

No less than 1,102 persons met with an untimely end in Berlin during the past year, 44 of whom committed suicide. Of this last-named figure 182 died by hanging, 45 by shooting, 105 by drowning and 82 by poisoning themselves.

A new journal, called the *Honey-moon*, has appeared at Brussels. The editor announces that he has secured the co-operation of a doctor of law and of an experienced genealogist. The business of this last functionary will be to find illustrious ancestors for those who think their prospects of marriage will be thereby improved.

By the tearing down of an old house in Charlotte, N. C., a letter written twenty-five years ago, and describing the tender emotions of a citizen of Charlotte on the eve of his wedding, has been found. The old man had quite forgotten the letter, and now wonders how he could ever have been guilty of such sublime nonsense.

COL. PRESTON JOHNSTON, a son of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, is reported by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Field as saying of the battle of Shiloh: "When my father was shot, and fell from his horse, he had gained a great victory; and if he had not been killed at that critical moment, in two hours more he would have captured Gen. Grant and his whole army."

It has just been discovered, so it seems, that there are no earthworms in the soil of Manitoba. This must be a source of profound satisfaction to Manitoba birds, as they will not have to get up so early in the morning in order to prevent the other bird from getting the worm. But then it is doubtful if a bird loves to lie in bed in the morning as much as mankind do. Thus are the most joyful discoveries tempered by mature reflection.

OLIVE LOGAN writes that Mrs. Victoria Woodhull is married to John Randolph Martin, a rich London banker, "and any fine day you can see the pleased amiable face of the now Mrs. Martin side by side with that of her faithful sister, Tennie C. Claffin, as they sit together in their comfortable carriage and roll toward their splendid residence in Courtfield Gardens over the smooth avenues of lovely Hyde Park."

WILLIAM KING, a wealthy London merchant, struck a new kink in the matter of will-making which is calculated to work the opposite effect of ordinary wills, and at the same time give great encouragement to the study of a profession that never knew too much. He willed \$1,000 to his physician, with the proviso that the sum should be doubled every year that the testator should be kept alive. He lived ten years.

The paradise of wheelmen, as the users of bicycles and tricycles call themselves, is Washington, the streets of no other city affording such favorable conditions for the wheel. Ladies are beginning to use the tricycle, and a lady on one of these vehicles accompanied by a gentleman on a bicycle, promises to be a common sight. The number of bicycles in the United States is estimated at 40,000, and there are two or three associations of wheelmen.

WOMAN suffrage is being agitated in Great Britain. The ladies have now raised the war-cry, "No taxation without representation," and have boldly declared that they would steadily refuse to pay any taxes until their sex is enfranchised, and are organizing societies of female taxpayers to resist, by every device known to the law, the collection of taxes by forfeiture and sale. The leader of the agitation in the Commons is Mr. William Woodall, member for Stoke-on-Trent.

MR. EMERY STORRS, of Chicago, was dining in London, at Minister Lowell's, and near him sat the Duke of Argyll, who during the conversation expressed surprise that Chicago should have treated Oscar Wilde—"a man whom we think nothing of, if we think of him at all"—so well. "It's all a mistake, your Grace," replied Mr. Storrs; "we had nothing to do with Wilde in Chicago." "But I certainly read in the New York and Boston papers long accounts of his reception in your city." "True, your Grace," answered the Chicago lawyer, "but the recent growth of Chicago has made it the metropolis of the United States, and all the seaboard cities are jealous of her, and say spiteful things about her."

ONE of Mexico's crudities is its post-office. Having entered the Postal Union, letters pass between it and other countries in the Union for 5 cents a half-ounce; but between towns within its own border the rates are a great deal higher. It is the custom

along the Rio Grande, therefore, for Mexicans to cross the river and use the American post, thus saving money in corresponding with their own countrymen.

