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Anthracite Coal Waste.

The coal waste commission appointed to consider the question of coal waste in Pennsylvania, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Price, Eckley B. Coxe and P. W. Sheafer, has issued a circular letter asking for suggestions and information as to the best means of diminishing waste in the mining of coal in the future as well as of utilizing the mountains of culm now existing in the anthracite district. The commission consists of three of the best informed and most practical coal operators in the state. It might be supposed that these men could furnish information on the subject instead of asking for it, and so they probably can and will at the right time.

They are well enough informed, however, to realize that in a multitude of counselors there is wisdom, and their appeal to those who as well as themselves have been making a study of this subject is fully justified. The anthracite coal field is now well defined, and it is scarcely probable that any considerable new deposits of this valuable and necessary fuel will be discovered in the United States. Under the present wasteful system of mining by which scarcely more than one-third of the coal is utilized for actual use this supply will be exhausted at furthest in a couple of centuries. It is quite time therefore that some better system should be employed if possible.—Philadelphia Times.

Artificial Teeth Going Up.

"What is all this hubbub about the great advance in the price of artificial teeth?" inquired a reporter of an Auburn dentist. "Well, sir, the fact is the manufacturers are advancing the price on their goods very fast." "Is the advance in your judgment legitimate or is it speculative?" "So far it is entirely legitimate. I have been in this office thirteen years, and during that time nothing has occurred to change the price of teeth 1 per cent., but during the last few months the price of platinum has advanced very rapidly, and as there is no other known metal of which the pins can be made that hold the teeth to the plate it can readily be seen the manufacturers are obliged to advance their prices.

"At present it is difficult to see just where this state of things will lead us. All our platinum is at present mined in Russia and the production is growing less every day while the demand for it is rapidly increasing, and that too in many new industries which have not heretofore used it. I see nothing ahead but the continued advance in artificial teeth for a long time to come. At least this is the advice we are receiving from the wholesale houses every little while."—Lewiston Journal.

Convicted When Innocent.

The case of the man Borras, the victim of wrongful conviction for murder, was brought before the chamber. M. Thevenet, who was minister of justice at the time of the trial, defended his action in the matter. He expressed himself awkwardly when he said that no other criminal but Borras could be found. Nobody was wrong. The fault, if there was any, lay in the code of criminal investigation. M. Thevenet also said that Borras being only pardoned could not demand a new trial, and that in law the heirs of the murdered man Pradis had a right to bring the action in which they have just engaged against poor Borras for £4,000 damages. M. Fallieres, without actually blaming the judges, declared Borras quite innocent, and promised to do what he could in the matter.—Paris Cor. London News.

Comfort with Neglige Shirts.

Wearers of neglige shirts ought to be thankful to a New Haven man, who has hit upon a means by which all the advantages of suspenders and belt can be had without any of the disadvantages. His plan is a very simple one and consists of wearing the suspenders next to the undershirt, the silk, cotton or flannel shirt being outside. At the waist of the outer shirt horizontal slits are cut and stitched like buttonholes. Through these slits the straps of the suspenders are brought and fastened to the trousers. A broad belt or sash covers the waistband, slits and straps, and the result is a belt effect with a suspender comfort.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Real, Live, Wild Boy.

The Humane society of Pittsburg has turned up a genuine wild boy. He is colored, aged 13, and his name is supposed to be Harry Allen. He was brought from the mountains of Virginia because his parents, who lived there in a semi-civilized state, could not keep him at home. He would run away ever since he was old enough to climb up the mountain side. Sometimes he would be in the woods alone for a month at a time. He lived on berries, roots and live birds, which he could catch with the facility of a cat. These birds he always ate raw. His hands are like claws, and the pupils of his eyes dilate like those of a cat.—Exchange.

Grass Graces the Ice.

It is a most peculiar sight to see the canal boats which are burdened with ice coming down the river. There are hundreds upon hundreds of them now being hurried to the metropolis. The whole deck of the boats is covered with earth several inches in thickness to protect, as far as possible, the precious commodity from the ravages of the sun. On several of the boats which passed the city yesterday grass was luxuriantly growing from the earth which covered the decks.—Albany Argus.

