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The Housewife's Scrap Book.

A pinch of common table salt dissolved in water will relieve a bee sting.

To cleanse shells, wash them first in cold water, and then in boiling milk.

Old boot tops cut into pieces of the required size and lined make good thick iron holders.

To prevent hair falling out, wet it thoroughly once or twice a week with a weak solution of salt water.

Machine oil stains can be removed if, before washing, the spot is rubbed with a cloth wet with ammonia.

Stoves may be kept looking nice for some time by rubbing them thoroughly with a newspaper every morning.

Kid boots may be nicely cleaned with a mixture of oil and ink; the oil softens the leather, and the ink blackens it.

A little glue dissolved in skim milk and water will restore the stiffness and luster to crapes, and make it look like new.

A good powder of snuff which will cure catarrh is made of equal parts of gum arabic, gum myrrh and blood root.

Red ants may be exterminated with sprigs of wintergreen or ground ivy; wormwood will serve the same purpose for black ants.

To keep cheese moist wrap it up in a linen cloth dipped in white wine. This not only keeps the cheese moist, but improves the flavor.

Chloride of lime sprinkled about a place will drive away the rats, mice and insects. Bits of broke glass and plaster of paris will effectually stop up rat holes.

Lemons may be kept fresh for a long time by putting them in cold water and placing them in a cool place. The water should be changed every two or three days.

An excellent aquarian cement is made of equal parts of clean sand, plaster of paris and litharge, mixed well and made into a stiff putty with boiled linseed oil.

If you are troubled with moths in your feathers boil the feathers in water for a short time; then put them in sacks and dry them, working them with the hands all the time.

Soiled white fur can be nicely cleaned by rubbing it thoroughly in white flour. It should then be hung out of doors for about thirty minutes. Repeat the process several times and it will be equal to new.

To make first class mullage get one ounce of gum arabic and 10 cents' worth of gum tragacanth; put half of each in a wide mouthed bottle and cover with a gill of water, and set in a warm corner of the stove two or three hours to dissolve.

A good frame for cooling pies and cakes is made of strips of pine and covered with gauze wire, such as is used for sieves. At each end blocks are fastened for feet to raise the frame from the table so that the air can circulate freely beneath it.

The French Government pays a sum of forty dollars for every wolf which has attacked a human being and nine were killed last year in three of the central departments of France. A reward of thirty dollars is given for every she wolf with young, and thirty two of them were killed last year. A sum of twenty dollars is given for every other wolf killed, and seven hundred and seventy-four were killed, this being exclusive of four hundred and ninety three cubs, for each of which a reward of eight dollars is given. Altogether one thousand three hundred and eighty head were destroyed last year at a cost to the Government of twenty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars in fees alone. The greatest number of wolves were killed in the Northern and Eastern Departments, bordering upon Belgium and Germany.

Of the countless good stories attributed to Artemus Ward, the best one perhaps, is one which tells of the advice which he gave to a southern railroad conductor soon after the war. The road was in a wretched condition, and the trains, consequently, were run at a phenomenally low rate of speed. When the conductor was punching his ticket, Artemus remarked:

"Does this railroad company allow passengers to give it advice, if they do so in a respectful manner?"

The conductor replied in a gruff tone that he supposed so.

"Well," Artemus went on, "it occurred to me that it would be well to detach the cow-catcher from the front of the engine and hitch it at the rear of the train; for you see we are not liable to overtake a cow but what's to prevent a cow strolling in to this car and biting a passenger."

There has just been completed in a railway machine shop at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a locomotive which it is expected will be able to pull a train on the New York division of the Lehigh road at the rate of eighty miles an hour. The great speed claimed for this engine is attained by constructing the cylinders with the steam and exhaust entirely independent. This is done by using fewer plain slide valves known as gridiron valves on each cylinder. The valves are worked by a peculiar arrangement of valve gear, in which the motion is taken from the connecting rod, and working entirely on true centers, there being no sliding surfaces; the steam valve being independent of the exhaust and vice versa, any point of cut-off or expansion can be obtained without the corresponding back pressure and over compressing, as in the link motion.

An aged negro in Texas, known as Uncle Mose, prosecuted a vagabond for stealing his chickens. The old man made out a clear case, describing his chickens as a peculiar Spanish breed, of which he was sole owner in that section. The defendant's lawyer, on getting up to cross-examine the old man, sternly said:

"Uncle Mose, you claim nobody else has any of those chickens but you. Now what would you say if I were to tell you that I have half-a-dozen of them in my back yard at this very time?"

"Well boss," responded Uncle Mose, "I should say dat ar' tref had paid you yer fee with my chickens."

