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DDS AND ENDS.

A highly cultured and very popular pastor of Harrisburg bears the singularly inappropriate name of Pithul.

A lot in Denver that was purchased by an early settler for \$5 and a revolver sold the other day for \$10,000.

Miss Olive Green and Ivory White were wedded in an Iowa town recently, Rev. Mr. Black performing the ceremony.

Nine brothers and sisters from a family of ten attend the same school in Clarence, Mich. The eldest is 20 and the youngest 5 years old.

A redwood tree that was recently cut down near Humboldt, Colo., was 200 feet long and 10 feet in diameter one way and 30 the other at the stump.

A scheme is under consideration for tunneling the volcano Popocatepetl through the wall of the crater, in order to reach the deposits of sulphur inside the mountain.

An Omaha paper alluded to a number of prominent and influential residents of the city as "old timers," but the types got it "old timers," and the editor had to apologize.

The body of a squirrel burned to a crisp was found inside a glass globe of an electric lamp at Springfield, Mass., the other day. The query is, how did the squirrel get into the globe?

A man of letters—fully half of them—named Zabelcofokomomich, is getting out specimens of the cateniferous era in Schuyler county for the slight remuneration of about \$1 a day.

J. S. Marguerite, of Washington, Pa., has an English gun that was made in 1748. It was taken from the dead body of a British soldier, who was killed by the retreat from Concord, Mass., April 19, 1775.

The Pilgrim wharf at Plymouth has been used for a coal yard for years. The lease expires soon, and the Pilgrim society proposes to make some radical changes. Plymouth Rock is at the end of the wharf.

An army officer living at Orchard, Neb., is said to have discovered a plant common to the country which has the property of converting milk into butter—one pound of the former making the same amount of the latter.

There is still on the statute books in Rhode Island a law forbidding the smoking of a cigar on the main street of any city in the state, and in Vermont the smoking of a cigar on the street on Sunday is made a misdemeanor.

Says an imaginative statistician: "If Texas were a circular lake and France a circular island, the lake could be anchored centrally in the lake out of sight of land, twenty-two miles from any point on the encircling shore."

A fisherman at Orrington, Me., recently made a queer catch while fishing for smelt. During the big storm he was on the river and lost an ax and shovel through the ice. The two implements were what he found in his net so long afterward.

It is said that there is a potteries for every 1,000 men, women and children in the United States, and that if the expense of carrying the male was paid directly by the people, each citizen would pay an average of eighty-five cents a year.

Yellow diamonds are made blue of the purest water, for the time being, by being colored with a common indelible blue pencil, equalled by a rubbing with cotton on linen. A magnifying glass will fail to show the fraud, but alcohol, turpentine or benzine will wash off the color.

Broad Ripple, Ind., has a ghost. It is in the form of a woman, and walks along the railroad track, then out over the water, and disappears directly under the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago bridge. This where an accident occurred four years ago and lives were lost.

An aged preacher of Middletown, Conn., claims to have traveled 70,000 miles, preached over 4,800 sermons, performed the marriage ceremony 570 times, the baptismal ceremony 1,235 times and delivered 558 funeral discourses. The largest sum he ever received for a year's labors was \$500.

During a will contest in Baltimore county, Md., one of the witnesses testified that the deceased had on one occasion written a letter and read it to the rails in his house, warning them from the premises. He further asserted that the deceased had told him that he believed a great many of the rails had heeded the warning and left.

Deputy Sheriff Curtis, of Wallington, Me., went to Greenville the other day to arrest a man, charged with an offense. He found him, put him on the train, and then, stopping off for a moment, was left accidentally. The prisoner got off at the end of the journey, walked up to the house, pleaded guilty, paid his fine, and was back home before the deputy sheriff caught up with the facts.

A rich Philadelphia woman, noted for her wealth and eccentricity, having exhausted her finger space in displaying her jewels, wears a striking ring on one of her thumbs. Strange as it appears it is only going back to an old fashion. Two or three hundred years ago it was the fashion to wear a ring on the thumb, and the signet ring was worn on the thumb by the nobility at a time when the fingers were devoid of ornaments.

