

TATTOOING is the craze of London just now, and one member of parliament has had his whole family marked to assist in identification in case of an accident.

LILIES of the valley in France are called "virgins' tears," and are said to have sprung up on the road between Calvary and Jerusalem during the night following the crucifixion.

ONE of the few cities in the United States which employ a special instructor in geography in the public schools is San Francisco. The instructor, who has had great success, is Hattie B. Steele. She has a collection of more than 3,000 stereoscopic slides, which she uses in her lectures.

It is said that a hypnotist in Utah has begun a series of experiments in the Territorial reform school at Ogden looking to the cure of kleptomania and kindred mental conditions of children by hypnotism. He claims that the suggestions given in the hypnotic state will overcome criminal tendencies.

The inhabitants of New York are at present possessed of a mania for drinking milk, and it is said that the sales of milk by the glass have reached surprisingly large figures. Indeed, the receipts of the saloon keepers of the metropolis have begun to suffer to a considerable extent from the milk mania.

It is predicted by enthusiasts in France that the use of the bicycle by French women will bring about a perfect modification of the corset. The corset has been found to be an inconvenience for the bicycle rider, who needs the opportunity of free, deep breathing and the unimpeded, unconstrained use of all her bodily powers.

The victim of a plucky maid servant is located in Bangor. It is said that having failed to impress on her the need of locking the doors at night, he determined to impersonate a burglar to frighten her. But when he put his plan into execution she seized him by the throat and pummeled him severely before he could establish his identity.

HENRY HARTMAN, a prominent citizen of Brooklyn, has left \$35,000 in his will for the erection of a statue to Lafayette in Prospect park. He does this, he says, in the document, "as an expression of my admiration for that noble and patriotic man and of my appreciation, in which my country shares, of his aid in establishing our republic."

THE city of New York has a school enrollment of about 235,000, and about 40,000 of this vast juvenile army are unable to find room in schoolhouses. This is a surprising condition in view of the fact that the city annually spends \$6,000,000 on her public school system. To deny a single child the full opportunity to acquire knowledge is decidedly un-American.

THERE was a trial of German war dogs at Dresden recently, in which the dogs came off creditably as military aids. They kept up rapid and regular communication between the troops and outposts a mile away, carrying the dispatches to and fro. They also served ammunition, passing from man to man, the number of ball cartridges they carry being 250 and blank 350.

THE Lancet suggests as a safeguard against the numerous cases of poisoning by the use of tinned food that canners be compelled to label the tins with a notice that the contents are perfectly wholesome when eaten fresh from the tin, and afford good food; but the public is advised not to expose the contents for any length of time to the injurious influences of the atmosphere.

BISMARCK is said to be getting rather feeble. Just before his last birthday his health seemed visibly better, but the extensive and protracted celebration of that event, involving as it did the reception of delegations of visitors who came and went for several months, weakened the prince's vitality. He is now able to walk but little, and he has to be helped in and out of his carriage.

THERE was a romance in the history of the late Prof. Riley, the famous entomologist, whose death was announced a few days ago. His mother, who was a member of an old and aristocratic English family, was disowned for marrying beneath her, but her father related so far as to give her son a superior education, which, with the use he made of it, was worth as much as name or legacy.

THE young gentleman whom Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt is to marry by the name of Charles Richard John Spencer Churchill, duke of Marlborough, marquis of Blandford, earl of Sunderland, earl of Marlborough, Baron Spencer of Wormleighton and Baron Churchill of Sandridge, all in England, prince of the holy Roman empire, prince of Mindelheim in Swabia, and lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Hussars.

THE telephone newspaper organized at Pesth, Hungary, has now been working successfully for two years. It is the only newspaper of the kind in the world. It is called the Telephone Hirond, or Herald, costs two cents, like a printed paper, and is valuable to persons who are unable or too lazy to use their eyes or who can not read. It has 6,000 subscribers, who receive the news as they would ordinary telephone messages. A special wire 163 miles long runs along the windows of the houses of subscribers, which are connected with the apparatus which prevents the blocking of the system.

