

GHOST HAUNTS BRIDEGRROOM.

Unwelcome Attention of Alleged Specter in Wales. Cardiff, Wales.—The freaks of a so-called specter are alarming a hamlet some forty miles from Cardiff...

ONE MAN'S TROUBLES

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NAVY YARD BAND. Fred Beversee, Trombone Player, Ordered to Pay \$36 a Month Alimony When He Makes but \$32.

OLDEST MAIL CARRIER RETIRES.

James Delaney Tells How He Delivered Letters in Odd Handkerchief. New York.—After being in the employ of the United States uninterruptedly for 50 years, James Delaney...

WAITED FOR WOMAN TO DRESS.

Train Held While She Repaired Damage Due to Mishap. Patucah, Ky.—"Delayed five minutes for a woman to dress," was the unusual report filed at the office of Superintendent W. V. Hills...

FREE HOSPITAL FOR HORSES.

New York Society Will Found Dispensary for Them. New York.—Plans for the establishment of a veterinary dispensary and hospital for horses whose owners cannot afford to give them proper treatment...

Broken Leg Restores Mind.

Salem, O.—The breaking of her left leg near the hip has had the queer effect of restoring her mind to Mrs. M. V. Howell, an aged resident of the city...

Doctor and Dentist.

The care of the teeth is a matter which is too often left entirely in the hands of the dentist, whereas the family practitioner, by judiciously pointing out the proper means of safeguarding the patient from infection through the mouth...

Lonely Horse a Suicide.

Akron, O.—A horse owned by J. H. Sell, of Loyal Oak, committed suicide by plunging from the door of a big bank barn to a pile of rocks 20 feet beneath...

SPANS SEAS TO JOIN CHILD.

Deported Syrian Travels 33,666 Miles for Daughter's Sake. North Adams, Mass.—To outwit the immigration authorities and join his eight-year-old daughter here, a Syrian who arrived in this city traveled over 33,666 miles...

TO ILLUMINATE NIAGARA FALLS.

Mist and Water Will Flash All Colors of Rainbow at Night. Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The contract has been closed for the night illumination of Niagara falls, and the proposed plan for lighting the mighty torrent will be the greatest feat ever conceived in electrical illumination...

MOSQUITOES HOLD UP TRAIN.

Millions of Pest Swarm Into Coaches Near Badgley, Ia. Des Moines, Ia.—A swarm of mosquitoes, millions in number, literally staled a Minnesota & St. Louis railroad train at Badgley the other night...

Man Had Two Appendices.

Cumberland, Md., Dr. George L. Carder, assisted by Drs. Henry S. Wales and William B. Ford, has removed two well developed appendices from George Rickenberg, aged 26 years, of near Brunswick, Md...

Historic Flag Exhibited.

Washington.—The historic national banner of stars and stripes, which inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star Spangled Banner," which floated over Fort Mifflin, Chesapeake bay, during its bombardment by the British on the night of September 13, 1814...

Removes Animated Rock.

York, Pa.—Seeing what he thought was a big rock in the middle of the street before daylight, Patrolman William Shenberger thought he would do drivers a kindness by removing it. As he reached down to seize it the supposed rock became a demon, which furiously clawed and bit his hand...

WHOOPIING COUGH FETE

EVERYBODY THERE BARKED AND WORST GOT PRIZES.

Pittsburg Kids and Their Wheezy Parents Bray at Lawn Party—Medicine Is Feature at Luncheon. Pittsburg.—"Mrs. W. H. Parker, of Grand View avenue, Duquesne Heights, tendered a whooping cough lawn fete the other evening at her home in honor of her son George, who is suffering from the disease...

STOESSSEL SHOWN AS COWARD.

Serious Charges Against Him and Brother Officers Made Public. St. Petersburg.—A document containing the indictments against Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, the defender of Port Arthur; Lieut. Gen. Fock, who commanded the fourth east Siberian division at Port Arthur; Maj. Gen. Reiss, chief of staff to Gen. Stoessel, and Lieut. Gen. Smirnov, who preceded Lieut. Gen. Stoessel in command at Port Arthur...

REFORM HARSH CUSTOMS RULES.

Treasury Officials Decide to End Humiliation of Travelers. Washington.—New customs inspection regulations, calculated to be a boon to returning American tourists, are being framed by direction of Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou. It is hoped to have the plan in operation August 15...

Dug Up Chest of Gold.

A workman named Leznart, employed by M. Defranco, a builder at Meunin, France, has made for his employer a stroke of luck which will probably contribute also to his own advantage. He was making a trench in the courtyard of an empty house recently bought by M. Defranco, when at a depth of about three feet his pick struck something hard...

The Greatest Man.

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns; whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching. I believe this greatness to be most common among the multitude, whose names are never heard.—William C. Channing.

The Dignity of Youth.

The woman in the adjoining flat said to her youthful neighbor: "Virginia, I thought I heard you crying this morning." "N-e-v-e-r, n-o-t me! I'm too old to cry. I'm five years old; that was Dot." "And how old is Dot?" "Oh, she's most 18; she's old enough to be foolish."

His Promise Fulfilled.

