Charles F. Corbin Refused to Marry Within Year and Loses Big Share of Father's Estate.

Meriden, Conn.-Given the preference between single-blessedness and marriage with a large financial reward, Charles F. Corbin, son of the late Philip Corbin, president of the American Hardware Corporation, chose the former state and sacrificed \$75.000 The lest opportunity for Mr. Corbin to decide whether he would agree to a clause in his father's will and take \$150,000 in cash, or remain gingle and worry along on half that amount came when the executors met in the New Britain probate court to distribute the elder Mr. Corbin's estate, estimated at \$1,850,000.

A year ago, when Mr. Corbin died, his will was found to contain this clause:

"If within one year from my death Charles Corbin, my son, shall be legally married he shall receive \$150,000 in cash. If he is not legally married he shall receive \$75.000."

This clause held up the distribution of the estate and directed much public attention to young Mr. Corbin. The fact that a divorce had been obtained from him by Mrs. Lillian Blakeslee Corbin in 1908 was commented upon, and rumors were started that a reconciliation might take place and that before the expiration of the year a second marriage ceremony might be performed. Many assurances were conveyed to Mr. Corbin that if he had other matrimonial plans he would not have difficulty in finding a life partner among Connecticut's fair daughters.

But Mr. Corbin dashed many budding hopes when he announced flatly that the financial inducements were not sufficient to make him take another chance at matrimony.

Up to the last moment friends of Mr. Corbin were hopeful that he would marry within the time limit. When the executors met they learned that Mr. Corbin had failed to win the additional \$75,000 and they added this amount to the total, which was distributed among the other beneficiaries.

WILD FOWL RACE WITH TRAIN

Flock of Geese and Ducks Show Their Speed for Ten Miles, Then Return to Starting Point.

Clarksville, Tenn.-A flock of wild geese and ducks raced ten miles with a fast passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad west of this city, being easy winners in the

The geese rose from the backwater at the head of Palmyra island and tarted with the train. A few miles further on they were joined by the ducks. Mile after mile they chased the train, holding their own with ease. apparently pausing when the train stopped at Hematite and Steel's

Springs. The passengers and train crew were much interested in the race, watching the feathered racers as they winged their way at 35 miles an hour. The race was not given up by them until the train neared the Cumberland river bridge. When in sight of the city they paused, then turned and started back.

LYNCH LAW THEIR PROTEST

Missouri Judge Calls Courts Only a Place to Win the Game-Justices Are Merely Umpires.

Columbia, Mo.—Speaking to a mass meeting of students, Judge John D. Lawson, who announced his retirement as dean of the law school of the University of Missouri, said that lynch law had become our national disgrace, but that it is "the protest of a people ordinarily law abiding against a condition that, because of lax enforcement of the criminal laws, has be-

come intolerable. "In America we still cling to technicalities," he said, "and court procedture has become not a place to secure justice but a place to win the game. Our judges become mere umpires, who cannot search independently for truth and justice. The same conservatism, if you please to call it that, in other practical affairs, would mean that we should be using the sedan chair instead of the automobile."

BODY IN COFFIN NOT WIFE'S;

Last Look at Dead Brings Joy to Malden (Mass.) Home-Similarity of Names Caused Mistake.

Malden Mass.-Abraham Levine and his three children were weening over the coffin hought for Mrs. Lewine, the wife arm mother, when Abraham, opening the coffin for one last look at his wife, discovered that the body was not hers.

Mrs. Levine had been a patient at the Tewksbury hospital and Abraham. had received word that she was dead. Investigation showed that his wife is alive, and that the mistake had been due to the fact that the name of the dead woman was somewhat similar.

Town Owns His Wooden Leg. Manchester, Conn.-The selectmen of this town after much discussion, have purchased a wooden leg for William Armstrong, a pauper, and on it have placed this inscription: "This leg is the property of the town of Manchester, loaned to William Armstrong. and is not to be hocked, sold or exchanged without a majority vote of "the board of selectmen." The selectmen say that they have had a preat deal of trouble from paupers who pawned their artificial limbs.

