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LIFE.

There are a number of us crept
Into this world to eat and sleep,
And know no reason why we're born,
But only to consume the corn,
Devour the cattle, flesh and fish,
And leave behind the empty dish.
And if our tombstones when we die
Ben't taught to flatter and to lie,
There's nothing better can be said
Than that we've eaten up all our bread,
Drunk up our drink and gone to bed.
—Watts

A CURIOUS WAGER.

It Developed Queer Ideas in Producing an Eccentric Costume.

A wager was made in 1806 in the castle yard, York, England, between Samuel Whitehead and Thomas Hodgson, as to which should succeed in assuming the most singular character. Umpires were selected whose duty it was to decide upon the comparative absurdity of the costumes in which the two men were to appear. On the appointed day Hodgson came before the umpires decorated with bank notes of various values, his coat and vest being entirely covered with them. Besides these he had a row of five guinea pieces down his back, a netted purse of gold around his head, and a placard on his back bearing the legend, "John Bull."

Whitehead came on the scene dressed like a woman on one side, one-half of his face painted and a stocking and slipper on one foot and leg. The other half of his face was blackened so as to resemble a negro; on the corresponding half of his body he wore a long tailed linen coat, his leg on that side being encased in half a pair of leather breeches and a boot with a spur. He wore a wig of sky blue braided down his back and tied with yellow, red, and orange colored ribbons.

One would naturally fancy that he presented the most singular and ludicrous appearance, but the umpires must have thought differently, as they awarded the stakes, some twenty pounds, to Hodgson.

How a Bill Becomes a Law.

Considering the number of laws enacted by each successive Congress, it might be imagined that the process was simple, whereas it is long and complex. To introduce a bill is but the work of a few minutes, and then it is referred to a committee. From the committee it is reported to the House, let us say, and is debated. If it is passed, it goes to the Senate, and through a similar ordeal.

After a bill has run the gauntlet of the two Houses it is publicly signed by each presiding officer and taken to the President for his approval. He has ten days, not including Sundays, in which to examine the bill and make up his mind. If nothing is heard from him by the end of that period the bill becomes a law without his signature.

Should he disapprove or veto a bill, he sends it back to that branch of Congress in which it originated, stating his reasons in opposition, and then the measure is again referred to a commitee and undergoes much the same experience as it did at first, with this important difference, that it must be voted for by at least two-thirds of the members of each House in order to overcome the objections of the chief magistrate.

Only very strong public sentiment will develop sufficient votes to override the President's veto, and this right gives him almost equal power in legislation with Congress. Should the President decline to sign a bill, and Congress adjourn before the expiration of the ten-day period, it receives what is popularly known as a "pocket veto."

After a bill has been approved by the President, the Department of State causes it to be printed and promulgated. Not the slightest variation is made in printing the new law; even mistakes in the spelling and punctuation are carefully copied.

Many people would think this a foolish practice, but it is a very wise practice, after all, for were the Secretary of State given permission to revise the language of a bill, he might make changes in wording and punctuation that would completely overturn the intentions of Congress when the bill was enacted. Millions of dollars are involved, and grave constitutional questions arise on the insertion or omission of even a comma.

Marked Men and Their Manners.

There are at least three New Yorkers who would find it impossible to travel incog, on the elevated roads. They are Jay Gould, George Gould, and Colonel F. K. Hain. There is not a guard, conductor, or ticket "chopper" on the entire system who doesn't know each and all of them by sight.

Let one of them enter an elevated train and the guard at either end of the car in which the magnate happens to sit instantly drops his habit of mumbling inarticulate gibberish and announces the names of stations in faultless elocutionary style.

When either of the Goulds or Colonel Hain leaves the train the guard on the platform always makes a pull at his cap, by way of salute. Both the arch-millionaire and his son invariably acknowledge the salute by raising their hats. Sometimes Colonel Hain does so, too, and sometimes he doesn't.—New York Times.

Transmission of Sound.

The following beautiful experiment, described by Professor Tyndall, shows how music may be transmitted by an ordinary wooden rod.

