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WHERE YOU CAN'T HIDE.

In Berlin the Police Know the Whereabouts of Everybody.

You can't hire a girl in Berlin, writes Frank G. Carpenter, without going to the police, and you have to make out two statements whenever you hire a servant. One of these statements is for your landlord and the other for the police. They describe the girl as a passport does, giving her age, size and the color of her eyes and hair. You have to state where she came from, and when she leaves you have to send in another statement saying she has gone. If you say she is a good girl and honest and the reverse is true, and she goes somewhere else and shows herself to be a thief, you are liable to be fined for giving her false recommendation. This is the same with all sorts of servants, and a witness person can get a place here under the pretense that the man here easily escape the payment of his debts. One of the curious institutions of the city is an intelligence office, as it might be called, where records of these passports are kept, and where you can go and find out just where any man or woman is stopping. If John Smith, who owes you a bill, moves to another part of Berlin to escape you, you have only to go to this office, and by paying a few cents you will get a report which will tell you just where he has lived in the city and where you may find him at present. There is no chance for a man to escape or hide here, and the argus eyes of the Government are always upon you.

Berlin.

Frank G. Carpenter, the well-known correspondent, is much impressed with the way in which Germany's capital is governed. While almost every city of consequence in the United States is yearly getting deeper and deeper into debt, Berlin is making money and is at the same time magnificently governed. Beyond all her expenses the city makes a profit of about \$1,250,000 a year. She owns two-thirds of the gas stock and sees that the people get good gas and that the streets are well lighted. On her gas the city realizes a handsome revenue. Then she insists that every house shall be insured by the city, and forbids any other company doing insurance business in the city. This is another profitable source of revenue. These are only samples of many ways adopted to give the people good service and at the same time make money for the city instead of allowing private corporations to make it. Berlin's government is run for the benefit of her citizens and not for a horde of politicians.

The Income of Millionaires.

Less than 40 years ago the American millionaire was considered a bird, but now there are more than 4,000 millionaires in the United States and the man worth from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 is so common that his presence excites little, if any, comment. To-day this nation possesses not only the greatest number of rich men but also the richest of any on the globe. A list of America's ten richest men, with the sums they are worth, would be made up as follows: William Waldorf Astor, \$150,000,000; Jay Gould, \$100,000,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$90,000,000; Cornelius Vanderbilt, \$90,000,000; William K. Vanderbilt, \$80,000,000; John Jacob Astor, \$70,000,000; Henry M. Flagler, \$60,000,000; John L. Blair, \$50,000,000; Louis C. Frick, \$50,000,000; Curtis P. Huntington, \$50,000,000. The fortunes of these ten men foot up the stupendous total of \$780,000,000, a sum the vastness of which baffles human comprehension.

Wales Not a Happy Man.

The Prince of Wales is far from being a happy man. He has waited so long that he has about given up hope of ever being king. He is already a grandfather, while his mother seems destined to live many years yet. He has seen everything worth seeing, met everybody worth meeting, is debarred from mingling in politics, seems to have no mission in life, no purpose to carry out. His position in life prevents his acting like a sensible man; he must keep up certain forms, submit to being toadied to, and be at the beck and call of everybody who has a social ax to grind. Wales is perhaps not a very able man, but he is too manly to be satisfied with his present merely ornamental position in life. He is not half as happy as the average American citizen who has something to do and who is not ashamed to do it.

The Center of the United States.

The exact situation of the geographical center of the United States is a surprise to anyone who has not given the subject careful attention. The most eastern point of the United States is Quoddy Head, Maine; the western Attoe Island, Alaska; the most northern, Point Barrow, Alaska; the most southern is Key West, Fla. The center of the quadrangular figure formed by uniting these four points is located at the crossing of 55 degrees north latitude and 110 degrees west longitude about 420 miles north of the northern line of Montana. It is also true of the United States as of Great Britain, that the sun never sets on our territory, for when it is 6 p. m. on Attoe Island, Alaska, it is 9:36 a. m. of the following day at Eastport, Maine.

On the Law.