"That ended the cross-examination."

A vast amount of hard work has been done this summer upon the mines of Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, notwithstanding the general business depression. A majority of the camps need more money than they have to thoroughly develop their resources, but there seems to be a tendency to do all that can be done with the capital available. This spirit cannot but bring about success and result in the growth and prosperity of the camp. It is well enough to work a dozen claims if possible, but it is far better to work one and give away eleven than to hold all and do no work other than that required by law.—Rocky Mountain Mining Review.

When Shotwell died, the boys clubbed together to buy him a tombstone. They couldn't agree upon the inscription. Fogg suggested this: "His gun never missed fire. Let us hope that he may be like his gun." But that was considered somewhat personal, and was rejected without a division.—Boston Transcript.

A man recently arrested and jailed in New York for passing upon a tradesman a five dollar Irish Republic note, such as were common in 1876, at the time of the great Fenian excitement. The note reads: The Irish Republic is indebted to bearer in five dollars. These five dollars will be paid six months after the acknowledgment of the independence of the Irish nation at the treasury of the Irish Republic.

An elderly lady near Erie, Pa. while in a state of somnambulism on Saturday night got out of a second story window, and on being suddenly awakened, fell to the ground, sustaining fatal injuries.

It is reported that the Mount Diablo Company, at Candelaria, will shortly erect a 20 stamp mill at Soda-ville, on the Carson and Colorado Railroad.

The mines at Bernice, Nevada are said to be constantly improving. Of late a rich strike has been made there. About 60 men are employed at the mill and mines.

A new vault to hold fifty million silver dollars has been completed in the treasury building at Washington.

Miss Maul Reed, the cattle queen of the Rocky Mountains, together with two cattlemen named Coghill and Taylor were all drowned a few days since, near Grand Junction, Colorado, while attempting to ford Grand river.

The Great American group of mines in the Swisshelm mountains, have been sold to some Colorado parties for \$100,000, \$25,000 of which has already been paid, the balance to be paid in either two or three months. This is one of the most important sales that has been made in the country for some months, and it is said the purchasers are going to work it for all it is worth. These claims are in an entirely new district, which gives every promise of being second to none heretofore opened in the Territory. A town site has already been laid out and a boom may be shortly expected in this new camp. Tombstone Record.

The Pike's Peak railroad, which is to be in operation next year, will probably be the most remarkable piece of track in the world. It is already operated to a point 12,000 feet above the sea level. The entire thirty miles of its length will be a succession of complicated curves and grades, with no piece of straight track longer than 300 feet. The maximum grade will be 316 feet to the mile, and the average grade 270 feet. Its numerous curves will be from 500 to 1,000 feet long.

A recent advertisement reads as follows: If the gentleman who keeps the shoe store with a red head will return the umbrella to the young lady with whalebone ribs at the slate roofed grocer's shop he will hear of something to his advantage, as the same is the gift of a deceased mother now no more, with the name engraved on it.

A South African diamond, valued at \$1,000,000, has recently been sold in London, which weighed 457 carats or 351 carats more than the celebrated Kohinoor.

The Atlanta cotton factory, which has been purchased by a syndicate of Northern capitalists, is to have its capacity doubled, and will give employment to double the number of hands. The improvements will involve the expenditure of \$150,000, when the factory will be equal to any in the South, and surpassed by but few in the country.

The wealthiest man in the world is the Chinese banker Han-Qua, of Canton. He pays taxes upon an estate of four hundred and fifty millions of dollars, and is estimated to be worth a billion taels, which in our money, would be about fourteen hundred millions of dollars.

A large cave has been discovered in San Bernardino county, California, which on examination was found to contain a quantity of honey estimated at 500 barrels and worth about \$25,000.

A Mr. Twynan of Winchester, England, records that the planting of a single grain of wheat has yielded thirty nine ears containing 2,800 grains. The three best ears had respectively 104,103 and 101 grains.

From the report of a small pox hospital near London it appears that an unvaccinated child runs a risk of death from small pox more than six times as great as the child who has undergone the Laramie operation necessary to protect him from that disease.

Michael Devlin of B. troop, third cavalry, Fort Grant, made the quickest time on record from that place to Wilcox with a six mule team. He was ordered to catch the east bound train, and only had two hours to make the trip, a distance of 28 miles, which he made in 1 hour and 52 minutes.—Stockman.

Gottlieb Crociosa German living in the vicinity of Squirrer's Mills, South Britain, was fishing yesterday in the Housatonic River. He caught a black bass weighing about a pound. He noticed that the fish looked unusually large and felt something hard in its body, on opening it what was his surprise to find a Waterbury watch in its maw.—Danbury News.

