

NATION'S FIRE LOSSES

ENTIRELY TOO LARGE BESIDE THOSE OF EUROPE.

International Society of Building Commissioners Will Appeal to Governors When They Meet at Washington.

Washington.—While governors of the states are in this city in May to discuss the nation's wastes and extravagances and to devise means of lessening this appalling destruction...

Mr. Fitzpatrick points out that of all our wastefulness fire is one of the heaviest and the only one in which human lives also are sacrificed.

In Europe fires seldom extend beyond the buildings in which they originate; in this country whole city blocks of buildings...

Here in Washington, a city of 300,000 people, there were 846 fires last year, with a loss of \$28,744...

Mr. Fitzpatrick will point out also the care that is proposed. He maintains that if adequate legislation is enacted, compelling all new buildings...

Alfalfa Belt of Nevada Will Be Shunned by Nervous Women.

Washington.—If there is a pipper in the United States who is out of a job he may fall into a good berth with Uncle Sam.

The expert sent from the department of agriculture to suggest means of eradication has failed. He reported to Dr. Henshaw...

WOMAN BLOWN FROM BARGE. Then Nearsighted Sea Captain Tried to Shoot Her for a Duck.

New Haven, Conn.—Mrs. Mary Malburg, who was blown overboard from the barge Bulley when trying to help her husband's washing on the deck...

World's Production of Furs. Canada alone produces over \$3,000,000 worth of furs every year...

GIRL DANCED WITH SKELETON.

San Francisco Maid Must Be Credited with Some Nerve.

This is a story of something that was expected to happen and did not. There was once a skeleton at the Hopkins Academy of Art...

HIS REASON FOR LOOKING GLUM.

Sour Expression Kept Swede from Being Bothered.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden told a New York reporter that Americans all worked hard and looked happy.

To Save the Birds. The statisticians who foot up the loss to the country resulting from the killing of insect-destroying birds...

Noble Living. Life is a great word. It is a larger word than religion or goodness or character.

Raw Milk Unwholesome. Nathan Straus sends a message to American mothers to the effect that raw milk is not good for children.

Attending to Business. "You say the officer arrested you while you were quietly minding your own business?"

Travelers' Tales. Hostess.—"And I suppose you went up the Rhine?"

BAFFLE THE TAX GATHERERS.

Residents on Irish Islands Enjoy Immunity from Taxation.

The difficulty of collecting rates in a number of islands lying off the coast of Donegal, Ireland, was discussed at a recent meeting of the Donegal county council.

WHERE ENGLISH JUSTICE ERRS.

American Variety Not Quite So Bad in Some Directions.

It is only a century since the death penalty was inflicted in England for theft not exceeding the value of a sheep.

A Sham Love of Country. "Our country" is an entity of which most American citizens are proud. They love their country.

A Remarkable Wagon.

J. B. Beyer of Sohola township, Pike county, Pennsylvania, has a farm wagon the woodwork of which he built himself in 1863.

Fifty Kinds of Headache. There are more than 50 kinds of headache," said a physician.

Little "Originality." There is almost no such thing as "originality."

The Slowpoke. "Isn't Dubley the back number, though? He's begun now to take up the study of jujitsu."

FLOG STRIPPED TRAMPS.

Connecticut Farmers Ply Rawhide on Skins of Thieves.

Waterbury, Conn.—While four tired tramps were wrangling as to who should carve a juicy piece of beef which they had snatched from Little Margaret Fairclough...

GOT TOO MANY KISSES.

Superfluity of Love Cause Man to Fleo from Bride of Sixteen Days.

Chicago.—Arthur Kehr, a musician, who has been married just 16 days, has sued for divorce.

Small Necked New Yorkers. Statistics furnished by manufacturers of shirts and collars indicate that the average New Yorker has a neck...

MONEY SAVES WIFE.

Eloper Held Husband's Property in Her Name and Was Forgiven.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Ernest Kohler, a merchant of Cranford, N. J., confronted his wife Christina and Alexander Bergner...

MILLIONAIRE QUILTS DRY TOWN.

Gives Mansion to Mission Board and Leaves Asheville in a Hurry.

Asheville, N. C.—John A. Roebing, multi-millionaire and owner of Beaux-chenez, a 500,000-acre estate...

Stamps Wear Out Tongue. Winsted, Conn.—Because she licked so many postage stamps three years ago, Miss Myra Silvernail...

The Reason. She—"My! that was a heavy play!" He—"Perhaps it was on account of the stage waits."

CERTAINLY CALLED FOR NERVE.

Young Man Clipped He Had It, But Didn't Want Position.

A young man entered the office of the director of the city zoo in New York and asked for a job.

TWO GREAT THINGS IN LIFE.

Doing Real Work Well, and Love. Says This Writer.

On this gloomy day, beginning with a troublous morning a spirit of content grows upon me.

Price of Peace.

A story is told of Verdi, the famous composer, which shows that he was willing to pay a good price for what he considered comfort.

The Love of Good Books.

There is no task of the teacher that can surpass in importance this work of forming right tastes of reading among children.

Water Spreading Fire.

An amusing instance of ignorance of the properties of carbide of calcium occurred recently on a quay at Algiers.

Dolls Came from China.

It is interesting to the children to know that the first doll came from China; that is, the first doll that could move its arms and legs.

Consequences of a Profession.

"I see where a young man somewhere married his mother's cook?" "That was a bad move—very."

MANY WEAR COSTLY FOOTWEAR.

Enormous Sums Said to Be Spent by English Aristocracy.

It would surprise most people to know of the huge sums which some of the English aristocracy spend on shoes, especially on slippers.

ONE OF MONARCH'S TROUBLES.

Much Tact Necessary When Titles Are Conferred.

The bestowal of knight-hoods in the arts in England is notoriously a difficult process, straining every tact of King Edward.

Advertising Scheme Stopped.

A novel advertising scheme has been tried in London, England. A well-dressed young man was standing on the curb at the corner of Aldwych when suddenly letters, apparently of fire, made their appearance across the back of his overcoat.

A Different Proposition.

"Gracious!" cried Dobson, throwing down his newspaper. "Here's a rich old Quaker lady offering to leave \$3,000,000 to a college if it will give up athletics."

Wall Recommended.

Mrs. Lapping was exhibiting to the caller the latest addition to her stock of household remedies.