A New York lawyer, distinguished in his profession, was a delightful summer home in Vermont. His neighbors there tell this story about his youngest child, a girl not more than 10. After much coaxing she prevailed on her father to buy her a donkey and cart. The first day of the donkey's arrival he was permitted to browse on the lawn. The child followed the animal about, and thinking his countenance wore an uncommonly sad expression she cautiously approached, and, striking his head, said "Poor donkey! You feel lonesome, don't you? But never mind, papa will be here to-morrow, and then you will be about him in the future."

IN A MASS OF SNAKES.

Thrilling Experience of a Farm Hand in a Well in Connecticut.

The long drought in the Connecticut valley, during which the farmers have been compelled to get their water from the river, induced Farmer Alexander Field, living near Middletown, to clean up a long dried well on his premises. For this purpose he sent his hired man, a Pole, to the bottom of it in a bucket. The Pole had not labored long before he was disturbed by a singular buzzing sound like the humming of a swarm of bees, and a moment later he began to see snakes. From every crevice in the stone curb on the well serpents thrust forth their heads, hissing loudly, then advanced their bodies, little by little, into the well, which were followed instantly by still more snakes, all crowding on the frightened workman and tumbling on each other into the bottom of the dimly lighted shaft.

There were black snakes and water snakes, and a great many adders. For awhile the Pole waged a desperate battle against the serpents with his shovel, simply to protect himself from their attack, but in a few moments he was completely invested with a hissing, writhing, squirming, tossing tangle of serpents in the bottom of the pit, while a shower of snakes was continually falling upon him from the walls above his head. Finally he called for aid and was hauled to the surface. Subsequent examination revealed the fact that he had killed thirty-four snakes with his shovel.

A Disagreeable Complaint.

The affection known in hot climates as "prickly heat" is not confined to the tropics. Certain occupations induce it. For example, cooks, bakers, grocers, bricklayers, and washerwomen have it, and in a very painful and serious degree sometimes. It is a non-contagious disease of the skin, characterized by the appearance of small, hard papules, slightly red, accompanied by severe itching. The disease appears on different parts of the body, but generally on the front of the forearms and hands, the sides of the neck and face. It is often due to irregularities in diet and habits. The best treatment is simple, unstimulating food and drink, and proper attention to the general health. A daily cold or tepid bath should be resorted to. This affection is the cause of the peeling of the skin of the hands of some people in the fall, apart from the effects of sunburn.

He Wanted No Sympathy.

The milkman gathered himself up from the ruins of his demolished wagon, scraped the whitish-gray mud from his clothing, smoothed out the dents in his hat, wiped from his whiskers the dripping fluid that had drenched his face when the catastrophe came, gave one glance at the runaway horse disappearing down the street, surveyed the dirty-white puddles that represented his stock in trade, and turned to the task of getting his coat sleeves and speaking in the tones of a man accustomed to calling cattle, "is that the first son-of-a-gun that says a word about its being no use crying over split milk is going to get his blamed head punched."

It Weakens the Brain.

Imprisonment tends to weaken the brain, says a Philadelphia police official. This places a released criminal, especially one who has served a long term, at a decided disadvantage in his efforts to bury the past and begin life anew. I do not believe that these so-called homes for reformed convicts yield much influence, if any, in molding the future of criminals. The tendency, it occurs to me, would be to bring together a dangerous class of crooks who might improve the occasion to concoct schemes of outlawry.

One of Nature's Queer Freaks.

A local shell dealer in Atlantic City, N. J., while going over a consignment of imported shells recently, found a curious freak of nature in the shape of a shell on which was plainly decipherable the word "Paris." The letters forming the word were very irregular, and a close examination showed them to be natural and a part of the shell. The shell on which is to be seen this strangely formed word, is a native of the Islands of Mauritius. It will be placed in the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

He Has Clothes for a Lifetime.

If the Emperor of Germany should retire from the ruling business tomorrow he would have clothes enough to last him his lifetime. It is said that he has a thousand suits, besides twelve dozen suits of underclothing and fifty dozen socks and handkerchiefs. Some of his suits are uniforms which would not be available if he became a private citizen, but there is no doubt that he could keep his stock of underwear replenished from the sale of these extra uniforms, and retain a little pocket-money besides.