WEDDING LASTS SIX DAYS

Syrian Groom is Given a Bath and Shave by Men Guests at St. Paul Nuptials.

St. Paul, Minn.-Amid the glare of 400 candles and facing a gathering of 600 guests. Moses G. Toby, son of George Toby, a Syrian wholesale merchant, married Victoria Zinnie of Butte, Mont., at his father's residence in this city. The ceremony itself was the closing feature of an elaborate Syrian wedding that has been in progress for six days. Fellow countrymen and wives came from all parts of the United States to attend what they declare is the greatest Syrian wedding that has taken place in this country in twenty years. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nicola E. Yanney, rector of St. George's Syrian. Greek Orthodox church, Kearney, Neb., and was done in purely Syrian style. The pastor came here especially for the nuptials.

In accordance with the Syrian custom the groom was given a bath by the men guests at the wedding. Each held a wash cloth and in passing by dipped it in the water and applied it to the bridegroom. The bridegroom was then taken to the parlor to be shaved. He was lathered by the guests and each stroked the razor over portions of his face.

STATE HAS HEALTH EPIGRAMS

Kansas Board Issues Then in an Almanac-Plenty of Fresh Air Advised.

Topeka, Kan.-A Kansas health almanac, patterned after patent medicine publications and containing information calculated to improve the health of Kansas people, was issued by the state board of health.

"An open window is better than an open grave. Warm rooms have killed more people than ever froze to death." "A stiff drink makes the stomach

warm but the skin cold." "A mustard bath for the feet will do far more to ward off pneumonia

than a gallon jug," "A dirty well- is more dangerous than a dirty kitchen."

"It takes time to boil a baby's bottle, but it saves sorrow and sleepless nights." "Flies in the kitchen may be almost

as dangerous as rough on rats in the pantry.' "If your milkman brings you warm

milk make it hot for him."

STUDENTS WILL BE "JACKS"

University of Minnesota Course to Take Them into the Woods for Training.

Minneapolis, Minn.-Six weeks of actual work in a lumber camp getting the finishing touches of a lumberman's education is to be required of all students in the course of lumbering which is to be established at the agricultural school of the University of Minnesota next year. To obtain a diploma each student must for a time do the work of a "lumberjack" and walking boss. Among the things which he will have to learn are: To "snake" logs with a yoke of

OXED. To fringe properly a pair of Mack-

inaw trousers. To eat beans three times a day with pleasure.

To get up at 5:30 a. m. The course will be under the direction of Prof. G. Cheyney of the forestry department, and lumber experts will be engaged as teachers.

BOY CONVERTS OLD FARMER

Youth Demonstrates Benefits of Shailow Plowing of Corn Furrows.

Manhattan, Kan.-It took a boy 14 years old only a few minutes to convince a farmer three times his age, that the old fashioned method of corn cultivation was wrong at Minersville. near here. The boy, William Linscott, had been taking the work of the extension department of the State Agricultural college and was explaining shallow cultivation at a community meet-

ing of farmers. When he had finished a farmer arose and told that he always plowed his corn deep, and demanded to know why the shallow method was better. On the blackboard William drew a cross section between two rows of corn. He showed how the roots were interwoven and how deep plowing would injure them. His explanation was so clear that the farmer immediately accepted the new method as better than the old fashioned way.

Quick Wit Saves His Life. Wilkesbarre, Pa.-The quick wit of fifteen-year-old Francis Scott of Avoca saved his life. While walking on the Delaware and Hudson railway he stepped out of the way of one train directly in front of a freight train which was backing up. There was no time to jump aside, so he threw himself flat in the middle of the track and 15 freight cars and the locomotive passed over him. The trainmen, expecting to find him dead, were surprised when he sprang up. He was badly bruised and cut and his clothes were torn from him, but no bones were broken.

Must Keep Flats Warm. New York.-The five justices of the appellate division of the supreme court have solemnly decided that a tenant cannot be sued for rent if the landlord, falled to keep his apart-

In That Year Henry Bell Launched the Comet.