Electricity Superseding the Cable.

A change, which is strongly suggestive as indicating the tendency which is now being markedly shown in regard to the street railway traction of the future, has been made on a street railway line in Omaha, where the cable has been superseded by electric cars. The company has tried both modes of propulsion, and finds electric motors are cheaper to work and in almost every way preferable to the cable.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Prominent as an Astronomer.

Dr. Christian Henry Frederick Peters, professor of astronomy in Hamilton college, Utica, who died the other day at Clinton, N. Y., was a man of great scientific attainments, and was chiefly noted for the number of comets and asteroids he discovered. He was 77 years old.

Dr. Charles W. Dullas, a prominent physician of Philadelphia, in a recent paper on the subject of consumption, points out that while in England half a century ago there were 55,000 deaths annually among 15,000,000 people there are at present, in a population of 40,000,000, but 14,000 deaths due to phthisis.

A farmer in Warwick, R. I., finding that words wouldn't induce a gang of tramps to leave his yard, overturned a hive of bees. His visitors then departed in a hurry, some of them taking with them very unpleasant reminders of the occ[illegible]

THE SWEETEST NAME.

BY CALEB DUNN.

The name of mother! sweetest name
That ever fell on mortal ear!
The love of mother! Mightiest love
Which Heaven permits to flourish here.
Dissect a mother's heart and see
The properties it doth contain—
What pearls of love, what gems of hope—
A mother's heart beats not in vain.

The words of mother! when they flow
In love's true rhetoric from her lips,
The meteor stars of sin and shame
Are lost amid a bright eclipse;
And when we walk the glittering path
Wherein temptations oft we see,
Oh, then we realize how strong
The power of mother's love can be.

A mother's love! it never wanes;
What if her boy an ingrate seems?
The beauty of that wondrous love
Around the thankless offspring beams;
Though in the path of shame he walks,
Though crime hath driven him to the bowl
A mother's care can yet avail—
A mother's prayer may win his soul.

What heart like mother's can forgive
The peccadilloes of our youth?
What hand like hers can lead us back
From sin to innocence and truth?
Oh, name of mother! sweetest name
That ever fell on mortal ear!
Oh, love of mother! mightiest love
That Heaven allows to flourish here!

HORSE NOTES.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION.

In connection with the death of the chestnut gelding Farmer Boy during the race for 2.21 trotters at the Hartford meeting, a question has arisen that will have to be adjudicated upon by the national association. Farmer Boy had just won a heat and had been brought out on the next one. His price in the books was 3 to 2 against, and a few dollars had been wagered that he would finish first in the fifth heat, when he was seized with a sort of fit and died at once. Some of those who had backed him demanded a return of their money, but Bookmaker Thomas Powers turned all that had been placed on Farmer Boy over to Secretary King, as he could find nothing in the trotting rules to guide him in the matter. The other horses had scored down once, but Farmer Boy was not with them, and the thing to be decided is whether a horse has technically started when he comes on the track in response to the summoning bell. The running turf furnishes a precedent in the rule, which fixes the beginning of the race at the moment the horse get to the post, so that it seems just that those who get on a trotter should do so subject to the same principle.

NEW TROTTING RULES.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders, held in Cleveland, Ohio, recently, new rules were adopted for the securing of standard records. The old method of trotting for "tin-cup" records was abolished. The new way provides for a standard stake, in which each horse winning a heat in 2.30 or better is sent to the stable. All records secured under the old method were good up to midnight of September 30. After that all records will be secured under the new rules, which went into effect with the first day of October. The action of the committee was unanimous.

THE SPEED OF A HORSE.

