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Lived 86 Years in One House.
Mrs. Williams, widow of the Rev. Samuel Williams, pastor of the Congregational church in the village of Cripplestyle for forty years, has died in the house in which she was born and had lived all of her eighty-six years. During this long period she had not slept away from the house more than about six times.—London Daily Mail.

He Was Literary.
"Colonel Brown seems to be very literary," remarked a visitor to the Brown household to the negro maid, glancing at a pile of magazines lying on the floor. "Yas, ma'am," replied the ebony-faced girl, "yas, ma'am, he sholey an literary. He jes' nat'ally littas things all over dis year house."—Woman's Home Companion.

These Fish Build Nests.
The Paradise fish, which incidentally is clothed in the prison garment of black and white stripes, and the Indian fighting fish are nest builders. They build nests among the mosses and grasses for their eggs. The male fishes of these species take charge of the babies, and the females have nothing to do with their babies.

Poetical Tip.
Should it be your ambition to write a humorous verse pick out an ancient subject and express in language terse. The editor may reject it if the meter's out of joint, but if you fashion it like this he'll surely see the point.

His Inspiration.
Percolium (of the Daily Bread)—"My dear, you are not only my chief incentive to work, but my lifelong inspiration." Mrs. Percolium—"I know I'm your inspiration, all right, Percolium. Whenever I mix a metaphor or make a little mistake in my grammar you turn it into a story and get pay for it."

Determined to Be in Style.
A customer in a butcher's shop stood gazing at some small alligators in an aquarium. Having turned the matter over in his mind, the customer approached the butcher and exclaimed, "I suppose a body might as well be dead as out of style. Gimme a couple of pounds of alligator."

Actresses for Japanese Stage.
Although a woman is credited as the founder of the Japanese stage, no name of an actress adorns its history—the onagata has reigned supreme. But the artificial custom of substituting men for women is about to give way to the onrush of modern actresses, and one of the most unique customs of the stage is thus threatened to be superseded by real wearers of petticoats.

Work and Sing.
Give us, oh, give, the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible to fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres.—T. Carlyle.

Our Own Business.
Whilst I do what is fit for me and abstain from what is unfit, my neighbor and I shall often agree in our means and work together for a time to one end. But whenever I find my dominion over myself is not sufficient for me and undertake the direction of him also, I overstep the truth and come into false relations to him.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

C. T. Barr Writes Interesting Letter.

Clarence T. Barr, formerly of Kingston but now of Sawtelle, California, sends us the following letter under date of Sep. 21, which no doubt will be of much interest to many old-time residents of Sierra county. The letter follows:

"Kingston, Sierra County, and New Mexico collided the other day in Los Angeles. The writer was coming up Fifth Street and had strayed out of a curiosity shop where he had just purchased a pennant inscribed the "High Cost of Loving," to send to Sierra county. Starting up again, and dodging the pedestrians we bumped up against Mr. Billy Boyle, formerly of Kingston. He did not recognize your humble scribe until I told him I was the genuine C. T. B. from the dismantled embattlements of old Kingston. Our meeting and greeting called for an adjournment to the new Rosalya Hotel, corner Fifth and Main, where we met Mrs. Boyle who had just returned from a shopping tour. Both looked natural and hold their own remarkably well. At the same place I also met Chas. Lyka, who at one time owned the Colorado saloon in Kingston and a well known mining man of early days in Colorado and New Mexico. Frank and Bob Pitcher were also there. Frank Lyons, formerly of Hillsboro, and James Conley one time of Lake Valley but recently from Alaska. I also met Adam Clark of Hillsboro and Curtis who built the McPherson corner in Hillsboro. Mrs. John Huret lives near Los Angeles, and at present Mrs. Sam Jackson both of Kingston, are visiting together, but I did not meet either of them. Wm. J. Worden, who at one time ran the old Union Hotel is at the Soldiers' Home, as is also Dugan of Rincon and Dolan, of Deming. Silver City, White Signal and White Oaks are also represented at the Home. All of these men are now aged and most of them are quite spry for mountain kids. Jasper N. McKelvey, better known as "Big Mac," owns the Pepper saloon on the water front in San Pedro, now Los Angeles harbor. J. W. Ricketts, formerly of North Percha, made a scratch in Mojave county, Arizona. He was so happy over the event that he went stonedead. He purchased a place near Signal Hill, Long Beach. Billy Boyle owns valuable mines at Chloride, Arizona, and when in Los Angeles he was closing up a deal on a side issue that will give him a raise.

Billy Sunday is now making the sinners "bite the dust" in Los Angeles at \$12.50 per head, a great reduction in combination with the high cost of living. Billy

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