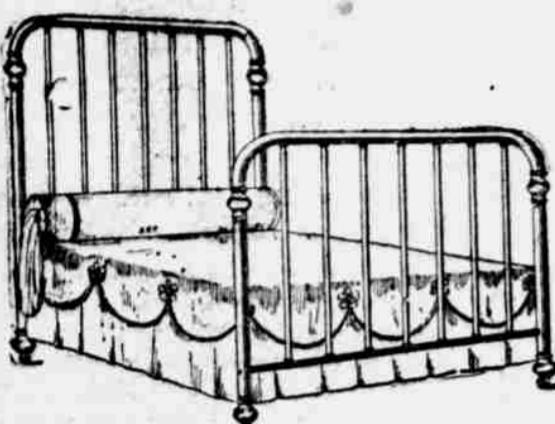


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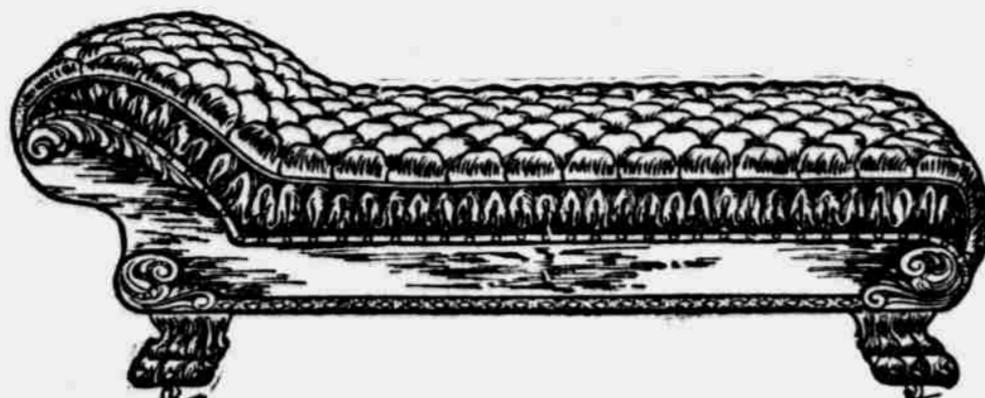
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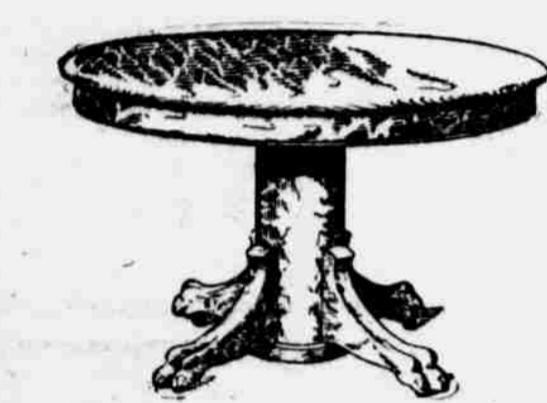
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They like a nice room and comfortable bed as well as you do. We are showing a wood bed with sides and finished in white enamel or various metals for \$5.25.



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Your wife would certainly appreciate an Xmas gift of this kind as it will save her many hours of hard labor. Prices from \$2.75 to \$3.50.



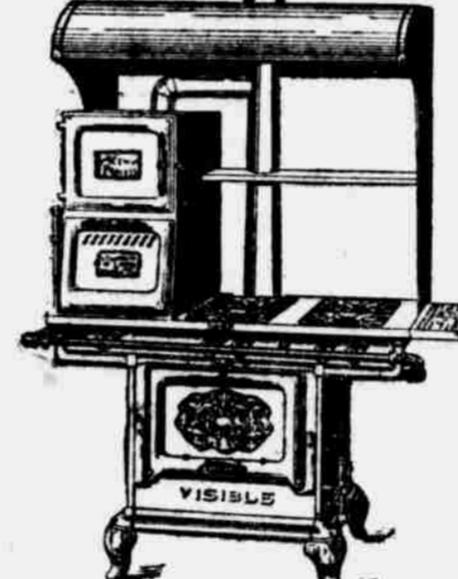
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MINISTER DESERTS HIS BLIND WIFE

Wealthy M. E. Divine Proves To Be Villain.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.—Efforts are being made by the police of this city to locate the Rev. Melville C. Brittain, who ten days ago disappeared from Vinland, N. J., leaving his blind wife helpless and dependent on friends. The clergyman, who is 65 years of age, is wealthy and retired some years ago. He was former pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Baltimore where he owns considerable property. The clergyman and his wife have been boarding with the family of Frank B. Potter, at Vinland.

Meaning of Herzegovina. Herzegovina was picked out by Mark Twain as a typical hard word which a man might be proud to know how to pronounce, as he did himself. It would save a lot of trouble if we might call Herzegovina "the duchy," which is all that the name probably means. Some have held that "the Herzegovina," as a select few call it, is Turkish for "the land of stones," but the prevailing view is that it comes from the German "herzog" (duke), that title having been conferred upon the holder of this country by the emperor in 1448. "Herzog" is our own forefathers' "hercog," army chief, the name they gave in time of war to the "elderman" of times of peace.—London Standard.