The three children of Tom Dashiell, who was near Brownell mountain, Butler county, Cal., came home from school several nights saying that some big animal had chased them. No one paid much attention to the youngsters, until one afternoon they rushed, white and trembling into the yard, and again told their story. Then their grandfather, Uncle John McGlechin, over 70 years old, grabbed his gun and walked down the road, and in less than ten minutes had shot a big cinnamon bear.

A FEW OLD PEOPLE.

Rev. James Gore, colored, died near Galtsboro, Tenn., a few days ago at the age of 100 years.

Mr. Dawson, of Marion, Ind., began marrying in 1820, and now, at the age of 73, has just married his seventh wife.

The late Mrs. Philo Scoville was the oldest woman resident of Cleveland. She settled there in 1816, and in that year was one of the chief founders of the first church there.

Mrs. Matilda Turner, a colored woman living in Pittsburg, is 105 years old. She was born a slave on a plantation in Fairfax county, Va. She shows signs of her great age, but is brisk and cheerful, and has lived to last for several years.

Mrs. Hannah Hodgdon, of Richmond, Me., thinks she stands a good chance to be a centenarian. Her grandmother lived to be 100 years old, and she herself, though 92, has never worn glasses, nor as well as ever, does much fine sewing and is remarkably well and active.

Reynold Wilkes was born in 1791 in Bedford county, Va., and married his wife, Anna Wilkes, who was born in Washington county, Va., in 1797. They were married in 1815, and settled in Washington county, Ore., in 1845, in Greenville. Wilkes is one of the pensioners of the war of 1812.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The United States government maintains complete control over the Hot Springs of Arkansas, and limits the charges for bathing.

A New Yorker who in prosperous days made a study of diamonds and was a fine judge turned his knowledge to profitable account and is today a successful buyer for a large diamond house.

The old Hohemolken curse, that no king was to be succeeded by his eldest son and the heir was to have some malformation or damaged limb, has been broken, and even the most superstitious have begun to doubt the spell.

The Warren (Dabo) Chinese mining camp is said to employ more Chinese than any mine in the country. The white miners abandoned these mines some time ago, yet some of the Chinese go home every year with from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to live in ease the remainder of their lives.

One of the most successful of orchid growers is a young New Jersey woman, who, finding herself in straightened circumstances as a city as "old timers," but the types got it "old timers," and the editor had to apologize.

Paris has 100,000 Protestants; Nimes, 20,000; Marseilles, Bordeaux, Lyons and Havre have from 7,000 to 10,000 each; Montauban and about a dozen other cities have from 3,000 to 4,000 each, and these towns churches have encouraging prospects for the future.

A New York woman, who lost her scalp by being struck by a railroad train, sued the company for damages. The case was tried four times, each of whom is devoted to show in horseplay and has secured fame through marriage. One wedded a flunkey, another a cab driver, a third a stable boy who could ride beautifully, and the fourth a hairdresser, the latter, perhaps, with a view of combining economy with happiness.

The Rothschilds are always operating in precious stones, and just now are said to be increasing rubies. The finest rubies come from Burmah, and the Burmese rubies mines are among the richest spots of the British colony of that country. The Rothschilds are, according to report, strong enough to corner the new supply, being allowed special facilities by reason of their financial hold on the British government. The poor American consumer is compelled to pay tribute to the Rothschilds' syndicate on every ruby he buys.

He Didn't Understand French. The recent sensation in France in regard to Gen. Boulanger brings out the story of Congressman John J. O'Neill's travel experiences of the past summer. O'Neill, who was with a guide, and during the tour, which consumed about two days, he passed many comments upon the rude and ignorant conduct of the French people.

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DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Queen Victoria is learning Hindostanee. Queen Christina of Spain wears an eye-glass.

Mrs. Oscar Wilde is a most charming hostess.