Bactchman After Many Struggles Suc-Receded in Making Vessel-Stone Pillar on Banks of Clyde in Memory of Inventor.

London .- On January 18, 1812, there was launched at Glasgow, on the Clyde, a little wooden vessel 40 feet in legath and 10 feet 6 inches in breadth.

She received the name of Comet, because just at the time when she began to be built in the summer of 1811 a remarkable comet was visible in the heavens. That comet is still referred to in astronomical books as the great comet of 1811.

The owner of this little boat was Henry Bell, originally a working mason, who had seen at Carron in 1789 the first attempts at steam navigation on board a vessel which was built for the purpose of towing barges on the Forth and Clyde canals.

Henry Bell was certain that it was possible to employ steam for vessels intended for passenger trade. But the difficulty was to find the money. In 1800 he laid before the British government of the day his plans for the construction of a vessel that could carry passengers. But after waiting for some years he found there was no help to be obtained from the government. If there had been some farseeing man about the admiralty at that time the invention might have been taken up, and Nelson in his later years would not have had to wait on the winds when he went to attack the

French fleet. Henry Bell did not lose heart. He went to Helensburgh, on the Clyde, and there built a small hotel, which still stands, with additions to it between Helensburgh and the North British railway station at Craigendoran. He made some money at this hotel, and in the summer of 1811 he gave an order to Messrs. John Wood & Co., shipbuilders at Port Glasgow, for the construction of the Comet, the first passenger steamer. The same shipbuilding firm that launched the Comet in 1812 launched for the Cunard line in 1839 the Acadia, the second steamer of the famous line, the Britannia being the first, so that from Port Glasgow there came the first passenger civer steamer and the second Atlan-

tic liner. At length all was ready, and in the autumn of 1812 the Comet had the sole passenger steam traffic on the River Clyde. She was pronounced a success. But her success brought imitators and rivals, and in the next year, 1813 there were three other steamers on the Clyde, all of them larger and swifter than the Comet. So that the first passenger steamer in the world was already left behind, and as a result the passengers chose to go with the faster steamers and poor Henry Bell met the fate of many another inventor. His vessel was a success from the point of view of the engineer, but she did not bring in money to her

As the Comet had been beaten in speed on the Clyde, she was sent to the Firth of Forth, and for a time made better speed there than on the Clyde, because the water was deeper. But after awhile rival steamers appeared on the Forth and the poor little Comet, the pioneer of the steam. passenger ships of the world, came to an inglorious end. She had not made a fortune for her owner, but left him to be dependent in his old age on an annuity of £50 granted by the Clyde

Though there is a monument to Henry Bell on the north bank of the Clyde at Bowling about half way between Glasgow and Greenock, probably very few of the many thousands who go up and down the Clyde every summer take notice of the weather stained stone pillar at Bowling. Fewer still, are aware that the monument commemorates the man to whom the River Clyde and every navigable river and sea in the world owe so

\$2,500 IN PAUPER'S DRESS

Clothes of Aged Woman Taken to Hospital Prove to Be a Veritable Treasure Trove.

Saratoga, N. Y .-- After being taken to the hospital as a penniless old woman, Mrs. Anna Minkler, who died there, was found to be wealthy. She had large sums of money hidden about her clothing. When she was taken to the hospital the woman appeared so poverty-stricken that Dr. Scott Towne,

the physician, paid the cab fare. At the hospital the woman's ragged dress was removed and the nurse discovered suspicious lumps about her clothing. An investigation showed that rolls of money had been sewed up in different parts of the dress. Cash and a bank book to the value of \$2,500 were found.

Included in the collection was the woman's marriage certificate and the papers granting her a divorce from her husband.

Quail Pientiful in California. Los Angeles, Cal.-Ranchers ?rom the Coachella valley, who were in Los Angeles, reported that quail were so thick in the valley that crops of all kinds were being destroyed, despite the efforts of the state game wardens, who are now trapping the birds by thousands and sending them to other sections of the state.