A WRITER from the Orient claims that every man, being entitled to only a certain amount of hirsutes, runs the risk of baldness by wearing a full beard. He insists that if clearings become visible on the top of a head and the face is ornamented with bushy whiskers and mustache the trouble can be rectified by dispensing with the face ornament. Many Anglo-Indians have grown full beards, and in consequence grown bald-headed. He says that the same have returned to their English homes and shaved their faces, whereupon the hair in the bald spots has again begun to grow.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

A MONTHLY statement of the director of the mint shows earnings during the month of September as follows: Gold, \$7,343,572; silver, \$473,566; minor coins, \$61,414; total coinage, \$8,078,632. The net expenditures of the government since June 30, 1892, have exceeded the receipts by \$120,151,467.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND issued an order placing Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles at the head of the army of the United States.

SECRETARY OLNEY, it was said, had sent a dispatch to Minister Bayard in London declaring in the most positive language that the United States would never consent to British occupation of the disputed territory in Venezuela unless that nation's right thereto was first determined by arbitration.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 4th aggregated \$1,137,089,777, against \$997,924,432 the previous week. The increase, compared with the corresponding week in 1894, was 13.6.

THE commissioner of the general land office in his annual report says the total area of vacant public land in the United States in acres as follows: Surveyed, 313,837,888; unsurveyed, 285,248,707.

IN the United States there were 280 business failures in the seven days ended on the 4th, against 216 the week previous and 219 in the corresponding time in 1894.

THE new diplomatic representative of Hawaii to the United States, Minister Castle, arrived in Washington.

THE director of the mint is of the opinion that the gold product during 1895 will show an increase over last year of from \$3,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

THE EAST.

IN New York, Peter Crawford, 22 years old, a mail messenger, has been asleep for the last seven months, and every device employed to awaken the man has proven futile.

MASSACHUSETTS democrats in convention at Worcester nominated a full state ticket with George F. Williams, of Dedham, for governor. The platform commends the present national administration, demands the maintenance of the existing gold standard and opposes the free coinage of silver and the further purchase of silver bullion, and demands that the government shall retire its paper money.

IN the Sixth district W. H. Moody, of Haverhill, Mass., was nominated for congress by the republicans to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gen. William Cogswell.

MRS. MARY COFFEY, having lived 104 years in Ireland, arrived in New York to pass the remainder of her life.

FIRE at Warren, R. I., destroyed three large cotton mills, two warehouses, small sheds, freight cars and other property, causing a loss of over \$100,000.

AT the age of 60 years Harry Wright, chief of umpires of the National league of baseball clubs, died at Atlantic City, N. J.

FIRE destroyed the cash and door factory of Rufus R. Thomas & Co. in Philadelphia, causing a loss of \$100,000.

A TRIST was formed at a meeting in New York of prominent paper manufacturers with a capital of \$55,000,000.

IN New York another big haul of Italian counterfeiters was made by the agents of the government's secret service.

THE death of Prof. Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, of Columbia college, the noted Norwegian author, occurred suddenly in New York, aged 47 years.

THE democrats of the Eighteenth district of Massachusetts nominated Charles A. Russell for congress.

CHARLES L. BLOOMER, of Rockford, Ill., left New York on a wager of \$5,000 that he can walk around the world in 201 days.

IT was said that W. R. Hearst, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner, had purchased the New York Morning Journal.

WEST AND SOUTH.

THE state of South Carolina is the only one in the union which has no divorce law, and the constitutional convention at Columbia, added a section to the law which prevents recognition of divorces granted in other states.

AT Columbus, O., Charles F. Kline, a life prisoner in the penitentiary, was paroled, being the first life man to be so favored.