An Absent-Minded Man.

There is a very absent-minded attorney in Auburn, Me. Some time ago he went to a livery stable and hired a team. When he had finished his drive he took the team to another stable and left it. He was well known and at neither stable was any question made. Discovery came after eight days and from each stable the attorney received a bill—from the former for horse hire and from the other for boarding the animal. He resolved to keep his wits about him in the future.

Eaten by a Panther.

A report from Deep Fork, Oklahoma, says the wife and baby of a settler living near there disappeared some time ago. The other day the head of the child and portions of the body of the mother were found in a panther's lair. A large force of armed men are looking for the panther.

Had to Eat the Shells.

One night this week two well-known New York printers sat down to a remarkable feast. One ate the meats of a quart of peanuts while the other ate the shells. It is needless to say that the feast was the result of a wager, and the fellow who fed on husks bet on his victory.

He Locked Up His Verses.

It is a singular fact that when the late Lord Tennyson wrote a poem he invariably had it put in type and looked it up for a number of years. If at the end of the allotted time he still liked the verses he corrected them and had them published, if not he destroyed them.

THE LARGEST BABY EVER BORN.

The baby which for general size, height and weight, takes the cake as being "the largest on record" was born in Ohio on the 12th day of January, 1879. The "average baby" weighs from six to nine pounds. This giant infant's weight was exactly 233 pounds. He (it was a boy) was 24 feet in length (the common run of babies range from 16 to 20 inches in height) and had a head measuring 19 inches. Its cute little pink foot measured 5 inches and was as thick as that of the average 18-year-old boy. It was born about six years prior to this extraordinary birth the same woman gave birth to an eighteen pound baby which was 24 inches in height.

Although this may be thought to be a wonderful story by those not informed as to the real facts, it will be borne of some of its seemingly Muthathotic marks when it is known that the parents themselves were two of the largest people in the United States at the time of the occurrence related above—they were Mrs. and Mr. M. V. Bates, the former known as the "Nova Scotian Giantess," and the latter as the "Kentucky Wonder." Mrs. Bates was (if memory is not at fault, she died about six years ago) 7 feet 9 inches in height, the father of the giant being about two inches less in stature.—St. Louis Republic.

ILLITERATE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Here is an item that will interest school teachers generally:

The eighty-five teachers in the schools of Lockport, N. Y., had a spelling contest the other day, to the great delight of their pupils, because some of the teachers did not allerton spelling correctly with their eyes closed. Of the eighty-five only five spelling "Kenssellee" correctly, and 74 percent of the whole number misspelled "acknowledgement." All of the following words were wrongly spelled by more than half the teachers, and several of them by more than fifty: "Supersede," "resuscitative," "excellence," "benefited," "business," "medal," "maintenance," "million," "pretentious," "gaseous" and "conde-

NEW FISH COMMISSIONER.

GOV. MATTHEWS DECIDES TO APPOINT P. H. KIRSCH.

Gov. Matthews has decided to appoint P. H. Kirsch state fish commissioner, to succeed Colonel Dennis. Prof. Kirsch is at present superintendent of the public schools at Columbia City, and is esteemed an authority on ichthyology. Since his graduation at the state university, where he studied under Dr. Jordan in this branch of natural history, he has done considerable creditable work for the United States Fish Commission, in researches in the rivers of Kentucky. He is an ardent lover of fishing and has been of much assistance to the retiring commissioner in prosecuting violators of the seining law. Dr. Jordan recommended him very highly. In making the appointment, Gov. Matthews paid Col. Dennis a high compliment for having elevated the office to a high plane of efficiency. Col. Dennis took a trip to Indianapolis Sunday night to look after legislation in which they are interested.

Porter & Wishard are now occupying their new quarters in the Hollingsworth building just completed and will be pleased to wait upon customers, old and new.—Give them a call.

Mr. Samuel Parker and Miss Cora B. Maxwell were married at the residence of Granville Moody, Barkley township, Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. B. F. Ferguson officiating.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Industrial Society of the Presbyterian church a lecture on Ben Hur will be given at the Opera House next Friday evening. The lecture will be illustrated by the stereopticon. Admission 35, 25 and 15 cents.