While the public is still marveling over Salvator's wonderful performance in running a mile in 135½, there are few who have through comparison and analysis, sought to realize what a terrific burst of speed this is. It is nearly forty miles an hour—a rate averaged by very few of our fastest railway trains. There are 5,280 feet in a mile, so that for every one of these ninety-five seconds—for every beat of a man's pulse—this wonderful horse covered fifty-five and three-tenths feet of ground. The shortest space of time noted by the turfman's watch is a quarter of a second—an interval so brief that the eye can hardly observe, the mind can hardly appreciate it. Yet in every one of those 382 quarters of a second that magnificent creature leaped sixteen and three-tenths feet. Such are the amazing results of careful breeding as exhibited in the American race horse. Is the human race improving in the same ratio? Scarcely.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Higher Education For Women.

Said a brilliant woman of our day: "To be a wife and mother is not the *end* of my existence; the end is to be a *woman*. I am only a wife and mother in passing." But even if wifehood and motherhood *were* the end and aim, the higher the development of the woman the better the wife and mother. Conjugal affection, material instinct, are none the less powerful when under the control of enlightened intelligence. Indeed the highest ideal of devotion is consistent with the highest conditions of culture, and she who knows most of what man knows is certainly better fitted to be his companion than is she who meets his nature only on the side of his physical comfort. For a woman to know how to look pretty, to dress tastefully, to preside graciously, to make her house charming and her home delightful to all who feel its social atmosphere; for her to be interested in her church and her charities, to like good books, to appreciate good music—all this is involved in the highest, if not in the so-called "higher" education. We mean that all this keeps in exercise and consequent development the highest part of her nature. But to know how to look pretty does not demand that a woman should know nothing else, and many a woman graduate has discovered and is ready to testify that in all things that enter into the glory of the true home life she is able to do better and to be more because of that widening of judgment and development of mental powers that came as the result of college work.—MARY LOWE DICKINSON, in *Harper's Bazar.*

CLAIBORNE, the bay terminus of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad, is quite a busy place, and promises soon to be an important oyster packing point. Several buildings are in course of erection at this time. Five large oyster houses are nearly completed. These will each have a capacity of 150 shuckers, who can get away with 1500 bushels a day, making 7,500 bushels a day.

"ONE touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Diseases common to the race compel the search for a common remedy. It is found in Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the reputation of which is world wide, having largely displaced every other blood medicine.

A THRIVING SOUTHERN TOWN.

The whole southwestern Virginia is enjoying what is called in this day "a boom," and we are hearing every day the fabulous story of fertile fields by a presto change become extensive towns. Such localities, just before the change from country to city occurs are the places to invest one's "little all," and have it after a few turnings returned to him a fortune. But we must be sure that we have picked out the right place, or our investment may lose not only the fortune but even itself.

A ride down what is now the Maryland division of the Norfolk and Western railroad shows the beautiful Shenandoah valley for almost its full length, plotted and layed off in streets, ready for the realization made by enterprising development companies. Even the staid old city of Stauton has felt the electrifying thrill of new life and has prepared herself for a second and more extended growth. Buena Vista, Glasgow, Shendun, Loch Laird, all these and more are cities that *are to be* or *may be;* but Roanoke is a city that *already is.* Truly wonderful has been its history. In 1880 but a village of 400 inhabitants, in 1885, a town of 6,000; to-day a prosperous, progressive, successful, substantial city of 22,000, and tomorrow, what shall it be? Will the causes that have brought together here millions of dollars, thousands of people, and hundreds of established industries cease to operate? In the mountainous districts of Southwest Virginia and bordering states, is an untold wealth of fuel, hard woods, ores, earths and other natural resources, which is now to be open to the world, since other similar storehouses of this country are on the decline. Roanoke is a railroad centre, close to this region and from all sides the mighty iron horse can bring in, by converging roads, the treasures of mountain and mine, to be worked up in such forms as civilization calls for. While over so many diverging roads, it can be distributed to the world. With facilites for working ores, and inventions to be used in manufactories never before possessed by any city, is it not unreasonable to suppose that Roanoke will grow as no city has ever grown?