THE democrats nominated Edward P. Lane and the prohibitionists Rev. M. M. Cooper for congress in the Eighth district Illinois.

IT was said that Albert Wade, assistant cashier of the First National bank at Mount Vernon, Ind., was \$20,000 short in his accounts. He had disappeared.

IN St. Louis the St. Louis Loan & Investment company and the Aetna Loan & Savings company consolidated with a capital of \$2,000,000.

IN Virginia and North Carolina frost was general and very destructive, a fifth of the tobacco crop being ruined.

WILLIAM E. HINSHAW, pastor of a Methodist church at Belleville, was convicted at Danville, Ind., of the murder of his wife on January 10 last, and the jury fixed the punishment at life imprisonment.

BY a vote of 27 to 1 in the senate and 110 to 5 in the house, the Texas legislature passed a bill making it a felony to engage in a prize fight in the state, and attached to it a clause providing for the law going into effect at once.

Riot and Bloodshed.

Constantinople the Scene of Many Wild Deeds.

THE Armenians and Turkish Police Have a Fierce Encounter—Hundreds of Christians Fenced Up, and Many Others Killed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Secretary Olney late Wednesday afternoon received the following dispatch from Minister Terrell:

"CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 2.—Monday several hundred Armenians marched on the police, protesting against the arrest of a Turkish major. A fierce encounter followed, in which several Armenians and many police were killed. The police probably about sixty Turks and Armenians were killed, and among others a Turkish major. Many were wounded. The Armenians carried pistols. Tuesday several more were killed. Tuesday night there were eighty killed. Several hundred have been imprisoned. The police had notice of the demonstration, which was organized by the leaders of the Huncagist revolutionists, whom they have captured. Much terror exists. I think the police will be able to restrain anarchy."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 4.—Five hundred arrests have been made in connection with the recent rioting of Armenians here. The government is greatly alarmed, and the garrison is under arms. During the rioting Monday and Tuesday nearly 200 persons were killed.

Trouble among the Armenians of this city has been brewing for a long time past, the bitter feeling against the authorities growing stronger as week after week passes without the adoption by the Turkish government of the scheme for reform in Armenia proposed by the representatives of the powers. The long-smoldering flames of discontent, carefully fanned by the Armenian agitators, have at last broken out.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard, under date of Wednesday, telegraphs to his paper: The Armenian patriarch was on Tuesday invited to attend the cortege, but he declined because none of his followers were allowed to accompany him. He remained at the patriarchate shut up with several hundred armed Armenians.

Called by the incident it appears that the police generally were not supplied with ball cartridges. They were instructed to use the flats of their swords and the butts of their rifles. Such provocation as they gave in the first instance was verbal. The Armenians fired first. With the exception of the massacre of the prisoners the most violence was committed by the Turkish police.

At Hilishko, Tex., three men were arrested for participating in a glove fight after the passage of the new law. The Episcopal triennial convention in Minneapolis adopted a resolution complimenting the governor and legislature of Texas on the prize-fighting question.

At Kansas, O., the school board issued an order prohibiting the use of tobacco and cigarettes among pupils, many of whom have been stunted mentally and physically.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE cruiser Cristobal Colon, another Spanish warship, was wrecked at sea, but no lives were lost.

FELIX MONTERO, an eminent lawyer at San Jose, Costa Rica, and three friends have been sentenced to four years' imprisonment for publicly condemning the government.

DAMASCUS advises that the French consul at that place was attacked by a mob, insulted and pelted with mud. The French embassy has demanded prompt redress for the outrage.

IN the recent gales in the English channel over fifty vessels and twenty-four lives were lost.

THE death of Manuel Romero Rubio, aged 68, minister of the interior and father-in-law of President Diaz, occurred in the City of Mexico.

AT Constantinople the Armenian church and the other churches situated in different parts of the Turkish capital were crowded with refugees to escape Turkish mobs. According to the Armenians about 200 of their number were killed during the rioting.