In a room two floors beneath his lecture-room there was a piano, upon which an artist was playing, but the audience could not hear it. A rod of deal, with its lower end resting upon the sounding-board of the piano, extended upward through the two floors, its upper end being exposed before the lecture table. But still not a sound was heard. A violin was then placed upon the end of the rod, which was thrown into resonance by the ascending thrills, and instantly the music of the piano was given out in the lecture-room. A guitar and harp were substituted for the violin, and with the same result. The vibrations of the piano strings were communicated to the sounding-board, they traversed the long rod, were reproduced by the resonant bodies above, the air was carved into waves, and the whole musical composition was delivered to the listening audience.

TYRANNIES OF AUTHORITY.

It is Despicable At All Times and Makes People Miserable.

In presence of a domestic tyrant who boasts, and with reason, that his word is law in his own household, the children are broken-spirited and cowed; his wife addresses him with a deprecating smile. Even the dog flees from him. Perhaps he is a hypocrite as well as a tyrant; in that case his "company manners" are graceful, soft, gentle, and his flattery is as thick and slab as butter and honey mixed together. Women are seldom of the latter type. They rarely disguise themselves so well. When a wife has the box seat and holds the reins, says Queen, the world knows pretty well what the condition of things really is. Despising the man whose place she has usurped, she is at no pains to conceal her contempt. She opposes him sharply; contradicts him flatly; looks him down at his own table. She interfers with his every action; forbids him to smoke; insults his friends; sends him out or keeps him at home, as she thinks best; despises his pursuits, and, when she can, takes them from him. His pet dog she banishes; his favorite books she puts away; if he is fond of gardening, she digs up and turns over his flowerbeds for a tennis ground; if he is an adept at tennis, she breaks up the court to make a rose garden. Nothing is too small for her to notice. The whole family suffers equally with the unfortunate husband. Her children are trained and managed till they have not a spark of naturalness or spontaneity left in them. In whatever they are doing, she must interfere and ordain. At croquet she tells them where to send the ball; at tennis she makes them nervous by shouting out unfriendly commentaries on their play; at the piano she objects to their fingering. She is always changing her servants, with whose work and methods she interferes till they lose their patience. She is the scourge of the family quite as much as that more brutal-natured man; there is not a pin's point to choose between them. Each is detestable after the law of his or her kind, and the tyranny of a woman is to the full as ill to bear as the tyranny of a man, and perhaps it is more annoying because more incessant. Besides these two tyrannies of authority are others which rule the family and make every member impartially miserable. Look at the tyranny of children—how they take the very life out of a gentle mother? Their tempers, their demands, their wishes, their dislikes, all rule the order, the common life of the house, and everything and every person must give way to them. Tyranny is hateful at all times and in all circumstances; but the tyranny of the young brings with it a bitter taste of mockery and unfitness; and the sense of more than ordinary topsy-turveydom associated with it gives it a grim grotesqueness that is half its unpleasantness.

A Hint to Tailors.

A Parisian tailor has discovered a new way to obtain ready cash for goods supplied, but unluckily for the artist in cloth the first experiment made did not turn out an unqualified success. Recently a prosperous painter gave the tailor a large order for clothes, the bill to be paid in January. In the course of time the outfit was ready, with the exception of an overcoat, and the other articles were sent to the artist, who went about in them. Meanwhile the overcoat was finished, and the tailor was hurrying with it to his customer when he met a friend or colleague, who, on hearing the name of the painter, said that the individual in question was a bad payer of tradesmen's bills, who would never disburse the price of the outfit.

This piece of information worked a change in the sartorial mind, and instead of continuing his journey, he returned to his shop and devised his singular plan. He wrote to the artist asking him to send or bring the clothes, so that he might mark the name of the maker on the inside of the coat collars. The artist complied with the request, and, wearing the clothes he presented himself at the shop.

No sooner had he entered than he was seized and stripped of coat, jacket, vest and trousers by the tailor and his assistants—the undressing having been accompanied by such nimbleness and celerity that the victim had not time to make a fight for his new habiliments. The master tailor then lent his customer an old suit of clothes, remarking that he could not give credit to perambulating impecuniosity.

The artist protested emphatically against these extraordinary proceedings, and walked straight out of the shop to the office of a police commissioner. To this functionary he unfolded his strange story, and took out a summons against the tailor. The police official, however, succeeded in affecting an arrangement between the two, the painter having proved to the too eager tailor that he was by no means so poor a person as to be unable to meet his clothes bill when it became due.