"I WISH," says Lawrence Tool, the English comedian, "that the editors would kindly leave my nose alone. I have no desire to thrust my nose into the newspapers. Indeed, I entirely concur with my old and valued friend, Mr. Herbert Spencer, when he says: 'Evolution, devoid of antithesis, is but a weak substitute for the correlation of forces. The outcome of moral energy must succeed, not anticipate, natural effort.' These admirable words express exactly my views on this subject."

FRED HARTMAN, a 17-year-old prisoner at the Schenectady (N. Y.) Jail, where he was awaiting trial on the charge of theft, managed to escape, and, after leading the Sheriff a lively chase, crawled under a building only twenty inches from the ground. The Sheriff, suspecting his presence there, and, not having a weapon, drew a meerschaum case from his pocket, and, pointing it where he supposed his bird was, threatened to shoot if he did not come out. Thinking the black article a veritable revolver, the prisoner surrendered and was taken back to jail.

A PHILADELPHIA oysterman has a pet clam that he calls "Puss." It is a big fellow; if that expression can be used about a clam that answers to the name of "Puss." He caught her at Narragansett Pier last summer, and she cost him so much digging that he decided to keep her. One night there was a terrible squealing down cellar where Puss had her sleeping apartments. The oysterman went down and found a rat with his feet fast between the bivalve shells. Since then the oysterman declares Puss has caught 112 rats. This is not a fish story, but it is as near as one can come to it when talking about clams.

A SPIDER'S web is as capable of teaching a lesson now as in the days of Robert Bruce. When a detective was sent for to find out who had robbed the private safe of Mr. Judd, of Stratford, Conn., that observing individual noted the fact that while a window near the safe had been left open, apparently by the escaping thief, a cobweb stretched across the aperture had not a thread broken. The sagacious detective argued from this that the robber had had other means of entrance and exit, and thereupon hied himself to the law office of Mr. Judd's son, and accused him of having stolen the money. The young lawyer, who stood too high in the estimation of the public to have been suspected by any one, indignantly denied the charge; but when informed that there was proof that the window was opened from the inside, he "weakened," and confessed the theft. He handed over the money to the detective, and that worthy transferred it to the proper owner with explanations. It may be hardly necessary to remark that no prosecution of the thief has followed.

NEW YORK Sun: "It was as good as a circus," said Sergeant Mulholland. "I was walking along Broadway this morning when I saw a black-and-tan cab coming furiously up Murray street. The driver seemed to be doing his best to stop the animal, but it was unmanageable. A tall, well-built man, who did not see the runaway, was crossing the street. Everybody cried out to him, but the horse was close upon him before he saw it. Quick as thought he put out his right hand, seized the horse by the nostrils, gave a sudden twist, and the runaway was lying flat on his side on the crossing. The cab driver was too much astonished to say a word, and the stranger picked up his hat and walked off as coolly as though nothing had happened. I learned that he was Mr. Lemuel R. Sturges, the owner of a cattle ranch in Texas. He knew a trick that the cowboys have of throwing a steer by giving its head a little twist. He practiced it on Broadway, and that runaway horse got a lesson that he won't forget if he has any sense."

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—About nine years ago the home of W. L. Miller, of Greensburg, was supposed to have been entered by burglars and quite a quantity of valuables taken, among them a gold watch. One day last week Mrs. Miller discovered some valuables hidden away in a fife-hole in a room where there had been no fire for nine years; among these was the watch.

—At Terre Haute, Hiram Bryant went to the residence of his mother-in-law, and, effecting an entrance through a window, went to the bedside of his wife, from whom he was separated some time ago, and cut her throat with a pocket-knife. The wound is not considered dangerous. Bryant was arrested on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

—For a number of years Ettie Harpole, a young girl aged about 14 years, has made her home with her grandfather, John E. Harpole, a respectable citizen of Booneville. The other night she disappeared, and it has just come to light that she took away with her about one hundred and fifty dollars which belonged to her grandfather, and which he had kept in a drawer known to the girl. It was learned that she took the train going west, and it is supposed that she started for Springfield, Ill., where she had an aunt living.

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