DURING an engagement between the insurgents and Spanish troops at Las Veras the insurgents lost forty killed and had 135 wounded.

ONE French and two English vessels were lost on the south coast of Newfoundland and five men were drowned.

LATER NEWS.

WHILE delivering a sermon before a large audience at Dayton, O., Rev. L. L. Langstroth dropped dead in the pulpit. He was 85 years of age.

NEAL SMITH, the negro who assaulted and murdered Maggie Henderson at Coal City, Tenn., was taken from the stocks by a mob of 300 men and lynched, after being mutilated in a terrible manner.

MASSACHUSETTS republicans in state convention at Boston, nominated a ticket headed by Gov. Greenhalge, the present incumbent, for governor.

THE third baseball game for the Temple cup was played at Cleveland between the Cleveland and Baltimore clubs, and was won by the former by a score of 7 to 1.

IN some portions of Colorado 6 inches of snow had fallen, and much damage was done to orchards.

AT Birmingham, Ala., Sam Childress tried to shoot his sweetheart in a fit of jealousy. He was killed by Deputy Sheriff Cole in attempting to escape.

NOR knowing what the punishment would be fifty-one saloonkeepers at St. Joseph, Mo., pleaded guilty in the United States court to failing to cancel stamps on liquor barrels and were sentenced to one year each in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500.

AT the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Mary's Catholic church at Loraine, O., a platform gave way, and in the crush that followed one person was killed, a number fatally injured and a score or more seriously hurt.

A Rio Four passenger train at Tiffin, O., killed George Shoemaker, who was trying to cross the track in front of it.

THE Colorado Milling and Elevator company's flour mill and elevator at Fort Collins was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$125,000.

THE big 30,000-pound flywheel at the power house of the Hudson Electric Light company at Hoboken, N. J., burst, killing the engineer and badly wounding his two assistants. A similar accident in the electric light plant at Homestead, Pa., killed John Bowman, the engineer.

THE headquarters of the Irish National alliance in New York city an appeal was issued calling for money to carry on the new campaign for "the complete independence of Ireland by any means consistent with the laws of nations."

L. L. HATT and William H. Grote, two of the most prominent and oldest business men of Wheaton, Ill., were drowned in Powers lake by the up setting of their boat.

MACEO WOUNDED.

Leader of the Cuban Insurgents Shot in a Battle.

HAVANA, Oct. 7.—The Spanish have dealt the Cuban insurgents a severe blow, if the official reports given out meet with belief. The rebels have been defeated and Gen. Antonio Maceo has been badly wounded. Many of his followers were killed or wounded.

The battle, said to be the most bloody of the present war, was fought in the country between San Arriba and San Fernando, in the Holguin district of Santiago de Cuba. The insurgents were commanded by Gen. Maceo, while the Spanish troops were commanded by Gen. Echagüe.

The insurgents, numbering 3,000 infantry and 800 cavalry, were waiting for the Spanish troops. The Spanish troops also possessed one field cannon. Gen. Echagüe distributed his men in admirable fashion and planned to fall at certain specified times upon the positions held by the insurgents. The revolutionists, aware of his movements, arranged for a strong outpost to check the impetuosity of the Spanish troops. The regular Spanish forces paid little attention to the small body of men stationed at the outposts and rushed to the main force. The insurgents made a desperate resistance, which lasted seven hours.

Finally Gen. Maceo, seeing his men in a critical situation, rushed to the front with his staff. He had scarcely taken a position in front of the line, when he fell seriously wounded. His followers at once placed him on stretchers and succeeded in carrying him off the field.

As soon as it was known that Gen. Maceo had been wounded all was confusion in the ranks of the insurgents, who, according to official advice here, were put to flight, leaving upon the field twenty killed and several wounded. Spanish officials estimate that before Maceo fell about 180 dead and wounded insurgents were carried from the field.

