

MASON'S CURLS CUT.

Senator from Illinois Undergoes a Barber-on Operation.

It is said to be the first time since his mother last clipped his hair around a bowl many years ago.

Senator Mason has followed in the footsteps of the illustrious Paderewski and patronized the barber 25 cents worth.

For a moment the senator wavered from his purpose. He had hoped to escape the eyes of his friends while the operation was being performed, but it was not to be.

Then the senator finally opened his eyes and saw himself once more in the mirror. Then he gazed at the floor and demanded to know what had been done with his hair.

"I must have that hair," said Senator Mason. "I am going to start house-keeping in Washington next December, and I will need it to stuff a mattress with."

Senator Mason went home, and was received with applause by each separate member of his family. His wife said he was actually handsome, and the senator asked her what she would like for Christmas.

QUEER BAIT.

St. Louis Man Used Yellow Jackets in Catching Bass.

Ed Wipkman is back from the St. Francis with fish and pleasant recollections. He has discovered a new bait for bass that he declares is a killer from the old house, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A REMARKABLE FRIENDSHIP.

J. C. New Returns from Kipling's and Divides Fortune with ex-Partner.

Eight years ago J. F. Taylor was engaged in business in California with J. C. New. Business was dull and they were compelled to give up.

Papering a Whitewashed Wall. If you wish to have a wall papered which has previously been white-washed, it must be well brushed over with vinegar or the paper will not stick.

Origin of the English. The great Ottoman empire, which at one time threatened the civilized world, sprung from a band of 400 wandering Turkoman families.

FIVE HUNDRED GALL STONES.

Remarkable Discovery Follows Operation for Supposed Appendicitis.

Nearly 500 gall stones, varying in size from a grape seed to a small-sized marble, were taken from the liver of Mrs. Catherine McCaffrey, of 217 Concord street, Philadelphia, and she is now lying very ill at St. Agnes' hospital.

Mrs. McCaffrey is 47 years old, and for some time past has not been feeling well. She had suffered severely from pains in the stomach, and became so ill that medical aid was summoned.

The trouble was pronounced to be appendicitis, and from her symptoms the doctor realized that it was a serious case. The patient's stomach was enormously swollen and all symptoms pointed to appendicitis.

At the hour set for the operation Mrs. McCaffrey was placed on the operating table, etherized, and Dr. La Place, assisted by Dr. McCormick, performed the delicate operation.

A dark-bluish spot, which was supposed to be an abscess, was found on the liver, but on cutting it open it proved to be the gall bladder, from which gushed forth a great quantity of gall stones.

Dr. La Place inserted his finger in the incision and, to the intense amazement of all present, drew forth a gall stone after gall stone, until he had a pile of them large enough to fill two hands.

When counted they were found to be nearly 500 in number. The gall bladder was irrigated, the incisions sewn up and now everything is being done by the physicians to improve the patient's condition.

OLDEST POSTAL CONTRACT.

Sketch of Document Which is 370 Years Old.

The postmaster general recently received, through the agency of the bureau of the International Postal union, an interesting sketch of a postal contract executed in the year 1517. This contract is supposed to be the first of its kind, and is the oldest now extant.

In 1517 Franz von Taxis, the talented founder of an international postal system in the domain of the Austro-Spanish universal monarchy, died without issue, and the management of the post passed into the hands of his nephews, the brothers Johann Baptista, Maffeo and Simon.

DOG TOOK ITS OWN REVENGE.

Puppy Killed by Cyclist, Its Mother Attacked All Bicyclists.

Whelmen were attacked by a dog the other day, one after another. It was no ordinary vicious brute, but a dog seeking vengeance. It is dead now, and the bicyclists who shot at it fruitlessly and swore at it ferociously are sorry.

The dog had a family of puppies at the house of Edward Bishop two weeks ago, says the New York World. All were given away but one. That last offspring was run over by a careless bicyclist and killed.

Valuable French Postcards. The most rapid advance in the value of any article in philately has been in the French postcards issued in commemoration of the car's visit to Paris.

Every adult male Mohammedan is liable to military service, except those who have had the good fortune to be born in Constantinople.

DUCHESS WEDS A NOBODY.

Her Grace of Hamilton Ends Her Betrothment Scandalously.

Suddenly, secretly and without warning a duchess has married a commoner, and "society" on the other side is discussing the affair. The duchess is her grace of Hamilton, sister-in-law of our own American duchess of Manchester, "she that was" Consuelo Yanga.

Mr. Forster, as soon as the duchess went to her hunting box, followed and took board near by. Then, a few days ago, they were married. The ceremony was kept as quiet as it could be.

Many New Yorkers remember the duchess' brother, the rather arduous Viscount Mandeville, who used to frequent the Hoffman house here, and who, when he finally became duke of Manchester, proceeded to drink himself to death with neatness and dispatch.

BABY SAVED BY LIGHTNING.

A Lion Killed Just as it Was Ready to Spring Upon a Child.

Lightning and blackberries come together in the coast region of Texas. The people there, as a rule, are more partial to the latter than the former.

One exception to the rule exists there, however, in Mrs. Pennington, of Plum Creek, who says that one timely stroke of the lightning has done her more good than all the blackberries in creation could possibly accomplish.

TOY MAKING.

America Makes Playthings by Hand.

A great many toys are now made in this country, including many mechanical devices. Many toys are still imported. Such things as woolly sheep and dogs, now so highly prized by children as ever, come from Germany, as do the skin-covered horses. They could be made here, but they can be produced cheaper abroad.

As a rule, whatever can be made by machinery is made here, while toys made by hand are mostly imported. The minute a thing is brought within the reach of machinery, American manufacturers can pay their higher prices for labor and still beat the world.

ORLEANS ET MOULTES.

Marché de la Bourse de la Nouvelle-Orléans.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods, including flour, sugar, and other commodities. Includes sub-sections for 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS' and 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS'.

Bulletin Financier.

Joué, 14 octobre 1897.

Table with multiple columns listing financial data, including market prices for various securities, bonds, and commodities. Includes sub-sections for 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS' and 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS'.

Bulletin Commercial.

Joué, 14 octobre 1897.

Table with multiple columns listing commercial data, including market prices for various goods, including flour, sugar, and other commodities. Includes sub-sections for 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS' and 'MARCHÉ DE LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS'.

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