The county officers took a trip to Indianapolis Sunday night to look after legislation in which they are interested.

Warren and Ira Washburn will be on duty as guides on the Fair grounds during the continuation of the World's Fair.

In 1892 the L. N. A. & C. added 1,360 cars to its equipment, six new passenger coaches and three passenger locomotives. This year it will add 1,550 cars to its freight equipment, three complete vestibule trains and four heavy passenger locomotives. The road is well provided with freight locomotives.

We understand a new engine and boiler, in addition to the old ones, and a new incandescent dynamo of larger power, are to be added to the electric light plant at this place next month.

The Misses Hopkins will entertain next Monday evening.

New Harness Shop.

J. C. Carmichael wishes to inform all who may be needing anything in his line, that he is now occupying temporary quarters in the Collins implement store building, on Van Rensselaer street. All his harness and harness goods are "made on honor" and of the best material. Prompt and durable repairing a specialty. Give him a trial.

To Contemplated World's Fair Visitors.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: We wish to say for the benefit of those who contemplate visiting the World's Fair, and have not yet secured entertainment, may by coming in parties secure rates that will reduce expense about one-third. Our place is situated on the Electric street line laid expressly for the World's Fair with a gate at its terminus from 20 to 25 minutes ride also within two blocks of the Ft. Wayne, Illinois Central & Lake Shore Depot. Regular rates \$1.25 per day. For further particulars address

CARRIE A. CLARK

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9009 Commercial Avenue.

B. S. Fendig, the hide, fur and jadear, has moved his place of business into the room next door to Huff's jewelry store, recently occupied by Thomas' meat market.

St. Valentine's Day—next Tuesday.

Syl. O'meara will soon move into his town property.

A new daughter at Conrad Hildebrand's Monday

Ben Hur at the Opera House Friday evening of next week.

For the nicest thing in watches, for presents, go to Clarke's.

B. A. Linvill's family have gone to Ohio, where he contemplates making his future home.

Fourteen different kinds of bed lounges, at Williams'

Geo. Spitzer is visiting relatives and friends in Rensselaer.

For the latest designs in jewelry go to Clarke's

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spitzer were re-married Thursday. Justice J. A. Lurnham officiated.

See those nice writing desks at Williams'.

Wm. Smith is erecting a shop and barn on his lots in Leopold's addition.

Ladies silver watch and silver chatelaines for, \$9.50 at Clarke's.

Procure your reserved seats early for Ben Hur at the Opera House next Friday evening.

Oak Rockers from \$1.50 to \$8, at Williams'.

Ladies' and gents' chains, the finest lines, at Clarke's.

The Iroquois club will cover the floors of their rooms with dancing carpet.

Go and see those solid gold watches, at Clarke's.

While engaged in loading cattle at Pleasant Ridge recently, G. B. Parkinson had his collar bone broken by an unruly steer jamming him against the side of the car.

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Mr. Felix French, of Iroquois township, Newton county, has moved into the Wm. W. Watson property, on River street.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Hoingsworth handsomely entertained about eighty invited guests Wednesday evening. From abroad were Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Ensminger and Eddie Brandcamp, the blind pianist, of Crawfordsville. Their beautiful home was profusely decorated, and refreshments in abundance served.

Boarding by the meal, day or week at the World's Fair restaurant, C. H. Vick, proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Hoingsworth

Our old democratic friend Jno. Chamberlain, now of Hammond, visited friends in Rensselaer the present week.

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Representative Sulzer managed to pick several winners during the afternoon. The examination of the track manager brought out the fact that several notable improvements had been planned in the vicinity of the track, and that the building of a large summer hotel and several handsome pavilions on the lake front had been contemplated; also a pier where boats could land all through the summer months. Representative Sulzer said before taking his departure for Indianapolis: "The track and the management have been badly misrepresented by the press of the state, and as a result public opinion has been worked up to a high pitch against it. We had been told that games of all kinds were in full blast here and that it was frequented by only the worst classes. We found nothing of the sort, but on the contrary, a well-managed race track, while the crowd was one that would compare favorably with any to be seen at other public places of amusement. It will be hard