

LOVE'S LABYRINTH.

A Case Wherein a Man Elopers with His Own Wife.

Unusually Romantic Experience of Arthur K. Lee—Wife Forced to Choose Between Mother and Husband.

Three years ago Arthur K. Lee, of New York, and Miss Tessie Brown, daughter of Charles Brown, a rich contractor, met in Chicago.

Th husband and mother-in-law met again, and history repeated itself. Then Mrs. Lee was requested to choose between her husband and her family and preferred the latter.

GOES TO HIS DOOM.

Fox Squirrel Digs Its Way Into Eagle's Cage at Lincoln Park and Is Killed.

A fox squirrel, which had tramped down from Niles Center district, wandered into Lincoln park, Chicago, the other forenoon.

Born in the idea that only work conquers, it scratched under the cage and came up inside. Scarcely had its head appeared within the house when a great golden eagle, which was roosting at the top of the cage, closed its wings and dropped like a shot.

COLONISTS RETURN.

Hard-Work Experiences of Men Who Went to Seek Their Fortunes in Cuba.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York the other day on the Munson line steamship Curituba from Nuevitas, Cuba, were returning colonists from La Gloria, all apparently discouraged with their experiences in Cuba.

Mr. Schaub stated that he had started to reach La Gloria from Nuevitas, but he could not stand the hardships, and after going half the distance turned back.

Evidently on the spot. In Mexico it is proposed to create a fund for the widows of condemned criminals by charging the public for admission to the executions.

KING POTT OF AFRICA.

A Boer Leader Who Occupies an Exalted Position in the Transvaal.

The town of Lourenco Marques for some time past has been chosen as the head center of the Transvaal secret service. The spies and informers of that notorious gang, says the Cape Times, come and go with all the liberty, swagger and self-assurance, as if they were in the suburbs of Pretoria.

SAVED TWO TRAINS.

The Heroic Deed of a Modest Watchman on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

It does not take heroics to make a hero; it only takes a man bent on doing his duty in the face of odds. Such a man is among the employes of the Canadian Pacific railway in British Columbia.

Not long ago a bridge on his section of road caught fire and tumbled into the raging mountain river. It was midnight, and the watchman was alone in the mountains.

The excursion train was due first, and it was coming from the side opposite that on which the watchman stood.

Back to the river he ran without a moment's pause, cast himself in and crossed again. Another rapid run to the flag station on that side, and the exhausted watchman, ready to sink with fatigue, stood by the Pacific flyer that had been brought to a stop at the flag station east of the bridge.

His own comment on the occurrence was that he had done his duty.

MOUTH IN QUEER PLACE.

The Voracious Shark Is Well Fitted by Nature for His Rapacious Mission.

No doubt the shark's mouth is placed so much beneath the projecting muzzle, under which also the nostrils lie, that it may serve its proper purpose in the best way. In all records of the habits of the fish, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, we are told that it can and does bite out large chunks of flesh from the dead bodies of whales and even from living victims of its attack; and it is easily seen that if its mouth were like that of other fishes the necessary average would be lacking.

Papa Liked Rag Time.

The Boston Transcript tells a story of a man who had a class of boys in natural history. One of the subjects which he took up was butterflies and moths, and he told the children a good deal about the chrysalides and cocoons.

Jerusalem is now holding but a shadow of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is about three miles in circumference and is situated on a rocky mountain.

PLAN BULL-FIGHTS.

Dispatch from Mexico Says Gotham Is to Have Them.

Two Famous Spanish Bullfighters Now at City of Mexico Said to Have Received Proposals for Exhibits.

A dispatch received at New York from the City of Mexico says that a plan was in progress for bull-fights in the Madison Square garden. Two famous bull-fighters now in that city, it was said, had received proposals on that subject.

Nothing was said in the dispatch about the cruel feature of the slaughtering of the bulls by the rather annoying processes commonly employed in bull-fights, and nothing was said as to how the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was expected to conduct itself all the while that the process was going on.

Of course, says the correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, Mr. Brady is inclined to look about for an occupation in case the Horton law is repealed and prize fights have to be given up, but if he wants bull-fights it is likely that he will have to put up with the tame old sort in Wall street, where the margins are so often in favor of the bears.

TO BUY TISSOT PICTURES.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to Raise \$500,000 for the Purpose.

The board of trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences held a special meeting the other day to consider a proposition to purchase a collection of about 400 paintings, representing the history of the life of Christ. A statement was made to the effect that, through the efforts of a number of members of the institute, an option had been secured for the entire collection of the original paintings of Mr. Tissot, at the remarkably low figure of \$60,000.

After the adjournment the trustees agreed to contribute toward the fund necessary for the purchase of the collection, and to encourage subscriptions by others. The sum of \$13,000 was subscribed, or more than one-fifth of the cost of the collection.

OLEOMARGARINE USED.

Secretary Gage Transmits Figures Which Show the Increased Quantity Used by This Country.

Secretary Gage has transmitted a letter to the house giving the total amount of oleomargarine shipped during the last year. The total amount was 79,695,774 pounds, and Illinois distributed more than any other state in the union, the number of pounds being 18,638,921.

Table listing oleomargarine usage by state: Indiana 3,223,225; Colorado 1,123,357; Kansas 1,655,244; Kentucky 1,496,377; Louisiana 1,043,929; Massachusetts 2,043,888; Michigan 2,062,521; Minnesota 1,433,967; Missouri 1,123,313; Nebraska 1,024,885; Nevada 1,518,284; New Jersey 3,875,975; New York 222,788; Virginia 1,203,865; West Virginia 1,203,865.

