

The Democrat

DECATUR, IND.

THE Cherokee Strip wasn't dirt cheap.

"That just fills the bill," said the robin as he seized a fat worm.

JASON says some people never know what they didn't want until they have to pay for it.

In these days of doubt and distress put your money where it will be safe. Now is the time to subscribe.

EVERY if a woman knows herself to be less beautiful than others she never forgives a man for knowing it, too.

GERMANY is said to have 80,000 stutters. The German language always seemed to us very hard to master.

The first milk cow came to this continent in 1499. Now, in the United States, there are 16,019,591 valued at \$346,000,000.

THE death of a Bismarck is recorded. The Bismarck is still alive and lusty. The difference in the articles will be readily recognized.

A MILWAUKEE man drew all his money from the bank, in order to be on the safe side, and lost it on the way home. Paste the moral in your hat.

SOCIETY EDITOR—"Here is a woman writing to us to know if a grass widow ought to wear mourning." Boss editor—"She might wear a green lawn."

THE Arabs have a superstition that the stork has a human heart. When one of the birds builds its nest on a house-top they believe the happiness of that household is insured for that year.

THEY are trying to do away with elaborate and expensive funerals in Pittsburgh. If they do they'll sacrifice the only source of excitement and diversion left to the inhabitants of that sleepy old town.

THE rich farming lands and the fine climate of Montana and Washington are likely to attract a large immigration the coming year. The new railroads have opened up immense belts of fine country.

HENRY W. SCOTT, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, is believed to be the youngest judge in the country. He is only 28 years old. He was Register of the Land Office at Larned, Kan., at 22, and has already written several standard legal works.

In a printed card of regulations for public information issued by the Wells-Fargo Express Company in the early '50s the last regulation read: This company will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by fire, the acts of God or of Indians or any other public enemies of the Government."

For the first time the women of Connecticut have taken part in the elections for school boards. Of the 327 women who registered 264 voted. Most of the voting women were of old New England families, the foreigners taking no part in the innovation. In one family five women voted and no two of the tickets were alike.

LOUISE DE LA RAMEE, more widely known as "Ouida," has told how she got her knowledge of the language and habits of men about town, which is displayed in her novels. She invites young gentlemen of sporting proclivities to dine with her, and when the meal is over she tells them to talk, smoke and drink just as if they were at their clubs. They usually comply with the request, and she thus gathers a store of more or less edifying anecdotes, risky stories and double entendres for her next book.

ST. HELENA is again the prison of royalty. Dinizulu, the son and heir of Cetewayo, the Zulu king, and Undabuko, brother of the same monarch, are kept in captivity there by the British. Owing to the climate, which is much more severe than that of South Africa, the two Zulus have to wear blankets or some other heavy covering all the time. Their health is bad, and it is not believed that they will ever leave their island prison alive. The English Government probably does not intend that they shall.

ALEXANDER ZEDERBAUM, who has just died at St. Petersburg, was the editor of a remarkable newspaper, the Hamelitz. It is a daily paper printed in classical Hebrew, stock reports, money market, political news, and all. Zederbaum was born in Poland and was originally a tailor. He educated himself, and having acquired some money, started the Hamelitz as a weekly. Ten years ago it became a daily, and as its circulation was over all Europe among the Jews, its proprietor made a fortune.

THE "pet name" is disappearing from the face of the earth. In a large hotel this summer, where there were a large number of children, there were Daniels, Samuels, Marthas and Emmelines, without one "ie" in them all. The antiquated titles of the first half of the century are

resurrected again as in this case, and no attempt to soften them. The Eloises and Lellias and Mauds are likewise dying out. It will not be long, at this rate, before one can tell a body's age by the name he bears, they belong so completely to periods.

MANY a failure could be averted by not being in too great a hurry to establish a business. The best way is to start a business in the most modest way, on the creep-before-you-walk plan, and not be in a hurry to become a merchant prince. If you make a thousand dollars clear profit the first year, live closely and frugally, regulate closely every expense connected with your business, and put every dollar of that thousand that you can spare right back into your business. Don't put it into clerks and assistants, but into stock. Work like a demon yourself, and do with as little help as possible.

CANON FISHER, of Bourneouth, England, is violently opposed to Sunday newspapers. He has been complaining of the tendency of these unduly journals to keep people away from church, and adds that "the sea and cliffs are tempting enough to keep many persons from divine service, and we do not want the Sunday papers to increase the temptation." This deliverance prompts Mr. Labouchere to remark in Truth that the cause is a hard one. "Against God Almighty and the newspapers combined," he asks, "how can even the most eloquent dictionaries of the church hope to hold their own?"