TO HELP SAILORS TO WED

Navy Society Has a Rule That the Women Must Propose to American "Tare."

Philadelphia, Pa. - Announcment of a secret society among the enlisted men of the United States navy was made by members of the crew of the battleship Maine, now docked at the Philadelphia navy yard. The society has for its object the promotion of marriages among the sailors with American women.

One of the rules of the organization necessitates proposals of marriage being made by the woman. An assessment will be levied upon the entire membership to supply a gift for every bridegroom.

This attempt of members of the navy to promote higher ideals and a home life started some months ago from joking remarks passed in the ward room of the battleship Idaho by several college men who have chosen Unclo Sam's service as their vocation.

Criticisms of the character of the women with whom sailors often as >ciated aroused indignation among the party and led to the formation of a

SUES WOMAN TO WIN LOVE

Austrian 'Army Lieutenant Fails in Unique Method of Courtship in New Yor 11 No. 10

New York.-An international courtship has reached its official end here in the signing of a court order discontinuing the breach of promise suit that Lieut. Edward Starz of the Austrian army brought against Miss Helen McMurray of Troy for \$25,000 damages. The Austrian lieutenant abandoned the suit on the advice of his lawyer.

The lieutenant was not mercenary," declared the latter. "His only hope in bringing the suits was to see Miss McMurray and win her again. When he found that he could not see her he was broken-hearted. It is a sad experience for a young man of his type, and he is going away to try to forget her."

Lieut. Starz met Miss McMurray in Vienna in August, 1910, followed her to Paris, wooing her ardently, and to continue his attentions obtained a year's leave of absence from his regiment, abandoning an opportunity for promotion.

THOUGHT FIRST OF PETS

Children of Wilmington Man Save Cat, Guinea Pig and Doll When Firemen Arrive.

Wilmington, Del.—Seeing firemen rushing into the home at \$25 Market street and believing the house was on fire, the two little daughters of Victor H. Bacon, a cafe proprietor, forgot all about their own comfort and thought only about their pets:

One of the girls gathered up a cat in one arm and a guinea pig in the other and the second child snatched up her doll. They did not stop to get a hat or coat, but were making for the door without regard for near-zero weather when their mother stopped

Some one passing in Market street had seen exhaust steam coming from a pipe on the roof, and, thinking it was smoke, summoned several fire companies. Mrs. Bacon, who was alone with her children at the time, knew nothing about the affair until the firemen came into the house, dragging lines of hose after them.

"SEE AMERICA FIRST" GROWS

Interior Department to Spread Idea Throughout Country by Exhibition of Pictures.

Washington, D. C.-The "See America First" idea is making rapid headway in the United States, according to officials of the interior department charged with the supervision of the country's parks A collection of handsome colored views in the parks, recently gathered by the department for loan purposes, already has been scheduled for exhibitions up to August 15 next. The collection is about to be taken on a tour of New England cities, including Boston, Providence, Hartford and Worcester.

Officers of the Scenic and Historie Preservation Society of New York are preparing to give a special exhibit of beautiful American views and have asked for the use of the interior department's collection. After the eastern tour the pictures will be sent through the south and middle west.

Rich Father Seeks Daughter. Pittsburgh, Pa,-"Mary Johnson," sixteen years old, daughter of a wellknown Pittsburgher, and niece of United States Senator W. E. Chilton of Charleston, W. Va., is the object of a nation-wide search being con-

ducted by her father. For twelve years the whereabouts of the girl have been veiled in mystery, and it is believed she is in Europe being educated.

The mother left the father because of religious differences. When the separation was decided upon the child was placed in St. Paul's orphanage here, and later passed into the care of a family named Parnice of Herminie. Westmoreland county, Pa., or Herman, Butler county.

An error in recording the address was made when the child was taken from the orphanage, and most careful search has failed to discover her whereabouts.

The father has since become wealthy. The lost girl's real name is Bertha May White.

Iowans Move Two Miles to Site on Railroad.

