probably not pitch more than an average of two games a week during the season, will be paid the handsome wage of \$25,000 an hour, or \$5.55 a minute, for his services.

PLAYS AND ACTORS.

Mrs. Bernard-Bears, the English actress, is tall and very handsome.

Minnie Hauk has been singing "Carmen" in London, with her customary success. In November she will return to America and star in English opera, under the management of Carl Strakosch.

Clement Scott, the London dramatic critic, says "it is a positive relief to turn from all this twaddle and nonsense to the grand performance of Ada Rehan as Katharine, which is a revelation. We have seen nothing like it since Sara Bernhardt."

Mrs. John Drew, who appeared at the Arch Street theatre in Philadelphia a short time ago as Lady Thane, has been on the boards for sixty-one years. Her stage career has been longer than that of any other actor or actress in America, with the possible exception of John Gilbert.

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