Mrs. Cleveland has a great fondness for diamonds.

Queen Olga of Greece usually wears dresses of blue and white silk.

Miss Louisa M. Alcott never answered requests for her autograph.

Mrs. Helen Campbell has gone to Paris to study the condition of the poor.

The new empress of Germany has an independent personal income of \$60,000 a year.

Mrs. A. H. Holloway has been given a five year contract to clean the streets of Buffalo.

Maria Mitchell, the celebrated professor of astronomy at Vassar college, is 70 years old.

Mrs. Ellen Keats Peay, who died in Louisville the other day, was a niece of John Keats, the poet.

Miss Emma Abbott says thirteen is her lucky number, and she expects some day to be killed in a carriage accident.

The widow of Gen. Thomas F. Meagher took a jubilee present to the pope from the Catholic North American Indians.

Mrs. Sarah P. Barlett, of Hopedale, is 90 years old, and has just taken her first spoonful of medicine. She has declined not to be a nurse, sprinkled with tiny silver spots, at a recent reception.

Professor Hattie Allen, who has just assumed an important chair in the medical department of the University of Michigan, is only 30 years old and is a Vassar alumna.

Mrs. Rhonda, the daughter of Thackeray, has put up a memorial tablet in Holy Trinity church, Ayr, Scotland, to her father's step-father, who was the original Col. Newcombe.

Mrs. Carnot is said to have transformed the Elysee, having beautified the former cold interior of the palace and made its reception more sought after than they were in Mrs. Grevy's time.

Mrs. Mary E. Bird, colored, who died recently, was for many years a missionary in Africa. While there she several times had as her guest David Livingstone, the great English explorer.

The actress Lotta attributes her youthful sprits in a great part to her variable habit of taking a nap between 3 and 4 every afternoon. She usually rises at 9 o'clock, and, no matter how busy she may be or how much there is to do during the day, she always manages to set aside three hours for the customary sleep.

Mrs. Helen Lockwood, of Washington, who once ran for president and is again spoken of as the female suffrage candidate this year, is giving out some ideas of the policy of which she approves by publishing her views upon the fisheries treaty, the foreign relations of the government, commercial reciprocity and international arbitration.

Mrs. Patti contributed \$4,000 to the hospital for children in Lisbon, and in return received from the queen of Portugal a full length portrait, accompanied by an autograph note, reading: "Greatly touched at your having, with your great talent, come to the aid of our cruel children, I am, dear Madam, signed, Rainha, Maria Pia Braganza."

THE LATEST IN JEWELS.

Louis XIV jewelry is still largely worn by the bon ton.

A pretty watch charm is in the form of a tiny gold ice pick.

Purses are seen made of plush, with floral designs in silver beads.

The latest ladies' shopping pencils are of gold, compactly set with turquoise.

Brooches in the form of mythological heads, of translucent enamel, are universally admired.

A new idea in Raphael's cherub, mounted in gold, as a brooch, with a chain and pin attached.

A small ball, entirely composed of diamonds, has a dazzling effect as a queen chain pendant.

Genuine English crape stone, both in bar pins and brooches, continues in the lead for mourning jewelry.

Foxtail rules have appeared in oxidized silver. They can be folded up small enough to be worn as a charm.

Among ladies' jewelry is a brooch representing a miniature gold catamaran, set with rubies and sapphires.

Eyering bangles in the form of a gold book, set with a small diamond, have been placed on the market.

An antique looking brooch is an old gold coin, over which lies a small ancient dagger, made of oxidized silver.

Old, at least, is a tiny gold mule, studded with diamonds, and having an oxidized silver harness, to be worn as a brooch.

Gentlemen's collar and cuff boxes made of Russia leather are ornamented with raised formal designs in oxidized silver.

Ornamental as well as useful for the sewing table is a silver pincushion, in the form of a small waste basket.

The calla lily in pure white, and other delicate shades of translucent enamel, is a suitable lace pin for the Lenten season.