Community is Betrayed by Coup of Thrifty Councilman-Stampedes Residents to City on Proposed Line.

Des Moines, la -- Wheeling a town two miles overnight!

This feat, accomplished by the residents of a thriving lowa community, and the exciting events that preceded the municipal hegira were vividly related by a former resident of the town in question. The incident occurred in the early '90s, when the railroads practically made over the maps of many portions of the west.

"The one great handicap of Callione-for that is, or was, the name of the town, was the fact that it possessed no-railway connection.

"But one day a man, glorying in a generous girth and a many hued waistcoat, arrived in Calliope. To the village president he signified his desire to meet the village board, and it was convened in session extraordinary that very evening in the schoolhouse. To this staid and deliberative body the imposing stranger outlined his plan for a newer and a better Calliope. The Mississippi & Pacific Coast railway-that was not its name, but it will serve-he declared had decided to extend its projected line through Calliope on its way to the shore of the Pacific. As evidence of the good faith of the company the representative exhibited a map wherein Calliope was indicated by a black dot, whose dimension were exceeded by none-no, not even Chicago. The stranger went on to point out the advantages that would accrue to the town by the fulfillment of the plans of the railroad company.

"The supposition, however was not well founded, as he soon found. If the railroad wished to come to Calliope, well and good, declared the sturdy burghers, but Calliope would offer no bribes. At this the railroad representative lost some of his suavity, and informed his audience that if Calliope did not choose to accept the generous compromise held out to it by the railroad, the company would make Callione come to the road.

"Then one day an ugly rumor was afloat. It was whispered from mouth to mouth that one of the councilmen who had been most emphatic in denouncing the railroad agent's proffer had bought a quarter section in the path of the projected railroad, and in company with the railroad advance agent was laying out the new town. Further investigation disclosed that the councilman had bought an even 160 acres of land-what was more, he had parceled it out in regulation city lots, had opened a cracker box office and was doing a flourishing real estate business.

"The hegira continued. The tho same suave gentleman visited the principal merchants of the town and made them an offer of a free site in the new city if they would move. It was too much. Immediately there was a scramble to secure the most desirable locations in the new city-which, by the way, he said was to be named Hawarden-in his own honor. One by one they set to work to move their structures-which were of frame construction-two miles down the slope lo Hawarden.

"It was no use. And even the old timers saw it. Mournfully they, too, bade farewell to Calliope and betook themselves and their abodes to Hawarden, which grew to a city of 1,500 within a month.

"And Calliope? Well, what was once Calliope is now a flourishing cornfield."

SNOW-BURIED MAN IS SAVED

While Hunting Cougar Hunter Plunges to Bottom of Canyon-Rescued by Comrade.

Husum, Wash.-Traveling on snowshoes and while tracking a cougar along the west bank of the White Salmon river, three miles south of here, Roy Campbell met with an accident that came near proving disastrous. He had left his companion, Frank Knowles, and when near a deep, perpendicular canyon, slipped and plunged to the bottom.

There was no way to escape from his predicament, but he called loudly for help. For two hours he was burn led in snow and kept up a constant yell, and his companion appeared and with the aid of a rope and long pole pulled him to the surface.

Knowles says he never heard a sound, but was following the tracks of Campbell when he suddenly disappeared.

Pension Comes Toe Late. Leechburg, Pa.-After working for the past fifteen years in an effort to get a pension, Mrs. Isaac Novinger, aged seventy-eight years, one of the oldest residents of this place, was successful. But the pension came too late. Mrs. Novinger died at her home from old age.
When the Civil war broke, Isaac

Novinger was one of the first men to answer his country's call. After anhonorable service he returned home at the close of the war. Sixteen years' ago he died. Since that time his widow has been trying to secure a pension. The pension papers were signed a week ago and the check amounting to \$712, arrived here. But It was several hours too late.

LARK OF BRITISH DUCHESS

Her Grace of Sutherland Danced at London Masked Ball in Male Attire.