Everyone who has visited Roanoke for the first time is surprised to find it so large a place; to find here any such business as is carried on by the Roanoke Machine Works, with a capital of five million and employing 1600 hands; the Crozer Steel and Iron Company, with a five hundred thousand capital, the American Bridge Works, the Muck Bar and Plate Mills, the Spike Factory, the Brick and tile yards; to find seven large hotels, as many banks and churches and schools and gas and electric plants, and the eager throngs that elbow their way along the busy bustling streets.

Real estate speculation is the theme on many a tongue, and the occupation of many a brain. The Roanoke Development Company, to which $1,100,000 stock has been subscribed largely by Philadelphians and Baltimoreans, is about to open up a 1300 acre tract of land adjacent to the city limits, and propose to put there at once extensive furnaces and factories, and this land bought now will sell for double and trible its present valuation. Not a few Marylanders are the fortunate possessors of some of the new lots. A Marylander from Frederick county is one of the leading men of Roanoke, and he has made some happy deals for Maryland friends. Though Mr. Jas. S. Simmons is a Western Shoreman, he would welcome as warmly an Eastern Shoreman, as your correspondent can attest.

Besides being a good place to make money in, Roanoke is a good place to live in. The scenery of the Shenandoah valley is justly celebrated—its chief attractions, the Luray Caverns, the Natural Bridge and the Grottoes being known the world over. The climate is mild and wholesome, the products of the soil abundant, and the necessaries of living plentiful and cheap.

MAC.

The Common School the Citadel of the Republic.

The common school is our chief public institution. It is the citadel of the republic, But the best institutions do not "run themselves," and the better and more important they are the more careful they should be supervised and directed. The steam-engine is a very powerful agent, but it is powerful to a good end only when it is intelligently managed. This is equally true of the common school. The republic is not secured when we have built schoolhouses and appropriated money for their support. That is only the beginning. The security of the republic is found in taking care that the school-houses are used for their purpose, and the appropriations devoted to that object. The most impregnable fortifications would be useless if unmanned, and the best appointed schoolhouses if they were empty.—*Harper's Weekly.*

When the summer's rose has faded
What shall make it fair again?
When the face with pain is shaded
What shall drive away the pain?
Never shall a blossom brighten
After blighted by the frost,
But the load of pain may lighten
And we need not count as lost

all the pleasure of life when the wife and mother, upon whom the happiness of home so largely depends, is afflicted with the delicate diseases peculiar to women. It is terrible to contemplate the misery existing in our midst because of the prevalence of these diseases. It is high time that all women should know that there is one sure remedy for all female complaints, and that is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Do not allow ill-health to fasten itself upon you. Ward it off by the use of the standard remedy. But if it has already crept in, put it to rout. You can do it, by the use of the "Favorite Prescription." It is *guaranteed* to give satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it will be returned.

For biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and constipation, take Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

GERMANY employs 5,500,000 women in industrial pursuits; England, 4,000,000; France, 3,750,000, and Austria-Hungary about the same number, and still women are the weaker sex, the lesser half, the clinging pensioners on man's beneficence.

FRANK BARTLETT, aged seventeen years, lifted 1000 pounds at the Easton fair recently. Kilrain lifted the same amount and said that it was all he felt like lifting.—*Easton Democrat.*

STARTING RIGHT WITH HIM.

A vivid blush dyed the cheek of the young girl,

Archie Psoft was about to propose.

"Sardinia," he said, "may—may"—

"Well, Archie?"

"I—I was going to say, Sardinia—I was going to say that"—

"Yes, you were going to say that"—

"Yes," he broke in eagerly, "I was going to say that I—that I"—

"Well, what were you going to say?'

"Why, I was—I was"—

Young Mr. Psoft clutched at his collar to loosen it, cleared his throat and tried it again.

"Why, the fact is"—

"Yes, Archie, the fact is"—

"That I—h'm! h'm!—I—I"—

"Yes. You—you"—

"I—I have forgotten what I was going to say."

"Oh, Archie! How could you?"

"No, I haven't!" said the poor fellow desperately. "I remember now. I was going to—to ask"—

"Yes, Archie, you were going to ask"—

"That's it! I was going to ask—Sardinia, don't you know what I was going to ask?"