Scraping Up Trouble.

It is now up to the sentimentalists, suggests the New York Press, to inaugurate a movement against the vaccination of the long-suffering army mule.

The great difficulty about voting machines, declares the Philadelphia Ledger, is that they will not turn out a machine vote.

A NEW DEVICE.

Slot Machine That Opens the City Directory for a Cent is Invented.

"Say, give me change for a nickel. I want to use the city directory," is the cry that soon will be heard in every drug store in Chicago if the plans of a young inventor are carried out.

The plan is for the company controlling the machines to furnish the directory and to divide the profits with the owner of the store in which the device is placed.

The Chicago Directory company, however, is somewhat skeptical. A representative said that the scheme had been tried extensively in New York, where it had failed through lack of patronage.

FIND A PREHISTORIC GRAVE.

Workmen Excavating in Sandusky Valley, Near Bucyrus, O., Uncover Tomb of Former Resident.

A prehistoric grave, built of stone, has been unearthed in the Sandusky valley, in the eastern edge of Bucyrus, O. Prof. William Miller, of the State Archaeological and Historical society, has made an examination of the grave, and under his supervision excavations were made.

The grave was discovered by workmen engaged in making excavations for a fence. They came upon some stone of peculiar quality and form, which proved to be the work of prehistoric inhabitants of North America.

The stone is peculiar. The blocks are of irregular and fantastic shapes, similar to waterworn limestone. They are of much lighter color than ordinary limestone.

FAMILY OF WOMEN AT BAR.

Mrs. Kate P. Pier and Her Daughter Admitted to Supreme Court on Motion of Another Daughter.

The United States Supreme court the other day witnessed the unusual spectacle of the admission of a woman and her daughter to the bar upon the motion of another daughter.

Mrs. Kate Pier is the widow of a lawyer and the mother of a family of lawyers. The late Col. Pier, well-known in grand army circles throughout the country, was her husband.

BANKERS' ICE CREAM SEIZED.

The Boxes Are Confiscated Because They Were in Imitation of Gold Coins.

Ice cream boxes at banquets must not in any way represent the gold coin of the country. Forgetting this, the committee preparing for the annual banquet of the State Bankers' association planned to serve the ices at the banquet in pasteboard boxes in imitation of a pile of eight huge gold coins, with milled edges.

Chief William P. Hazen, of the United States secret service, heard of the suspected counterfeit, and decided that the manufacture of such articles was prohibited.

Turkish Women and Their Fortunes. Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. After that they can dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

Don't Like the Spelling. The "Puerto" Rico idea, says the Chicago Tribune, will never become popular with this busy people.

FEES ARE CUT OFF.

Ticket Agents to No Longer Enjoy Commissions.

Must Hereafter Depend on Their Salaries for Support—Railroads of United States Take Important Action.

Henceforth railroad ticket agents in all parts of the United States must depend on their salaries for support, for the railroads have cut off all commissions which heretofore they have enjoyed.

"Not one," he said, "and there won't be one resignation. The agents get good salaries, and these commissions merely were extra compensation. In fact, many of them constituted an underhanded system of rate discrimination. The poorest companies, in order to get business, allowed agents the heaviest commissions, and the agents would divide the commissions with the passengers and send them over an inferior and circuitous route, to their own discomfort and detriment."

"The agents have no one but themselves to blame for this," said a local manager. "They abused their opportunities. Commissions ranged from 5 to 15 per cent. Such commissions were a drain on the treasuries of the companies. They amounted to millions of dollars in a year. Western roads alone will save \$500,000 a year."

BURMESE BOY'S ROMANCE.

Falls in Love with an Equestrienne, Is Spurned and Comes to This Country to Drown His Grief.

Peter Bacon, a handsome Burmese boy 17 years old, who speaks English and several other languages fluently, is detained at the barge office at New York as a stowaway. He came on the steamship Pusan, which arrived from Port Said and is now docked in Brooklyn.

While with the circus he fell in love with an equestrienne, but his suit was spurned with scorn. The climax came at Port Said, when he was called a boy and told that he was acting ridiculously.

NEEDS MORE TERRITORY.

Present Size of Indian Head Proving Grounds Not Sufficient for the Needs of the Navy.

It has been found necessary by the navy department to buy a long strip of land adjacent to the Indian Head proving grounds on the Potomac. The owners of the land hold the place at an exorbitant figure, and have refused to sell for less than \$2,000,000.

PATRIOTIC TABLET STOLEN.

It Was of Bronze and Marked the Site of a Revolutionary Beacon and Cannon.

Some miscreants have stolen the bronze tablet from the monument erected in October, 1866, by the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to mark the spot where during the war of the revolution stood the beacon and the cannon known as the "Old Sow."

QUEER ACTION OF OHIO BOY.

Returns Home Years After He Was Supposed to Have Been Buried.

Four years ago Mrs. J. H. Pike, of Franklin township, Fulton county, O., received word from Chicago of the death there of her son Oliver. She ordered his body shipped home for burial. The casket came and the funeral was held. The bereaved mother was surprised about a year later to receive a letter signed Harry Pierce, which claimed to come from her son.

ONE IMMENSE ADVANTAGE.

If the Russian Academy of Sciences prevails in having English adopted as a universal language, perhaps, says the Philadelphia Times, conductors may use it in calling off stations.

Cooperative Mill. Birmingham, Ala., has a cooperative clothing mill.