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Two constables near Stockton, Cal., were held up by a highwayman armed with a piece of a cornet.

SAN FRANCISCO has secured all the principal Midway attractions for her mid-winter fair, and can probably get Anthony Comstock to advertise them at the same rates he received in Chicago.

CORBETT and Mitchell are said to be looking for each other. As each prides into every corner where he expects the other not to be, there is cheerful prospect that the pair may come together.

The king of Ashantee was stoned to death in the streets of his capital the other day. "That divinity which doth hedge a king" isn't as well developed in Ashantee as in some other despotisms, apparently.

LOYD'S report is of special interest to Americans this year, as it shows that there is no nation which has made so rapid an increase in the tonnage of steamers registered during the past twelve months as the United States.

ONE Cochran knowing himself guilty of a reprehensible and despicable act, points for precedent to the prince of Wales. This settles his case. Just which way it settles it is needless to say, and respect for royalty naturally forbids.

THE question whether a sober Chinaman or a drunken American can best uphold the dignity of the United States at Amoy is a delicate one now before the administration. While a decision is pending the dignity seems to be getting the worst of it.

A WOMAN fell dead in New Haven the other day, and within a few hours three bereaved husbands stepped forward to shed a few tears at her bier. Nothing but selfishness would permit a woman to place herself in a position thus to bereave hearts by wholesale.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has given strict orders that officers in his army shall for the future play no games of chance for money. William is playing for such great stakes himself that he doesn't want to be bothered by the presence of side bets on the table, apparently.

FRANCE will be compelled to pay the piper to the tune of a round billion francs next year just to keep up its army and enjoy the privilege of making faces safely at the Germans. In their turn the Teutons are mulcted heavily for their standing army. What a glorious thing is modern civilization.

"Edith's" Taxes. The president in his message referred to "the indirect and almost stealthy manner in which a large part of our taxes are exacted." Upon which a McKinley organ observes that this is only another way of saying that under the republican system "nobody feels the burden or knows that he is taxed."

What humbug! If a man earns \$1,000 a year and pays \$100 in tax-enhanced cost of his necessary purchases he may not know just when or how each tax was paid, but he feels the loss in striking his balance for the year. A woman may not feel the loss or know that she is being robbed when a thief picks her pocket, but she knows it when she gets home.

The people of this country paid last year in duties upon woolen goods the great sum of \$34,308,000. They paid nearly \$17,000,000 in duties upon silks. Did they not "feel" the tax because they did not know just how much was duty, and how much fair cost in each yard purchased?

Out upon such a slimy and dishonest pretense! An indirect tax imposes a direct burden. It is felt though it may not be seen. If even one-quarter of our revenue were raised by direct taxation...

A MEMORY OF LOIS.

The day when Lois walked with me September skies were blue. The woodland on the wayside wall had found its autumn hue.

In gown of changing green and rose, With undersleeves of white, And bodice trim and tight.

Her low combed hair was just the shade Of fallen chestnut burrs. The cheeks of mellow astringents Are not more ripe than hers.

It scented the mushrooms showed their caps To her eyes of brown. And for one look into their depths The orchard boughs bent down.

A blossom of the early fall That later days would chill— Dear girl, somewhere those eyes must wear A gleam of summer still.

The rank weeds choke the orchard way Where once we went and came, And mosses make the marble gray That long has borne her name.

But with such still September days As Lois walked with me, She fits before my vision now, A happy memory.

—Corra A. Matson in Springfield Republican.

A "National Bouquet."

Among the many suggestions concerning a national flower, one which comes from a Vermont farmer has decided point and interest. He proposes that we shall not attempt to settle upon a national flower, but let each state choose a state flower, and have a "national bouquet," composed of all the state flowers.

Already certain of the states have emblems which would make very appropriate and pretty elements in such a great American nosegay.

Massachusetts people prefer the trailing arbutus for an emblem. California, on the other side of the continent, has by law adopted the eschscholtzia or poppy as its state flower. The cedar sprig of Vermont and the pine branch of Maine would contribute a needed tinge of green to the nosegay, while the orange blossom of Florida would lend its fragrance, and the mountain laurel of Alabama would crown it resplendently.

The goldenrod and the aster would belong to the first state which should formally adopt them, and so would the graceful shooting star of the central west and the prairie rose. There are flowers and trees enough to "go around."

A bouquet composed of all these state flowers and tree branches would grace all formal occasions and would typify the union of the states. It would say "E pluribus unum" to the ordinary intelligence more plainly than the Latin motto does.—Youth's Companion.

Horse Cures Horse.

"Of course horses cannot talk, but they understand each other just the same," remarked Peter Noell, one of the oldest and best known drivers on the Spring Grove avenue line of cars.

"For a long time I have been driving a sturdy, solid old bay. There is nothing fast about him, but when it comes to pulling he can discount any other horse owned by the company. He knows, too, when he is hitched up with a balky mate, and it is from his actions on occasions of that kind that I am convinced that horses understand each other. When he is in harness with a balky partner, he will stand perfectly still and let the other do all the prancing and kicking.