Marriage Insurance.

Jersey City boasts of a marriage insurance order. Membership is open to any unmarried man or woman upon payment of eight dollars down and a promise to pay one dollar monthly dues. When members furnish proof to the corporation that they are married, an assessment is levied upon all the other members, and the amount is paid to the newly wedded couple, less ten per cent, which is retained as a sort of sinking fund, but in no case is the dowry, as it may be called, to exceed five hundred dollars. Members are permitted to marry any time after becoming subscribers. After that all they have to do is to furnish proof of marriage, and then wait three years to get the five hundred dollars; or the money may be drawn at the expiration of eighteen months, on condition that prospective dues and assessments for the entire three years are all paid in advance.

Unsafe Money to Carry.

My father was once with his ship at Rangoon. One day during a heavy thunderstorm he was driving in a cab to his agent's when he saw a coolie (porter) drop down in the street. He got out of the cab and went to the man, but he was dead. There was a burned patch on his waistcloth, on the right side, and some blackened copper "pice" lay on the ground. The man had just received them for carrying a load, and as the clothes of the poorer natives of India and Burmah have no pockets, he had twisted them into his waistcloth, and this money must have attracted the lightning. But the most curious part of it was that the queen's head on one of the coins was clearly impressed on his side, and even the words "Queen Victoria" were well defined.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

It Sets People Talking.

A PERSON WHO CAN'T

HOLLER

WHEN he knows he has a good thing, is deficient in either wind or wisdom.

I Lift Up my Voice

to announce to you that I have

The Best, the Nobbiest, the Cheapest Line of Mens, Boys and Children's Suits, and Mens and Boys' Overcoats for Fall and Winter Wear,

ever shown in this county. Also, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods to suit every condition and fill every want of mankind.

I have a good thing, and I want everybody to know it.

Take my word for it only just long enough to come and see my stock for yourself; that's all I ask; there can be no risk; the people are already all talking about my low prices.

Joe L. Marx,

Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher.

Oct 8

NEW FALL WRAPS FOR LADIES, MISSES, CHILDREN.

WE have now on display a very choice stock of

Plain and Fur-Trimmed Garments

of the latest and most fashionable styles. The assortment comprises the

New Cloths, Cheviots, Camels' Hair, Bedford Cords, etc.

WE kindly ask an ample inspection before purchasing, guarantee all our prices to be positively the lowest, claim these Coats to be the best-fitting in market.

E. GROSS & BRO.

Oct 8

OUR STORE

Is not the child of chance, but the ripened fruit of

TRUTH, INDUSTRY AND ACCOMMODATION!

Truth—in the fulfilment of our obligations!

Industry—in our tireless effort to please!

Accommodation—in our endeavor to do all for our customers they cannot do for themselves!

We announce a continuance of our great sales in

Dry Goods,

Dress Goods

—AND—

Milinery,

and that we are better than ever prepared to promise delightful surprises in each department.

We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style!

Best in Quality!

Lowest in Price!

Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of uttermost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,

FROSTBURG, MD.

April 23

Upsetting Their Calculations.

The late Dr. Yandell was fond of telling the following joke: A lady patient one morning greeted him with the remark, "Doctor, I had such a singular dream about you last night." "Indeed. What was it?" "Why, I dreamed that I died and went to heaven. I knocked at the golden gate and was answered by Peter, who asked my name and address, and told the recording angel to bring his book. He had considerable difficulty in finding my name, and hesitated so long over the entry when he did find it, that I was terribly afraid something was wrong; but he suddenly looked up and asked, 'What did you say your name was?' I told him again. 'Why,' said he, 'you've no business here. You're not due these ten or fifteen years yet.' 'Well,' said I, 'Dr. Yandell said——' 'Oh, you're one of Yandell's patients, are you? That accounts for it. Come right in! come right in! that man's always upsetting our calculations in some way.'"

Jolly Congressmen.