The officials also assert that many of the insurgents surrendered, discouraged by the defeat and the wounding of Maceo, and they expect that others will give themselves up.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The question of whether the Cuban revolutionists shall be recognized as belligerents by the United States government will be determined, it is believed, by the events of the next few weeks in Cuba. The feeling in favor of such a step is stronger at the state department now than it has been at any time heretofore. Secretary Olney is being influenced by the public sentiment springing up all over this country for the Cubans. The meetings held recently in Chicago and the published interviews with the governors of many states, all showing a strong sympathy for the revolutionists, have had their effect on both sides.

They would not hesitate a day to recognize the belligerency of Cuba but for the fact that it has been learned officially that Spain has recently strengthened her military forces on the islands until they now number 100,000 instead of 80,000 as has been generally estimated.

A number of important battles will be fought in the next few weeks, the result of which will determine whether Spain can suppress the rebellion. It would be a costly experiment for the United States to recognize the belligerency of the revolutionists and throw open our ports to them and then have the revolution suddenly fail and the Spanish government move on us for indemnity. Nearly all the South and Central American republics are ready to extend recognition to the revolutionists, but will wait for a signal from the United States.

EXPORT OF GOLD CEASED.

Business Conditions Better and a Slight Gain in the Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The true amount of the gold reserve at the close of business Saturday was \$93,098,886, a net gain for the day of \$208,097. The present situation as to gold withdrawals, as viewed at the treasury department, is more hopeful than at any time within the last several weeks, and in the opinion of many, the reduction in the rate of sterling exchange, the cessation of withdrawals for export, and the apparently increasing willingness of banks to exchange gold for non-legal tenders, indicates a return to normal conditions, and a turn in the tide of gold movements. The reported arrival of \$250,000 in gold from Europe, although a comparatively insignificant amount, has strengthened the belief that the drain of gold has ceased for a considerable time at least.

A FATAL WEDDING.

Seventy-Five Guests Mysteriously Poisoned—Two of Them Dead.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 7.—Two deaths occurred near Sabula, Jackson county, Friday as the result of a poisoning at H. D. Gage's wedding. Twenty-five guests, which has affected seventy-five or a 100 of the 300 guests. The groom's condition is reported dangerous. The physicians from several towns are unable to agree whether the poisoning was caused by pork or by pressed chicken, and have forwarded to Chicago for analysis the bleeps muscles of George Bryant, who died Friday.

Pastor Dies in the Pulpit.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 7.—While delivering a sermon before a large audience Prof. Lorain L. Langstroth, the eminent authority on bee culture, for twenty years a professor in Yale and for fifty years a leading minister of the Presbyterian church, died of apoplexy. He was 85 years of age and was so feeble he was sitting to speak.

Against Free Coinage at 16 to 1.

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 7.—In convention the State Bankers' association Saturday adopted a resolution opposing the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Cleveland Ready to Return.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., Oct. 7.—President Cleveland will probably leave Gray Gables for Washington some time during the present week, after one of the longest sojourns at his summer home here ever made by him. Mrs. Cleveland and the three children will remain for a week or two longer.

Cleveland Wins Again.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 7.—Twenty thousand people attended the third game of the series for the Temple cup here on Saturday. The Cleveland club won again, making it three straight. Scores: Cleveland 7; Baltimore 1.

CRUSHED AT CHURCH.

Disaster Attends the Laying of a Corner Stone in Loraine, O.

Platform Falls into a Basement, and a Large Crowd of People Go to It—A Little Girl Killed—Many Persons Hurt.

LORAINE, O., Oct. 7.—The laying of the corner stone for the new St. Mary's Catholic church in this city Sunday was accompanied by an awful disaster. Fully 6,000 people were in attendance and the priests were about ready to proceed with the services when an accident occurred that created a panic and killed a little girl and wounded about twenty-five more, several of them fatally.