"When it quiets down a bit, he will rub his neck and puts his nose up to its ear, as if endeavoring to whisper to it. When it becomes quiet, the old fellow will make a move as if to start. If the other takes the cue, well and good, but if there is one bit of rearing or jumping he will settle back in his place and repeat the neck rubbing and supposed whispering operations. The second one is generally successful, and with a slight neigh, as if his efforts had proved successful, the old fellow starts the car all by himself. I tell you he can cure more balky horses of their bad habits and in quicker time than all the trainers in Cincinnati put together."—Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

A Bright Young Woman Student.

One of the bright Newham college girls, though she has not come out a winner, secured a pleasing triumph over a male competitor recently. She had arranged to read with one of the tutors for a particular examination, and it chanced that a young man was in exactly the same position, and the professor naturally thinking of the convenience it would be to him to take the two together appealed to the young man.

"Well, you know I do not want to be kept back. I want to make the most of my time," the man objected, but he was prevailed upon to try it for a time, and the lady willingly agreed to the proposal.

At the first lesson the young man was light and easy in conversation and somewhat discursive in his remarks to the tutor. The lady said nothing. At the next meeting the lady had a mass of information which she brought forward in a systematic, businesslike way, and the man was rather left out of the game. He did not like his position of inferiority, and very soon the arrangement came to an end, but not because the lady did not keep up with the work.—Exchange.

Chess Burton's Appeal.

Miss Clara Burton, president of the American National Red Cross, has appealed to congress for funds with which to aid in taking care of the 20,000 hungry, sick and homeless people on the sea islands.

THE CHEMISTRY OF COSMETICS.

Allegations of a Correspondent as to the Foul Makeup of Parisian Women.

The more sensible women content themselves with simply smearing some grease, cold cream or vaseline over the face and the neck. Then this is wiped off with a soft cloth, so that the skin no longer looks shiny, but there is still enough grease remaining to make the powder, which is now applied, adhere firmly to the skin.

Then for this purpose simple rice powder is used, the only damage caused is that of blocking up for a time the 550 sweat glands per square inch of the skin's surface. This of course still further deteriorates the complexion and aids to dry up and spoil the skin; so that in the morning, when all is wiped off, the unfortunate woman finds herself uglier than ever.

Also many of the well known cosmetics may be used with advantage where there is irritation or redness due to inflammation. They serve as medicaments to cure a slight skin complaint. Thus, for instance, the Lait Antepheigue, as described by Professor A. Hardy, which consists of corrosive sublimate, oxide of lead and sulphuric acid—or vitrol—or the famous Lait de Ninon, which is an emulsion of oxide of lead and subnitrate of bismuth or the Eau de Lys, which has for a base protochloride of mercury, might be used with advantage for irritations, etc., of the skin. But they are not used for this purpose, they are used to whiten skins that are in a healthy condition.

With the exception of the starch, all these are poisons, and the mercury and the arsenic are especially virulent poisons. What wonder that health fails when such things are daily applied to the skin! What wonder that teeth decay and fall out when mercury is constantly employed! Nor is even the simple rice powder always quite so innocent as it seems. Some manufacturers, to improve the effect of their rice powder, have been found to add 900 grams of carbonate of lead to 1,000 grams of rice. Rice powder and potato powder will not injure the skin very much, and for the very excellent reason that they do not resist the effect of heat, for when the glands begin to act the perspiration drives away the powder, and nature, unchecked, performs its function. Instead of being delighted that the powder has not interfered with the due performance of those functions so essential to the preservation of health, the ladies are in despair because the powder goes and the defects of their complexions are no longer concealed. Hence there is always a demand for powder that will adhere to the skin in spite of the heat, and to secure this end it often happens that rice powder is mixed with talc, or with chalk or subnitrate of bismuth, and the more successful the result the greater the injury done to the skin and the health of the person who makes use of such contrivances.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Study in Scarlet.

For a long time it has been believed that bright scarlet could only be combined successfully with dark blue or black, but the artist in colors has shown this year the possibility of the combination of bright scarlet and golden brown. A very pretty bonnet showing these colors is of bright scarlet felt, rather oval in shape and fitting the head almost like a toque. Just in front the brim is split up to the crown. The edges are all outlined with a narrow band of mink, and where the brim is cut and turned up there is placed a mink's head, which looks out with composure from under its strange surroundings.

With Again in Favor. It is curious what a power is exerted by that mysterious game, Fashion. For two or three seasons wool gowns have reigned pre-eminent for all walking and semi-ceremonious purposes, so much so that a silk one so worn looked dowdy and out of place in the extreme. The natural reaction has come, and the sheen of the lighter fabric is now in high favor, putting into a more or less displaced background the lately favored wools and cloths.

Jewish President of Each Board.

In the city of Lexington, Ky., there are about 100 Jews out of a population of 30,000. Recently at the election for the boards of aldermen and councilmen, the one of eight members, the other of 12, one Jew was elected to each board. When the boards were organized and a president chosen, the Jew in each board was chosen to fill the honorable position. There surely could be no more striking instance of how free we are here from postiferous anti-Semitism, or of the ability of Jews to earn distinction in so conspicuous a manner when the opportunity is thus offered.—American Hebrew.

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