

WANTED TO HASTEN TIME.

Youngster Was Ambitious to Shine Like His Paps. There is a certain young hopeful who is ambitious to reach the years of discretion...

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF ART.

If You Can Figure Out How It Was Accomplished. Mrs. S. had presented her washer-woman with an amateur photograph of her young son...

Beautiful Hands.

The beautiful hand is slender at the wrist and has long tapering fingers. A short thumb may be a hereditary characteristic...

Pleats Run to Seed.

In the recently published memoirs of Comtesse de Bologne, who lived 100 years ago, appears a veiled allusion to a youthful Louise de Conde...

More Platinum.

The Commercial and Industrial Gazette, of St. Petersburg, describes a new deposit of platinum that has been found in the Ural mountains...

Present Literary Demands.

The demand for all kinds of reference writing is now very small, and the vehicles for such writing are diminishing in number...

NEWEST IN NEW YORK HOTELS.

Fine Place, Where a Room with Bath Can Be Had for \$12 a Day. Everything seems to be drifting toward hotels and theaters, says the New York Press...

WATCHES NEEDED NO WINDING.

Wonderful Timepieces Made by a Master of the Art. Watchmaking is no longer what it used to be, said a collector. Where will you find to-day artists making and selling readily watches worth \$2,500 apiece?

Mad Business Instinct.

United States Consul Halstead of Birmingham, England, tells this story: "A farmer noticed customers in the grocer's shop picking over the celery to find the best-looking bunches...

Might Almost Claim Charmed Life.

A five-year-old boy, the son of Frederick William Shepherd, of the Soldiers Institute, Frimley, England, had a remarkable double escape from death while traveling by train between Reading and Maidenhead...

Weighing Coats Him.

"I'm getting so that I haven't the will power to go by one of those penny-in-the-slot weighing machines without getting weighed," said a thin man the other day...

She Could Swim.

"Look here," exclaimed the irate suburbanite, as he floundered about in the green water and soft mud. "When I bought this lot didn't I tell you I had just been married?"

BABY CROP IS SCANT

WOMEN IN EVANSTON, ILL., HOWEVER, ARE PLENTIFUL.

Feminine Population of Fashionable Chicago Suburb Greatly Outnumbers Masculine—Figures of Recent Census.

Chicago—Evanston, north shore city of wealth, pride and culture, is gaining in feminine population, according to the census bureau...

The figures showed an increase of 470 in the feminine population, a decrease of 42 in the number of masculine inhabitants and an increase of only seven in the number under 21 years of age.

And there are considerably less children altogether in proportion to adults than there were a year ago. Especially in large districts of the city, which show an increase in the total population, there was a sharp decline in the number of children from last year.

"If the women continue to increase and the men continue to decrease the situation will offer a problem too deep for even President Roosevelt," said one observer.

A circumstance that has proved a surprise is the growth of race suicide among the negro population. Mr. McCulloch said that on Benson avenue, and in other districts occupied by negroes, the number of children was surprisingly small...

SIGNS PLEDGE NOT TO FLIRT.

Husband of Eight Months Will Make "Eyes" No More at Girl.

Pittsburg. — Mary Mellow and Stephen Kerlock went to the marriage license office eight months ago, got a license and were married. Now, Mary has come back leading Stephen by the hand...

Uses Fireflies as a Lamp.

Riverside, N. J.—Caleb Hatch was out late the other night with his bicycle with no lamp, and not caring to risk riding through the town without a light on his wheel...

Decieves Girl; Army Avenges.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Private James M. Pyne, Sixteenth artillery battery, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to three years in the military penitentiary for breaking his promise to marry, and defrauding a girl of money.

KISSES FOR HER RESCUERS.

Miss Bush Rewards Modest Heroess Who Saved Her from Drowning.

New York.—The foot of West Twenty-fifth street, Coney Island, was the scene of a gallant rescue of a girl from drowning in the surf...

The rescued one was Miss Edna Bush, daughter of Joseph Bush, a retired merchant of Binghamton, N. Y. With her mother and brother, Harrison Bush, Miss Bush was visiting the island...

"Oh, it was nothing," returned Walsh: "we only did our duty."

SAVES CHILD FROM SNAKE.

Mother is Chased by Nine-Foot Rattler After Slashing It with Knife.

Mt. Holly, N. J.—From Beverly, a farming village several miles from this place, comes a snake story, and they have the dead snake, nine feet long, to back up the story.

PHONES HOTEL FOR "NIGHTIE."

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ELEPHANT LOVED MONEY.

Nearly Killed Keeper Who Tried to Pick Up His Nickel.

New York.—Gundi, a trick elephant in the Bronx zoological gardens, nearly killed Otto Hoffman, a keeper, on account of a five-cent piece. Hoffman is suffering from fractured ribs and internal injuries...

Hoffman is an elephant trainer of 15 years' experience, but he has been with Gundi only a week, and for some reason peculiar to elephants Hoffman has not made a hit with Gundi.

REVOLT AGAINST DAILY BATH.

New York Lodgers Protest Over Crusade for Air and Water.

New York.—The idea of a daily bath for lodging-house tenants was suggested by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The board of health eagerly jumped at it and adopted it unanimously...

WINS BET ON FAST COURSHIP.

Bachelor Cattle Man Finds, Woods and Weds Widow in Week.

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STREAM PUMPED DRY

JAMES B. DUKE EMPTIES JERSEY RIVER FOR BRIDE.

Woolen Mills Employing 1,000 Hands Cannot Run When Water Supply Fails—Work Resumed When Pair Lease.

New York.—In an effort to make his 2,000-acre park look like a fairyland for his bride during their honeymoon, James B. Duke pumped the Raritan river dry at Somerville, N. J., and stopped the operation of the Raritan woolen mills...

Duke has on his estate artificial lakes covering several hundred acres, besides innumerable fountains and waterfalls. All of these are supplied with water from the Raritan river by means of a great pumping plant...

In honor of the bride in order that the fountains be made to shoot their sprays high the lakes were filled to overflowing and cascades dashed with unusual volume over the rocks and the pumps were kept pumping night and day to keep up the display...

BEETLES CAUSE BAD BLAZE.

Woman Tries Explosive Exterminator with Disastrous Results.

Indianapolis, Ind.—As in the days of old Greece, when one of the ancient philosophers of that period cudgeled his brains in an effort to perfect a patent bug exterminator, Mrs. Nancy Wilson of West Washington street, tried a similar experiment the other day, and history repeated itself.

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