YOUNG and growing persons should not use tobacco in any form. The use of cigarettes by boys cannot be too severely condemned. Here is what an eminent medical man says on the subject: "The evils of tobacco are intensified a hundred-fold upon the young. Here it is unqualifiedly and uniformly injurious. It stunts the growth, poisons the heart, impairs the mental powers, and cripples the individual in every way. No boy can begin the practice of smoking without becoming physically, mentally and morally injured by the time he is 21. Sewer gas is bad enough, but a boy had better learn his Latin over a man-trap than get the habit of smoking cigarettes."

THERE has been talk from time to time of the clubs of New York taking the reform in hand and setting the example of giving no tips, but they have done nothing. The average man takes the line of least resistance, hates to be considered mean, and falls in with the social habits of his environment. It is useless to look for action on the part of receivers of tips, though in reality they suffer pecuniarily by the custom. Moreover, they are hurt in character and standing, since the tip, being a gratuity in form, reduces them from the position of self-respecting, wage-earning workers to the status of takers of alms. But apparent individual interest outweighs all such considerations, and, besides, concert of action among waiters and other servants of a whole country is not to be expected. The remedy lies only in a growth of public opinion that will make the giving and the acceptance of tips equally discreditible. And the tip is discreditible, since it renders the receiver less of a man and the bestower less of an American.

SAYS the Chicago Herald: There is every reason to believe that some one has been trifling with Emigration Commissioner Senner, of New York. He has received a letter purporting to come from a Chicago man, who declares that he wishes to be put in communication with some immigrant girl, with a view to marriage. This letter, if genuine, would indicate that there are in Chicago no girls worth marrying. Such a proposition is, of course, ridiculous and insulting. Chicago girls are known far and wide for their wit, their intelligence, and their good looks. They are, indeed, the greatest glory of the city. Their accomplishments are not limited to the fashionable arts. They have been brought up practically. They can not only play the piano, but they can cook a dinner. They are equally at home discussing the music of the future and sewing on shirt buttons. They are healthy, handsome damsels, with lungs expanded by the air of the prairies, and with intellects broadened by liberal education. They are, as a matter of fact, and to put it plainly, world-beaters, and no man in his senses would go to New York or anywhere else to look for a wife after seeing the modest yet independent maidens of this town. Some one is having fun with Mr. Senner.

ODD Customs. Pledging one's health was formerly done by the man sitting next the drinker standing up beside him with a drawn sword, in order that no one should stab him while his hands were holding the cup.

The Dajak of Borneo never bury a dead member of his tribe until the slave can be produced, who is beheaded at the interment or cremation, to attend the deceased in the next world.

Greeks, on the loss of a relative, abstain from wine and agreeable food, look off all ornaments, dressed in coarse black stuff, shaved the head and rolled in the mire or ashes.

In some parts of Ethiopia men present themselves entirely without clothes before a person to whom they wish to pay especial reverence, in order to show their humility.

It is pretty safe to wager that if you saw the Cherokee Strip now you wouldn't discover any bare spots worth mentioning.

The steward that bolts much wastes the flavor.

THE FIELD OF BATTLE

INCIDENTS AND ANECDOTES OF THE WAR.

The Veterans of the Rebellion Tell of Whistling Bullets, Bright Bayonets, Bursting Bombs, Bloody Battles, Camp Life, Festive Bugs, Etc., Etc.

Who Wear the Badge? Who wear the badge of Grand Army? The men who marched away from the North the bugles blew the signal for the fray. When down from the ramparts' walls, Disgraced, "Old Glory" came. And heroes sprang from far and wide To save the Nation's name.

They were the brave who fought and bled For their fair Southern land. Who stood at Antietam's bloody ridge, And stood at Malvern Hill. They wear it who, for fire and smoke, Climbed cloudward to the crest Of Lookout grim, and waved our flag Above its eagle's nest.

It shines upon the breasts of those Who stood on Shiloh's plain. Or charged thro' Chickamauga's wood. And the leader's hand. They cherish it as they do our flag That grand and deathless day In victory wave over our heads Mid flames in Mobile Bay.

They wear the badge who thro' the South With Sherman carved a track. Or on the plains of Gettysburg, Guided Picket's legions back. They proudly wear the star who marched With Grant, the sullen man, Or through the fair Virginia vales Lode fast with Sheridan.

Deep in the Wilderness they stood And gravenly met their foes; They saw their gallant comrades die Where fair Southern flows. They drove the flying fox to his den, And caught the apple tree. Forever lost, they saw the dawn - The cause of Robert Lee.

The comrades of the gallant men Who wear the badge today Are sleeping in the silent camps Among the shadows gray. No more for them the drums are beat, No more the bugles blow. Beneath the long and tender grass They sleep in many a row.

They sleep in peace, those comrades dear, Beneath the orange tree; They lie in dreamy slumber where Eolus on the restless sea. Their work is done; the land they saved With their fair Southern flow. A deathless chapter proudly weaves For all the dead in blue.