"You don't mean to say you're superstitious about opals!" he remarked. "Well," she replied, "I think it's unlucky to neglect an opportunity of getting one."—Philadelphia Press.

AMMUNITION IS SENT TO ROOSEVELT

Some Cartridges Would Bring Down Pachyderm.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—Ammunition to be used by President Roosevelt on his African hunting trip has been prepared here and forwarded to Washington, together with the weapons which the President will use, and which were sent here to be examined by experts. The ball cartridges are in varying weights, the largest being deemed of the right caliber to bring down a pachyderm.

The Suicide Symphony. The idea that music may be harmful—that it can create a fever in the blood dangerous to life and reason—will come as a revelation to many. Friedrich Nietzsche, the well known German philosopher, declares that there is something in some music, most notable in Wagner and Tschaikowsky, which acts unfavorably on the brain and nerves of many people. Tschaikowsky's baleful influence cannot be denied. He destroyed himself after composing his famous "Sixth Symphony," and, as several have died by their own hand after playing it, it has come to be known as the "suicide symphony."

They were examining the abodes of the cliff dwellers. "Each of these caves has the same inscription," remarked a student. "What do you make of it, professor?" "I judge," said the professor, "that it must be the lease."—Washington Herald.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE A SPEAKER TOO

Mrs. Sheldon Fills Her Husband's Date

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Mrs. George Sheldon, wife of Governor Sheldon, of Nebraska, today took her husband's place and made an impromptu address to the National Association at the corn exposition. Gov. Sheldon was down for an address but was delayed, his train being reported several hours late. Mrs. Sheldon was in the auditorium and was asked by the chairman if she would fill the governor's place. She accepted and spoke upon the problems of farm life.

NOT C. B. HUNT'S BROTHER.

Man Sent to Federal Prison No. Relation.

Daniel B. Hunt, who was arrested for rifling mail pouches in the postoffice at Hammond, Ind., and later sentenced to four years in the federal prison at Ft. Leavenworth, who was yesterday reported as being a brother of Clayton B. Hunt of this city, is of no relation to the latter named gentleman. On the other hand it is claimed he is a relative of Clayton O. Hunt, and was a former resident of Wayne county.

Military uniforms were not originally especially splendid. It was the Prussian army and then Napoleon who set the example of adorning the soldiers' dress all over with fur, gold lace and so on. The Napoleonic armies suffered from a perfect mania for showy trappings.

AN ANCIENT YOKEL.

Not Quite Sure of His Age, but Knew It Was Something Fearful.

During a Saturday stroll in the country a pedestrian came upon an ancient rustic engaged in breaking stones. Drawing him into conversation, the pedestrian eventually asked the old fellow how old he was.

"Oh, I dunno," was the reply, "but I know I be a fearful age!"

"But you must have some general idea how old you are."

"No, I dunno, but I know I be a fearful age," was the only estimate that could be drawn from him.

"All right; we'll try to get at it in another way," said the pedestrian, bringing out his pencil and notebook.

"Now, how old were you when you left school?"

"I be nine, sur, when I finished schulin'."

"And what did you do then?"

"Well, I was boy fur Farmer Giles fur fifteen year."

"And after that?"

"After that I worked fur Squier Neokes for seven and thirty year."

"And what next?"

"Well, I was wagoner fur Craker, the carrier, fur four and forty year."

And so on, and so forth, until the final fact was elicited that he had been engaged on breaking stones for a quarter of a century. Then the inquirer observed, with withering sarcasm:

"So you do not know how old you are? Well, I'll tell you. You're 378 years old on your own showing."

"I dessay," murmured the ancient yokel, with undisturbed serenity. "I know I be a fearful age."—Liverpool Mercury.

Not Dangerous.

Pat—I hear yer wife is sick, Mike?

Mike—She is thot. Pat—Is it dangerous she is? Mike—Divil a bit. She's too weak to be dangerous any more.—New York Sun.

Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man.—George Washington.

CANADA ENFORCES STRICT QUARANTINE

Continues Throughout Winter According to Ruling.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—The Dominion government has decided that the quarantine against cattle from the United States must be continued throughout the winter. The enforcement of the quarantine during the cold season will involve a very large expense. The department of agriculture is now organizing a force of men who will act as a patrol across the St. Lawrence and other rivers where this measure is deemed necessary.

The length of the Mississippi and Missouri is 4,100 miles, that of the Amazon 3,400. The area of the Mississippi basin includes 1,290,000 square miles, that of the Amazon 2,230,000 square miles. It is perfectly safe to say that as a single river the Amazon is by all odds the greatest in the world.

YOUNG TURKS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ELECTION

Pafik Bey, Minister of Justice, Heads List.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—In the local elections the young Turks were successful in having strong representation in the chamber of deputies. The following make up the quota: Five Turks, two Armenians, two Greeks and one Jew. Pafik Bey, the minister of justice, headed the list.

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