

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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THE more cuffs you give a laundry man the better he likes it.

NONE of the rainmakers of modern times have equaled Elijah's record yet.

MAN'S wishes are not all wants. He does not need half as much as he prays for.

It seems cruel to sue a campaign liar for libel. It looks like discouraging enterprise.

EVERY shot from a big gun consumes \$1,000. At this rate, war has become a very expensive luxury.

TIM HOPKINS is said to be a famous cultivator of violets, but he hasn't cultivated their modest and retiring ways.

WHEN a man's hopeful comes home and tells us of an increase in his salary he can almost feel the glow of the son's raise.

If the rain-makers can do what their friends claim for them, why don't they come to the relief of the shrunken old Mississippi River?

FIRST blood has been drawn in the Hopkins-Searles will contest. It doesn't count for either contestant, but it is distinctly in favor of the lawyers.

THE proposed formation of a rice trust in this country looks like a miserable effort to get even with the Chinese for their persecutions of the American missionaries.

IT is no longer considered out of style for a woman to have a family of children. Babies carried on the arms in the streets, and paraded in carriages, are considered better form than puddle dogs.

THE Chinese empire, from recent reports, appears to be honeycombed with plots against the existing government. In this condition of affairs the kingdom must be anything but flower for the reigning dynasty.

A PHILADELPHIA man sat down on a tack in a street car and he now sees the company for \$2,000 damages. Many men would be glad to sit down on a tack seven days in every week for much less than this and many unfortunates have been known to do it for nothing.

WALT WHITMAN is slowly dying of paralysis at his home in Camden, N. J. Like many another man who has anticipated letters and lived and written a half a century ahead of his time, the "good gray poet" will never be appreciated until his courageous heart is stillled forever.

AN enthusiast from Ceylon wants to bring some white elephants to the World's Fair, and has submitted a proposition to the directors. If the directors are open to outside advice, we would respectfully state that the question, "Shall the fair be open Sundays?" is white elephant enough for one exposition.

AFTER serving eighteen years at San Quentin (Cal.) penitentiary for highway robbery, Shorty Hays was recently released, and is now at his old tricks again. The next time Mr. Hays is taken into durance vile it would be policy to hold him up, just once, and see what kind of a horned host he can execute in mid-air.

UNDER the leadership of the Duchess of Portland nearly 1,000 English women have banded themselves together to discourage the wearing of the plumage of song birds for decorations. It might puzzle them to explain why song birds alone are to be saved from the millinery hunter. Their humanity only extends to the birds from which they draw pleasure.

SOMEbody has been telegraphing from Rome that the ancient city is to be lighted with electricity by utilizing the falls of Treverone, and calls this copying the ancients. Out in Nebraska the pretty city of Beatrice was so lighted a decade ago, the power being derived from the "Little Blue." But the citizens didn't think they were imitating people who never knew lightning could be harnessed.

DO you know how to retain your youth forever? It is very simple. All you have to do is to convert your fleshly molecules into psychic animals. It is not possible at this writing to give a recipe for this. But Thomas Lake Harris, who is now on the Pacific coast, can tell you all about it. He is the gentleman who converted Lawrence Oliphant's geniuses into madness with his occult theories.

AN English girl was recently attacked and thrown out of the window of a railroad carriage by a maniac who was put in the same compartment with her. The American railway car with its sixty or more occupants is highly repugnant to John Bull's sense of propriety, but the close carriage, which exposes women to insult and unprotected males to blackmail, exactly suits the squeamish Britisher.

ATCHISON should not judge the entire world. Here is the Globe of that city remarking that "there are two kinds of women in the world—one kind sits and cries silently about her wrongs, and the other storms and raves about her rights." In other cities and States there is another class of women, of neither kind men

tioned above, who make and keep happy homes, and rear brave men and virtuous women for the battle of life.

A MOUNTAIN exploded in Mexico some time ago, according to Mr. Vincent Loaiza, and an immense body of water commenced to flow from the newly formed crater and inundated much of the surrounding country. As Mr. Loaiza is a traveling man and does not say that he caught submarine fish, twelve inches long, in the newly released waters, we are compelled, in the language of Pooh Bah, to look upon this as a failure to give corroborative detail to a bald and unconvincing narrative."