The foundation for the building extended about 10 feet above the basement bottom, and on this was erected a platform where the ceremonies were being held. Over 1,000 persons were standing on the floor when a section of it, containing about 300 people, sank beneath its burden and precipitated them into the pit. The section which gave way was in two wings, and as it sank it formed a death trap for the people, from which there was no chance to escape. The pit resembled an inverted roof of very steep slant, the ends being closed up by stone walls, and into this it was that there were crowded men, women and children in one struggling heap.

As the floor gave way, a great cry went up from the multitude, but in another second it had fallen and carried in its ruin the lives of several persons. Those at the top of the mass escaped easily, but when the pit was partly emptied those victims still entrapped could not clamor up the steep sides, and they trampled each other in many wild contortions, the strong getting on top and the weak being crushed beneath the great weight. Although there were a thousand people ready to rush to the rescue they could render very little aid to the helpless persons in the pit, and several minutes elapsed before ropes and ladders could be procured. When help finally reached the unfortunate victims, several had already been trampled to death and others fatally injured. The death of the little girl, near by was turned into a hospital and morgue. Into this were carried those who were killed and injured. The following is a list so far as ascertained:

Rose McCre, 8 years of age, of Loraine, injured internally. Mrs. Mary McGrath, of Loraine, left leg crushed and injured internally. Mrs. John Easton, an aged lady of Loraine, left leg crushed. Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, of Loraine, spine injured, left leg crushed. Mary Slizer, an aged lady of Loraine, both arms and legs crushed. Miss Kline, of Loraine, injured internally. John Feldkamp, of Loraine, hurt internally. Miss Kate Dietrich, of Sheldahl, both legs broken and hurt internally. Mrs. Margaret Mackey, of Loraine, hurt internally. Nicholas Wagner, of Elroy, skull fractured.

Nellie Steward, of Loraine, head cut; Leo Theobald, 7 years old, back of head cut; Col. W. I. Brown, of Loraine, right arm and left leg bruised. Mrs. John Fox, of Sheldahl, both legs broken. Mrs. William Barrett, of Loraine, hurt internally. Mrs. Mary Latimer, being carried to the hospital. Mrs. Margaret Carls, of Loraine, right leg crushed. Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, of Loraine, hurt internally. John Martin, of Loraine, left leg broken. Mrs. L. M. Bruce, of Haganville, left ankle broken. William Bragg, of Loraine, right leg broken. Mrs. O'Keefe, of Loraine, left leg broken. Will be amputated.

Notwithstanding the shock of the accident, the priests succeeded in quieting the crowd and continued the services. Very Rev. Mr. Hoff, of Cleveland, delivered the sermon. The contractors are said to be responsible for the accident, poor timbering being used for the support of the platform. The mayor and other city officials lent a helping hand in caring for the injured. The town is in deep mourning over the accident.

CAPTURED.

One of the Terre Haute Adams Express Office Robbers Arrested.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 7.—John Don Farden, alias T. J. Franklin, formerly a clerk in the Adams express office at Terre Haute, Ind., was arrested here Saturday night charged with the theft of \$10,000 from his employers. He was taken west by Pinkerton detective, who has been on his trail since the robbery, a few weeks ago. Farden admitted that he took the package containing the money, and implicated J. R. Barnett, ticket agent of the Vandalla railroad at Terre Haute, in the crime. The men separated after dividing the spoils, Farden going south, while Barnett traveled westward. The latter is still at large.

DRIVEN TO SEEK DEATH.

Defendant in Two Branch of Promise Suits Kills Himself.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Oct. 7.—Frederick Leutzinger, one of the old residents of this city, was found dead in bed Saturday morning, having committed suicide by taking a dose of carbolic acid. The suicide was caused by worry over two breach of promise damage suits that were pending in the courts. Miss Clara Uhlenhuth, of St. Louis, asked \$35,000 and Mollie Graham, of this city, asked \$25,000. Leutzinger was a wealthy retired baker, who became complicated with the Graham woman some months ago. A few days ago she sent him word that she would kill him unless he settled with her.