New York is arranging to try a new method of treating the insane. Under the idea that occupation is good for the diseased mind, the state has purchased a 1,000 acre farm on Long Island, about thirty miles from New York city. All kinds of useful and fancy gardening will give occupation to patients who can be trusted. The experiment will be carefully noted by other states. Without doubt the step is in the right direction.

The Atchison Globe: When there were no veterinary surgeons, diseases among stock were very few, and every farmer knew how to treat them. Now that the animal doctors are thick as berries, and Congress and Kansas Legislatures make annual appropriations to sustain a Bureau of Animal Physicians, new diseases are constantly breaking out in every portion of the country, and people are kept in a long continual scare about diseased meat.

A railroad restaurant sandwich sent among some minerals to the Concord School of philosophy puzzled that body more than a little. Finally the majority decided that it was a piece of rock of the paleozoic age, while the minority contended that it was a fragment of an exploded meteor.—Morristown Herald.

They have a good deal to pay about women's flirting propensities. But, bark ye, how many fish do you think you would have for breakfast if the fishes didn't take the bait that is dropped to them? Fishing would soon fall into desuetude or some other place, if the fisherman wasn't aided and abetted by his finny victims. Go to! Blame not the woman, but rather blame yourself poor simpleton!

Dallas, Tex., is said to be built over a grave yard of mastodons, and for five or six years past excavations for buildings have seldom failed to bring up their bones. A large number of these mastodon remains were unearthed a few days ago, and some of the bones were of enormous size.

Don't blow my son, for the greatest blowers are those who accomplish the least. An exception may probably be made, however, in case of the idiot who blows down the muzzle of a gun. He usually accomplishes something.—Oil City Derrick.

Bronze is a mixture of copper and tin, and sometimes lead, the proportions of which vary somewhat but are usually nine to one. It is often adulterated with zinc, but when this is the case the surface honey-combs on exposure.

The making of large lenses is a matter of many difficulties, as may be inferred from the fact that there have been nineteen failures to cast the thirty-six inch glass for the great Lick telescope.

Oil is now extracted from the seed of the grapes in Italy. Young grapes yield most, and black kind more than white.

Citric acid has been ascertained by Dr. Schultz to possess powerful antiseptic properties.

The Association of German Engineers number about 5100 members.

An English firm has begun the manufacture of casks and barrels of steel. They are lighter than wood and more durable.

Miss Pike who jilted Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, years ago, is reported to be much pleased with her choice. It would have been very inconvenient to have one's husband in Africa several years at a time.

Sir Henry Thompson, the London surgeon, recognizes in fish a combination of all the elements of food that the human body requires in almost every phase of life, more especially by those who follow sedentary employment. To women he considers fish to be an invaluable article of diet, but he scorns as a complete fallacy the notion that fish eating increases the brain power. "The only action fish had on the brain was to put a man's body in proper relations with the work he had to do."

The chief of a band of savages, lately imported to France for the Garden Acclimation, Paris, was, on landing at Havre, questioned by a reporter of a local paper as to whether he had ever seen any Europeans before. "Seen them! Ave and tasted them many a time," was the ingenious reply of his dusky highness.

Saratoga trunks are way off now. No young lady can visit a Summer resort and be fashionable without a Jumbo trunk. That is the latest size.—Derrick.

Nearly 500,000 interments have been made in the Calvary Cemetery, New York, since 1852.—N. Y. Sun.

A traveler through Arabia writes that when a Bedouin is asked to drink his answer would frequently be, "No, thanks—I drank yesterday." A traveler through Arizona, if he were to ask a native to drink, would probably not have the same experience.—Phoenix Gazette.

A girl at Fremont, Neb., has taken the first prize for blowing the largest soap bubble at a church sociable. And yet some persons argue that church sociables are productive of no real, lasting benefit! Young men in Fremont, when looking for a wife, will select some other girl—one less liable to "blow them up" now and then.

"How is our old friend Brown making out in the West? Doing well?"

"I guess so. He certainly must have been taking things easy from what I hear."

"What's that?"

"He's in the penitentiary for picking pockets."—New York Sun.

The King of Portugal gets a salary of \$140,000 a year. This is nearly three times as much as the President of the United States is paid, but it must be remembered that the King of Portugal, instead of getting a month off to catch thirty pound trout, is obliged to buy his fish in the markets. And nothing eats into a salary like buying thirty pound trout.—Norristown Herald.

Mrs. Day—"I suppose your dear Nellie is working hard at her studies by this time at boarding school?"