A carefully concealed sensation of the brilliant "Arabian Nights Ball," given at Covent Garden, came to light in London when it was learned that among the glittering throng of oriental dancers was her grace the duchess of Sutherland in male attire—that of a maharajah. The incident was deenied so serious that a family conclave was called at Stafford house, the magnificent Sutherland residence, in St. James street.

But it was not the duke who caused the trouble, but the earl of Rosslyn, the countess' brother, who ordered his sister to "give an account of herself." The duchess took umbrage at this style of censor and citing his somewhat lurid career bade him defiance. "I would like to know," she is reported to have said, "who appointed you as censor of this family's mor-

als; so don't talk rot." A cross-examination elicited from the duchess the fact that while she did wear a man's clothes at the ball and also painted her face to a swarthy hue to resemble the eastern potentate, her trousers were very baggy and a cloak enveloped her figure.

So at the conclusion of the inquisition the duchess figured that the earl of Rosslyn owed her an apology.

"You see it was all perfectly innocent," she said, "and done just for a lark. You really should get down on your knees to me for stirring up such a fuss "

YEARLY PAPER OF ALASKA

Publication of the Eskimo Bulletin is Evidence of Progress of Twenty Years.

In the bad old days the masters of the whaling vessels sailing from San Francisco to the far north used to give the Alaskan Eskimos raw "fire water" in order to secure the valuable furs they had obtained during the long arctic winter. Little they dreamed that these fierce children of the north would one day be so advanced as to print their own newspaper, a writer in the Wide World exclaims. After the terrible slaughter by the whalers of the alcohol frenzied natives of Cape Prince of Wales in Bering strait, it was a rather ticklish job for a white man to start a Bible class. Still, H. A. Thornton attempted it, but he was shot dead by a boy of fourteen, who was killed in his turn by his own kinsman. This affair happened in 1890 Two years after W. T. Lopp apneared on the scene with his wife. They settled at Cape Prince of Wales, and year after year, until 1903, they taught humanity to the Eskimos. The reindeer was introduced from Siberia, and Mr. Lopp got his pupils to learn to rear the herds. He also taught them boat building, carpentering, etc., and, to put a final touch to his valuable work, he had a small press brought from the states, and it was not long after that his pupils were able to compose and print their own paper. This is probably the only yearly newspaper in the world—the Eskimo Bulletin.

Old Volume Sold. Bunyan's copy of Foxe's "Book of Martyrs" was offered at auction at Mesers. Sotheby's rooms in London recently. There were only two bids, and the book was finally bought in at \$3,000. The vendors were the trustees of the Bedford Literary institute. The book was to have been sold in London last May, the institute being in financial difficulties. It was expected to realize from \$40,000 to \$50,000. At the last moment, however, the attorney general intervened in order to ascertain whether the trustees were empowered with the right to sell the took, and it was withdrawn from the sale. After investigation the attorney general came to the conclusion that the sale could not be withdrawn, and reonsequently the book came under the hammer. A first edition of Walton's "Complete Angler," published in 1653, at 35 cents, fetched \$3,750.

Drainage of the Zuyder Zee.

A great project is again before the people of Holland-the draining of the Zuyder Zee. The sea, which, as every one knows, is at the north of Holland and covers an area of 50,000 hectares, a hectare being practically two acres and a half.

Just half a century ago a scheme to drain the southern portion of the sea was first mooted and although it received considerable support, the opposition was greater, but now an association has been formed and a bill will be introduced into the chamber. The promoters see that with an increased population means must be taken to enlarge the country and this reclamation of the sea is suggested as capable of accomplishment. If the sea is conquered there are several lakes which can be dealt with later.

Rate Schedule Lacking.

It was the day before Christmas in one of the big railroad offices, says the San Francisco Call. They were talking about the good old days when they were all children and there was no interstate commerce commission. "Well," observed the optimist, "I

guess old Santa will come around as usual." "Nope," replied the grouch. "Don't look for him this year."

"Why not?" asked the optimist. "Well," came the the answer, "under the new law he's a common carrier, and the old man hasn't filed his rate schedule. "

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