"You told me," she said with a pout, three months after their marriage, "that you intended to die a bachelor." "To all intents and purposes," he sadly replied, "I have lived up to my declaration. I am known now merely as my wife's husband."—Judge.

WERE WANTED FOR SPORT.

Story of the Introduction of Rabbits into Australia.

Australia wants population, but it wants men and women, not rabbits. The British Australian tells the story of the coming of the rabbit, in response to certain sporting men of Victoria, who wanted something fresh to kill. Manning Thatcher made three attempts to bring rabbits from England. When he succeeded at last the sportsmen had forgotten their want. They were probably shooting the moon...

THE TRAGEDIES OF PARIS.

Record of the Seamy Side of the Gay French Capital.

From 1,800 to 1,500 bodies are received in the morgue in Paris every year. These represent suicides and murders, and not the deaths that occur in the ordinary course of events. And of these self-slaughters nearly half are drownings, which means that every day at least two persons jump into the Seine; two poor wretches who have failed to find life worth living in the months of October and November suicides by drowning in Paris are double what they are the remainder of the year...

IT WAS THE BEST HE COULD DO.

Hotel Man Made Up in Charges for Poor Accommodations.

The colonel had put up for the night at a wretched hotel in a village in the southwest, and when ready to leave in the morning he was handed a bill of three dollars. He was no kicker, but that thing seemed so much like robbery that he said: "Landlord, the meals I have eaten have been poor—very poor." "I don't dispute it," was the reply. "And the room was simply a rat hole." "Mighty pore room, sah." "And yet you have charged me just the same as if I had stopped at a first-class hotel." "Yes, I had to do it." "And will you kindly explain?" persisted the colonel. "Well, it's like this, sah. I traded a sawmill for this tavern a month ago. I don't know nothing about the business and everybody says I'll fall and I know I will, but meantime I'm going to do the best I can. I can't better the rooms nor the fodder, but I can charge at the rate of three dollars a day and make every traveler think he's been putting in time at Waldorf-Astoria. Three dollars, please. No mistake about your bill, sah."

LETTERS WIPE OUT DEBT.

Tender Missives Certainly for Once Answered Good Purpose.

There was great rejoicing in the New Brooklyn church in Sickerlyville, N. J., when the last dollar of the debt against the paragonage was paid. The money was raised in a popular manner. Every female member of the church wrote a letter to all the boys that were her schoolmates in bygone days, no matter where they now lived, soliciting contributions. The men members likewise wrote to their schoolgirl sweethearts of long ago. Many a pleasant correspondence developed, and it is said some of the letters were calculated to revive the spark of affection that was kindled when the writers were youngsters, but as husbands and wives were allowed to read one another's letters not a case of jealousy is recorded. The money came in so fast that in a short time the entire debt was paid off, and the contributions are still coming in as the paragonage will be brightened by a new coat of paint.

Only Two in the Squad.

From his farm Judge Blank was in the habit of supplying the preachers of all the churches with flour, corn, hay and vegetables free of cost. He also kept the country supplied with venison from the herd of deer which he kept for many years. He built a big smokehouse in the rear of his grounds. One night, unseen himself, he saw a man emerge from the smokehouse with a side of pork on his shoulder. He recognized the intruder, but said nothing. A week after the fellow approached him, saying: "Judge, I understand you had some meat stolen from your smokehouse." The old judge raised his hand deprecatingly and said: "Sh! No one on earth knows anything about that but you and me."

Mysterious Fire in Tree.

New York had a mysterious fire the other day, which attracted the attention of a multitude of people, and for a short time blocked travel and traffic on Broadway. An old linden tree near the Rector street side of Trinity churchyard began to emit volumes of smoke, and in a minute more a tongue of flame shot up out of the hollow trunk and ignited the scant foliage and old twigs. What started the tree to blaze up is a matter of guesswork, but no doubt it was caused by spontaneous combustion. The old tree, or what is left of the original trunk, is only 13 feet high, and long ago all else but the trunk and what remains of the old roots under the ground have disappeared.

Lightning Splits Big Tree.

The peculiar pranks played by a bolt of lightning on an oak tree attracted hundreds of people yesterday to Wissahickon avenue near Lincoln lake, says the Philadelphia Record. The tree, which was fully 125 feet tall, was struck during the electric storm recently and was split down a distance of 75 feet, the halves falling in opposite directions. Fifty feet of the upper part was stripped of bark, and a most peculiar thing was that the roots were torn completely out of the ground and hurled a considerable distance, while a circle of bark four feet high was left standing.

Enthusiastic.

A five-year-old boy recently commenced attending Sunday school, and became deeply interested in the teachings he received. After one or two lessons had been given him he expressed a strong wish for a "slingshot." His fond mother was rather astonished at the request, and asked the young hopeful why he wanted such a thing. His reply was prompt and to the point. "At Sunday school," said he, "they told a story of a little boy that killed a big giant with a slingshot, and I want one."

Answered.

The would-be sufragette was having the usual dinner-table argument with her alleged lord and master, relates Harper's Weekly, when that unhappy individual, finding himself in a close corner, ventured the unfortunate query: "How on earth would you earn a living if it wasn't for me?" "I don't know, John," the lady replied. "If I lost you I don't know where I'd get another job."