All-honor to the man who wears The ribbon and the star! We know that for him and he braved The hellish front of war; A pioneer badge was never worn Among the shadows gray. Who fought against the gay.

So let them march along the street, Where myriad banners wave; They are our veterans, and they grim, They are the Nation's brave. Ere long the last will seek the camp Beyond their battle graves. That silent camp which waits for all Beneath the misty pines. T. C. Harbaugh.

Fraternity Along the Rappahannock.

ONE foggy morning in the winter of 1862-63 my comrade thought he heard the sound of oars on the river, and gave the usual challenge. The answer came back through the darkness and mist, for he could see none. "I suppose I am what you would call a rebel, but I have no arms, and I want very much to ask a favor of you." "What is it?" asked the Yank. "My mother died a few days ago," came back. I have a sis or living in Illinois, and I have written a letter to her, telling all about mother's death and mother's last message to her, and I want you to forward the letter; I have it here unsealed and you could do it if you wish to see that it is all right." The picket hesitated—it might be all right, and it might not—but the invisible stranger pleaded so hard, and in such tone, that his heart was touched, and his better nature ruled. He answered: "If you have no arms you may come ashore." The sound of oars was again heard and picket watched eagerly in that direction. At length he saw a boat containing a single man in gray, coming through the fog. The visitor landed, and handed the letter to the picket. By this time the latter had full faith in the former's story, and did not care to read the letter. The two enemies thus strangely together were having an interesting chat over war matters, when the corporal of the picket came along and could do no less than take both of them into custody, as the picket had disobeyed positive orders. They were taken before the General commanding the division, when the picket told his story, saying he alone was to blame, but the story of the man in gray aroused his sympathy, and he allowed him to come ashore with the letter, and that with the promise that he should go back in safety to his own side of the river. He handed the letter, still unsealed, to the General in proof that there was nothing wrong in it. The General did not wish to read the letter, but told the picket that this was war, war was necessarily cruel, and it would not do for a soldier to allow his sympathies to be worked upon; that he was wrong had been done this time, but he must be more careful or he would not only get himself into trouble but might be the means of bringing disaster upon his comrades, and even upon the army. He then informed the foeman that the letter should be forwarded to his sister, and ordered the corporal to take the two men back to the picket post, place the picket on duty again, and allow the enemy to return to his army. The corporal obeyed, and the picket had the satisfaction of having performed a kind deed to the foeman, of seeing his friend recross the river, and of witnessing the cordial welcome which he received from his own comrades when he arrived there.—Blue and Gray.

Portable Iron-Clad Breastworks.

While search was being made of the passengers on the Central railroad train, one evening in June, 1863, a soldier noticed that a lady's dress appeared more full breasted than it naturally should be; and his quick eye also detected the fact that the artificial contents of the lady's bosom were pressed out against the folds of the dress, so as to make it almost certain that pistols were there. He was a very polite soldier, and in a most gentlemanly manner approached the lady and said:— "Madam, I want those revolvers." "Sir," she replied indignantly, "I am a respectable woman, and have no revolvers." "Madam, again said the soldier, very coolly, "I wish you would give me those revolvers," pointing to her bosom. She again denied that she had any; whereupon, without further parleying, the soldier, in discharge of his duty, thrust his hand into the place of concealment and drew out a revolver, and kept on repeating the operation until seven capitol were taken from her sacred bosom. He then, with the pistols, he politely remarked to the fair but utterly discomfited deceiver, "Madam, your breastworks seem to have been iron clad."

An Incident of Shiloh.

The veteran Col. Reynolds of Madison was one of the bravest men Wisconsin had in the war. The colonel was under arrest for some trivial matter at the opening of the battle of Shiloh, being major at that time. Without a word to ask for release, he seized a shillalah and took command of the regiment after the field officers had been disabled and caught as they lay in any man on that bloody field. Grant saw him with his peculiar weapon and asked, "Who has command of this regiment?" "I have that honor, General." "Where is your sword?" "You have it, General."

Grant then remembered that the major had been arrested. Those who saw Grant say a tear rolled from his eye as he said: "Major, you are released. Your sword will be sent to you."—Texas Siftings.

Uncle Sam's Auction House.

An interesting portion of the dead-letter office is the room in which an accumulation is made of those articles on which an insufficient amount of postage is paid, or which have been incompletely or wrongly addressed. It is a most heterogeneous collection, ranging in kind from skulls to confectioes, and in value from one cent to \$1,000. Sales of these articles are held annually, after they have been held for claim for over two years, and after every effort has been exhausted to find the owners, the parcels become matters of public sale. Most of the packages contain articles of too small value to be sold separately, so parcels containing the contents of several packages are made up and sold at an average price of 60 cents each. The attempt is made to have the articles in each package worth that amount. In kind from skulls to confectioes, and in value from one cent to \$1,000. 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