"I am not a mind reader, Mr. Psoft."

"Don't mock me, Sardinia! Try to read my heart!"

"I think I can, Archie," she said softly.

"You want to ask me"—

"That's right," he said encouragingly.

"Go ahead!"

"To me"—

"Yes, yes—'to be'—go on! Go on!"

"To be your"—

"That's right! 'To be my'"—

"Your—your"—

"Yes. 'My—my'—why don't you go ahead? You're the bashfulest girl I ever saw."

"I—I can't say it, Archie!"

"Yes, you can. 'To be my'—what's the rest of it? Don't let a little thing like that fluster you. Be a brave girl, Sardinia."

"I can't say it."

"Oh, yes, you can. Speak it right out."

"You wanted to ask me to be your wife, Archie."

"There!" he exclaimed in triumph. "You see how easily it is done." And he patted her head majestically. "All you want is a little courage."

"Was that what you wished to ask me?"

"Of course it was!"

"Then why don't you do it, sir?"

"Me? Great Christopher! You know what I"—

"Yes, sir. I knew it all the time. I've known it for six months. But you've got to ask it. Get down on your knees!"

"Why, Sardinia! what's the use of my"—

"Down on your knees!"

He flopped down, and the imperious young beauty made him repeat after her the necessary question. She promised to take it under advisement, and give him a favorable answer if she found upon inquiry that he was good to his mother And then she permitted him to rise, the most thoroughly humiliated young man in America.—*Chicago Tribune.*

The Buffalo and the Great Western Plains.

When in his westward movement the buffalo came to the semi-civilized inhabitants of the Mississippi system of valleys, he brought a great plenty of animal food to the people, who had long been in a good measure destitute of such resources, for they had no other domesticated animals save the dog. Not yet firmly fixed in the agricultural art, these tribes appear, after the coming of the buffalo, to have lapsed into the pure savagery which hunting brings. To favor the pasturage of these wild herds, the Indians adopted the habit of burning the prairies. These fires spread to the forests on the east, killing the young trees which afforded the succession of wood, gradually extending the pasturage area of the wild herds until the the larger portions of the western plains eastward to central Ohio and Kentucky, probably even into the Carolinas, and southward to the Tennessee river, had been stripped of their original forests, making way for the vast throngs of these creatures which ranged the country at the time when we first knew it. With the rehabitation of the hunter's habit, and the nomadic conditions this habit necessarily brings, came more frequent contests between tribes and the gradual decadence of the slight civilization which the people had acquired.—From "Nature and Man in America," by professor N. S. Shaler, in September *Scribner.*

WHILE digging a grave in Immanuel P. E. Cemetery, at New Castle, recently, the skeleton of an immense Indian was unearthed. The frame was seven feet in length and proportionately large, and had been buried for at least 200 years. The Red Man had been buried wrapped in a blanket without coffin or box.

THE consciousness of having a remedy at hand for croup, pneumonia, sore throat and sudden colds, is very consoling to a parent. With a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house, one feels, in such cases, a sense of security nothing else can give.

Doctor—"You have pneumonia."

Patient—"Yes, doctor; but I didn't think so at first."

Doctor—"But I told you so at first."

Patient—"Yes, doctor."

Doctor (exultant)—"You see, I pneumonia you did about it."

Patient (feebly)—"Yes, doctor."

COUNTRYMAN (to hotel clerk)—"I reckon you'll have to give us another room, mister."

Clerk—"What is the matter with the room you have at present?"

Countryman—"The sign says: 'Don't blow out the gas,' and [illegible] sleep with that bright light burni[illegible] room."

THE first vote in [illegible] District of the Wilmington M. [illegible] Conference, on the question of admission of women to the General Conference was taken at Smith's Island, and stood: for 42; against 14; majority for, 28.—*Cecil News.*

THE VOTE on the advisability of having or not having woman representation as lay delegates in church councils is gradually being voted upon, and the prospects are that she will not get in.