Has a Month to Pay His Fine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—H. J. McCoy, secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, who was fined \$250 by Judge Murphy for making the remark to one of the Durrant jurors: "If you don't hang him we will hang you," was Saturday morning given by the court until November 1 in which to pay the fine.

Colorado Town Has a \$125,000 Fire.

FORT COLLINS, Col., Oct. 7.—The Colorado Milling & Elevator company's flour mill and elevator were burned Saturday. Loss, \$125,000; partly insured.

Milwaukee's Population.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 7.—According to the returns of County Clerk A. F. Zentner, the total population of the city of Milwaukee, as shown by the new enumeration, is \$49,290, an increase of 2,138 over the first census. This makes the total population of Milwaukee county 287,992.

Great Slughter of Seals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—Lieutenant Commander Drake of the steamer Albatross, in his report from the Behring sea, says the slaughter of seals will be so great that the herds will soon be exterminated.

Queen of Fies.

She isn't versed in Latin, she doesn't paint on satin.

She doesn't understand the artful witchery of eyes. But oh! sure, 'tis true and certain she is very bad and pert in Arranging the component parts of luscious pumpkin pies.

She cannot solve or twist 'em, viz: the planetary system. She cannot tell a Venus from a Saturn in the skies; But you ought to see her grapple with the fruit that's known as apple.

And arrive at quick conclusion when she tackles toothsome pie. She couldn't write a sonnet, and she couldn't trim a bonnet. She isn't very bookish in her letter of replies. But she's much at home—oh, very! when she takes the jelly berry. And manipulates quite skillfully symposiums in pies.

—H. S. Keller, in Truth.

An October Song.

There's a hush on the cheek of the poplin and peach. And the first glint of gold on the bough of the peach. The bloom from the stem of the buckwheat is wet. And there'll soon be a gap in the burr of the nut.

The grape has a gleam like the breast of a dove. And the haw is as red as the lips of my love. While the hue of her eyes the blue gentian doth wear. And the goldenrod glows like the gloss of her hair.

Life's Holiday Voyage.

No captain the trim courtship needs. To lay her courses straight. But well he helm the good ship needs, Commanded by a mate.

No passengers, in calm or storm. Has any boat seen. But for a crew, it is good form. To have a king and queen.

—R. L. Hendrick, in Truth.

The Humble Life.

Three roads, diverging, wind their several way. Along the first The glad notes burst In splendor through the long, bright days. The pathway's name is Fame.

Along the second splendid enties rise Before the breeze of the long, bright days. Wealth in this pathway lies. Along the third are common flowers. And bees hum home to their hives. Yet closer seen the flowers have faintest hue. The skies above are brightest blue.

This is the way Called "Every day." —Richard Barker Salton, in Boston Budget.

To a Friend.

The red, red lips are proud. As it lifts its head serene. But the snow will weave it a shroud. And so will it you, my queen.

The lily's lord of a day. But soon, ah, soon 'twill die. So pray you, leave the proudest way. For so shall you and I.

—Truth.

Content.

The red deer lies to his leafy glade. The goat to its mountain steep. The graying gambols beneath the shade. Where the brook runs still and deep. The lark to her lonesome lair. My baby lies on its mother's breast. And the mother is here with me.

Oh, fair is the sea and the sky above. And sweet is the summer land. But what is the world to a woman's love? And the feel of a dimpled hand? And what do I care for the land—the land? And what do I care for the land—the land? When I feel the touch of a baby's hand? And the mother is here by me.

The gray old world goes on and on. Its labors shall never cease. But here is the bliss of creation's dawn And the blossoming rose of peace. And what do I care for the mountain's crest. And what for the lonesome lair? My baby lies on its mother's breast. And the mother is here with me.

—Albert Higelow Paine, in