Mrs. Ray—"Yes, the dear girl writes that she is awfully pressed."

Mrs. Day—"What does she take new this year?"

Mr. Ray—"The seminary coach man."

An undertaker came into the house looking despondent, and presently tears welled into his eyes.

"What is the matter?" asked his wife. "Something gone wrong at the office?"

"You knew that Dr. B. had been sick for a day or two?"

"Yes."

"He died this morning."—N. Y. Sun.

A dry goods paper has a good deal to say about the reclassification of domestics. We do not know exactly what this means but if it will only transform chamber-maids into good cooks we will rise up and call it blessed.

A cotemporary mentions a case beyond the ordinary oculist. It is of a young lady who, instead of a pupil, has a college student in her eye.

The crew of one of the New York pilot boats observed a remarkable phenomenon at sea off Sandy Hook the other night. For a considerable distance all around the vessel the sea was red, and upon investigation it was found to be caused by myriads of worms, two inches in length and a quarter of an inch in diameter.—N. Y. Times.

Car wheels are now made of paper. These are what the boarding house keeper thinks of when she says her cook's pie crust is just like paper.

There are not more than two or three women whose wealth is greater than Queen Victoria's.

The primeval woods of Maine contain nineteen thousand square miles and still cover an extent seven times that of the famous Black Forest of Germany. The states of Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware could be lost together in a Maine forest and still have a margin of wilderness wide enough to make its explorations without a compass a work of desperate adventure.—Boston Journal.

The inventor of an electric apparatus for deaf people claims that no ear is so dead that it cannot be made to hear, and that in many cases the apparatus will cure deafness. It may be concealed in a cane, umbrella, handle, fan or any such article of convenience.—Chicago Herald.

Most of the more than 4,000 women employed in the Government service at Washington are from the Middle and New England states.

A western book agent has been convicted of assault and battery. He filled his coat pockets with rocks, and when the merchant kicked him he fractured sixty seven bones in his right leg.

London is to have an electric ballet. The stage will be darkened for a moment only to be instantaneously illuminated with hundreds of ballet girls in armor, and every point of it pricked with stars of electric light. An ingenious Frenchman is the author of this device. When he arrived at the Charing-Cross station with his ballet dresses and machinery, he was promptly arrested as a Parisian Fenian, and had to prove his connection with the theatrical trade before he was released.

Springfield Union: The campaign in Indiana has opened. One editor calls another "a bald-headed snipe, whose miserable carcass is a foul insult to the earth it fattens on." The charge of bald-headedness is one that should not be made until after a very careful investigation. A good man's character for hair should not be lightly impugned.

The reason that hogskin is used so extensively for saddles is because it is the only leather that all the stretch can be taken out of, and there is no other leather that will stand so much friction and wear so well.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Never condemn your neighbor unheard, however many the accusations preferred against him; every story has two sides.

The sugar consumption of the United States averages forty five pounds a year to each inhabitant, one fourth of all the sugar produced in the world is consumed in the United States, where the sweet tooth seems to be in every-body's mouth.—N. Y. Sun.

According to the last annual report the American Association for the Advancement of Science had 2011 members.

A German paper trade journal says that a water proof paper which will shine in the dark can be made of 40 parts paper stock, 10 parts phosphorescent powder 10 parts water, 1 part gelatine and 1 part bichromate of potash.

A new clock has been invented, and is coming into use in Europe, which is warranted by its manufacturer to run five years without either winding or regulation. The Belgian government placed one in a railway station in 1881, sealed with the government seal, and it has kept perfect time ever since.

Large consumers of ingot copper have just completed a pool for the purchase of about 5,000,000 pounds Lake Superior product, delivery to run the balance of the year at the price of 13 cents.

The first Sunday law on record was made by Constantine the Great in the first quarter of the fourth century, and ever since that time Sunday has been more or less fortified as a non secular day in Christian countries by civil legislation.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton advises billiards for girls of the period. If a girl handles a billiard cue as dextrously as she throws a stone, the man four feet to the left of her is likely to have an eye poked out.

The reason that some men love their dogs better than their wives is probably because their dogs have not lost all respect for them.—Tribune.

Said a little girl whose mother had reproved her for misconduct, "I should fink, mamma, from the way you treat me you was a step-mover."

It is stated that Bancroft & Co, San Francisco, have ready a volume of Arizona Supreme Court Reports.

Boston Post: Fiction has become to a large extent simply the vehicle of superfluities for men of all professions.

It is a wise young man who early makes up his mind that gamblers know more about gambling than he does.—Dial.

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