Congressmen have queer appetites, and sometimes evince tastes not known to the epicure. At the older hotels in Washington, a fourth meal known as supper is served from nine o'clock to midnight, and this often becomes the jolliest feast of the day. Where a number of Congressmen are housed at one hotel, they form a large supper party, and from the hilarity that reigns a looker-on would imagine they were imbibing champagne or other exhilarating liquids without end. Often, however, if you could look over their shoulders, you would be astounded to see every one of those Congressmen eating bowls of innocent mush and milk. Another Congressional food is apples. It is a very familiar sight during the sessions of Congress to see a member of the House open his desk, extract a rosy apple, bring out a large jackknife from his pocket, and then seek the seclusion of the cloak-rooms to devour the feast.

A Desirable Possession.

The boy had been sitting for three hours watching the bob on his fishline when the man came along. "What are you doing there?" said the man. "Fishin'," said the boy. "Got anything?" said the man. "Yep," said the boy. "What?" said the man. "Patience," said the boy; and the man offered him four dollars a week to come down to the railroad office and answer questions.

A parish beadle was once much exercised at the appearance of a strange old gentleman, who, when the sermon was about to begin, took an ear-trumpet in two parts out of his pocket and began screwing them together. The beadle watched him till the process was completed, and then whispered, "Ye mauna play that here; if ye dae I'll turn ye out."

Sunburn can be routed by using a mixture composed of six grains of borax, one ounce lime water, half ounce of oil of jasmine and oil of almonds.

Roughness and coarseness of the skin may be removed, if not the result of disease, by daily friction with mild unguents.

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OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side Boards, Hall Racks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this Furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet uninjured, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

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STAPLE AND FANCY

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Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.

March 29

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You want the risk taken, too, by a standard company, such as D. P. MILLER, of Cumberland, represents. Any policy is good until a fire occurs, but then it is you want a pledge of indemnity worth its face in gold.

Rates not quite as low as wildcat figures, but the lowest consistent with certain and perfect iddemnity in event of loss. Apply to

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Price, - - - - - $1,000.

D. P. MILLER,

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

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Aug 20

—THE—

First National Bank of Frostburg, Md.

THIS BANK, located in the Thomas building, near the Post Office, is doing a

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" " " " Beall "
" " " " Orman "
" " " " Welsh Hill.
" " " in Grahamton.

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March 5

Lots for Sale.

TWO of the finest **BUILDING LOTS** in Frostburg; opposite the residence of Mr. James Dando; 50 by 150 feet; the best sites for homes in that section of town; cheap at $200 each, but can be bought for much less money, with reasonable time given on a portion of the purchase money; title guaranteed. Call at the JOURNAL OFFICE,

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—OF—

GEHAUF & MAYER,

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Parlor, Bedroom, Library and Kitchen Furniture.

IN THE UNDERTAKING DEPARTMENT our facilities are unsurpassed. We are prepared to conduct BURIALS in a most satisfactory manner. All MODERN UNDERTAKING appliances. Competent management guaranteed. Metallic, Cedar, Walnut and Oak CASKETS and COFFINS, and a full line of BURIAL GOODS always on hand, and in quality second to none. Throughout this and all departments of our business we aim to be prompt, considerate, thorough and reliable.

Prices Reasonable.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. Telegraphic orders promptly attended to.

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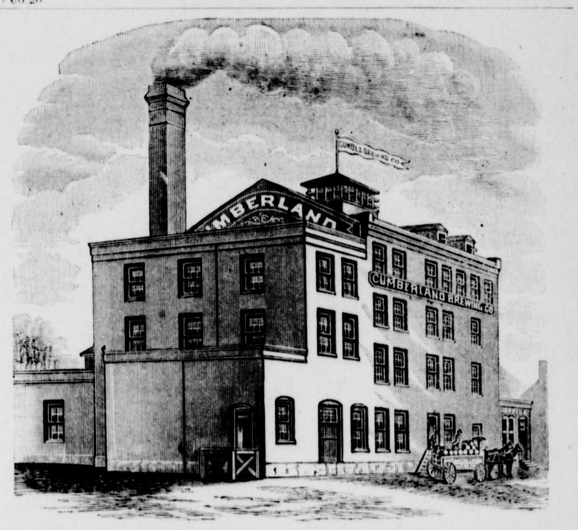

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Sold by all grocers.

Oct 31

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CANNED GOODS

Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *fac-simile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Turner

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]