THE continual drift of Eastern people to the West and Northwest is indicated in some statistics of railway travel between Chicago and Minneapolis and St. Paul. In eleven months the total was 140,260 tickets, the west-bound numbering 67,061 and east-bound numbering 63,199, 50 per cent of the total being first-class; second-class, 20 per cent; third-class, 2 per cent; tourist, 9 per cent; special excursion, 10 per cent. There were 19,066 second-class tickets west-bound to 8,166 east-bound. It is evident that the Northwest is getting from the East always and giving no people.

THE notion that it is impossible to make a will which no one can break is greatly strengthened by the decision just rendered in the Tidewater will case. The sage of Gramercy was one of the shrewdest lawyers the country has ever produced, but even he, with all his legal knowledge and precaution, was unable, it now appears, to execute a will which no one can assail. His heirs brought suit to set it aside, and after years of expensive litigation their efforts have been successful. His vast wealth will be distributed among them and New York will lose his splendid bequest for a great public library.

IT is all very well for the London Times to counsel the United States to moderation in dealing with Chili, but it gave precious little of this kind of advice when England was demanding reparation for the Trent affair from this country. England gave Portugal just as little after an English exploring party was fired on in a wild and savage part of Africa where boundaries were uncertain. A fleet on the Tagus and twenty-four hours was the measure a "great and powerful nation" like Great Britain gave Portugal then. Nor was England inclined during our war to allow for any mishaps which befell Englishmen "as an act in the same drama." One of the dispatches with which Lord Lyons pestered Secretary Seward is devoted to the "outrage" that a blockade-running Englishman in Fortress Monroe was not getting his daily morning bath. This is the spirit in which England protects her citizens, and it is one reason why no one ever thought of attacking English sailors in the streets of Lisbon in the worst heat and fever of the recent feeling against England.

BILLIARDS, although it is the most thoroughly scientific game ever invented by man, seems to be about as uncertain in its results as horse-racing. On a recent night the two greatest billiardists that the world has ever seen met in Chickering Hall, New York. During their professional career they have been pitted against each other in thirty-two games, of which Slosson has won sixteen games and Schaefer a like number. To a person aware of this fact alone it would seem, therefore, as though a bet placed on either man would stand about an even chance of winning. But Schaefer was the favorite. When the two champions were last in Chicago, Schaefer's careless brilliancy of style and marvelously delicate execution threw his opponent into the shade. Connoisseurs in the game concluded the question of supremacy had at last been settled. They affirmed that billiards was like singing—a supreme artist received his chief endowment from Nature. Now we must be prepared to hear another story. Mr. Slosson's friends will come forth from their retirement and will declare that truly great billiards is the result of correct modes of life, of constant study and practice, and of a complete mastery of the nerves. The question is a peculiarly interesting one. There is no doubt that Mr. Slosson represents the genius of perseverance, Mr. Schaefer the genius of natural endowment.

Sickness came to this learned and beloved man and he went to London for treatment, but famous surgeons, after operating, could give no hope, and he came back to his adopted country to die. To his amazement he found his home broken up, his valuable furniture sold, his wife gone. "The mystery of the case," he has said, "is that my wife and I never had the least falling out. Her desertion of me in my old age and supposed last illness was like lightning out of a clear sky. The thought comes to me, 'Dying man that I am, it will be sweet to die free.'

There are many others, but the ones cited are perhaps the most prominent persons here at present.

As to Mrs. Blaine's case an immense interest is felt, an interest which lies not alone in the points of

SIOUX FALLS' "400."

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF DAKOTA'S DIVORCE COLONY.

Come from All Over the World—Old Men's Disappointed Darlings and Young Men's Slaves Seeking to Regain Single Blessedness.

Some of the "Colonists."

What grand phantasmagoria, a pot-pourri of misplaced affections and mixed-up matrimonial alliances this place is, writes a correspondent from Sioux Falls, S. D. While throughout the length and breadth of the continent it has become known as the spot par excellence for the securing of divorces, and many queer ideas may have gained possession of the people's minds as to what it is like, none of them, queer though they may be, can do justice to the situation. Here the length and breadth of the continent it has become known as the spot par excellence for the securing of divorces, and many queer ideas may have gained possession of the people's minds as to what it is like, none of them, queer though they may be, can do justice to the situation. 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