

LOWER TAX ON SPITE HOUSE

Declares She Purposely Decreased Property Value in Revenge for Neighbor's Wall.

For when a woman will she will, you may depend on't.

Chicago.—Mrs. A. Spiskel, of 526 Aldine avenue, asserted in the office of the board of review that she is the sort of woman who will; also she prophesied with some emphasis that the owner of a flat building next door to her apartment house at 4447 North Paulina street will discover, to his financial sorrow, just what degree of will she possesses.

"He broke the building line and now I am going to break him if I have to take in washing to do it," said Mrs. Spiskel, and her lips became a thin line as she uttered the threat.

Mrs. Spiskel had photographs of both buildings with her and she finally succeeded in having the valuation of her home reduced from \$6,650 to \$5,800.

HORSE KICKS UP 148 COINS

Money Discovered in Canada by Ant-Misc Believed Lost Eighty Years Ago.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.—A horse kicked a remarkable treasure trove into view on John McEwen's farm on the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence river.

By English law treasure trove goes to the crown, so the coins have been turned over to the police.

Workers who built the Rideau canal were paid in American silver; it being part of the indemnity paid by the United States to Great Britain.

CHURCH CLOCKS AS TARGETS

London Steeplejack Says He Has Found Bullet Holes in Many of Them.

London.—With reference to the story telegraphed to the New York Times of the Irishman of Strabane making a practice of shooting at the dial of the town clock, a well-known steeplejack named Larkins writes to the Daily Mail, pointing out that "sport" of this description is fairly common.

East Molesey church, Hampton Court, Flaxley Abbey church, Gloucestershire; Heyope church, Radnor; Llangorwen church, Aberystwyth, Stock church, Ingatesstone, Essex; Nevill Holt church, Leicestershire; Withington church, Hereford; Castleary church, Somersetshire; Aytton church, North Berwick; Middleton Oben church, Banbury, and Eaton Bishop church, Herefordshire.

MISER VICTIM OF POISON

Farmer, Worth \$200,000, Dies, and Housekeeper Made Ill From Drug Placed in Coffee.

Richmond, Va.—Strychnine was the poison placed in the coffee of George M. Nicholas, a wealthy Rockingham county farmer, who died suddenly.

Although Nicholas was worth more than \$200,000, he lived like a miser and dressed in rags.

Footpad's Novel Methods.

Warraw.—Footpads who infest the suburbs of this town have hit on a novel way of robbing peasants' carts as they drive in laden with provisions.

BLIND CHARLEY GOES AWAY

Beggar Takes a Whirl at Coney Island and Then Doesn't Dare Return to His Old Corner.

New York.—Wall street has just lost one of its most interesting and best known characters, and at the same time is minus a flourishing business.

Kind-hearted brokers, fresh from a successful turn in the market, have been cheerful contributors to the battered tin cup of the blind beggar, and so generous have been gifts that there is apparently no reason why Blind Charley should not have run his fortune up to the half-million mark if he had only used a bit of discretion.

They were out for a good time and they didn't let expense stand in the way. They rode on the merry-go-round, bumped the bumps and looped the loop, and occasionally Charley would break a five-dollar bill to purchase a bag of peanuts.

One man, who on more than one occasion had dropped a dime in Charley's battered cup, was so interested that he notified the police.

Shortly after they had started Mrs. Walker happened to notice her ring. With a cry, she exclaimed: "Oh, I do declare, I've lost my solitaire!"

MAN 70 YEARS YOUNG SKATES

Gay Old Boy Just Whirls Around to Get an Appetite—Gets It, Too.

Tacoma.—Clerks and others arriving late at their offices have recently been giving an excuse that they have been watching an old man skate.

As they reach a certain street they hear the whirl of rollers on the asphalt paving.

A reporter approached the septuagenarian skater and was received with suspicion.

"Don't get it into your head that I'm doing this to revive ice-skating," he said. "This is a very healthy way of spending spare time.

BETTER EYES, BETTER MAN

California Prison Warden Has a Theory Along the Lines of Reform.

Sacramento, Cal.—To carry out his theory that steps for all-around betterment of prisoners should be taken, beginning with physical conditions, Warden Johnston of Folsom penitentiary has had thirty-two prisoners examined by eye and ear specialists.

Jake Oppenheimer, "the Hyena," under sentence of death, will be fitted with a pair of glasses. The warden said that Oppenheimer was pleased with the result, as his vision had been much impaired in the preparation of a book he is now writing, entitled "The Thoughts of a Condemned Man."

BOY LOVER HANGS HIMSELF

Hoboken (N. J.) Youngster Couldn't Give Up Infatuation for Grown-up Cousin.

Hoboken, N. J.—Infatuation for his pretty twenty-year-old cousin, Mary Bussanich, is believed to have led James Bussanich, twelve years old, to commit suicide by hanging in his father's carpenter shop.

The young woman herself found the body when she was searching for the boy to take him home. For some time the boy had displayed a violent liking for the cousin, and no amount of talking would cause him to refrain from a display of his infatuation, which she tried to repress.

Huntington, W. Va.—Dynamite was touched off against the Church of Christ by boys who had been chased away from the grounds. The explosion rocked the building and broke up the meeting.

CROWD SEEKS STONE

New Yorkers Join Search For \$500 Diamond.

Broadway Denizens Dig In Excavation for Valuable Jewel for Which Reward of \$100 is Offered by Woman—Lost During Accident.

New York.—Workmen are diamond hunting in an excavation at Broadway and Thirty-ninth street. Every handful of earth they pass carefully through their fingers.

Neither Mrs. Walker nor Regan was hurt, nor was the car much damaged. But in the shock of the impact Mrs. Walker had grabbed one of the stays of the cover of the machine, and the diamond had been jerked from its setting.

Shortly after they had started Mrs. Walker happened to notice her ring. With a cry, she exclaimed: "Oh, I do declare, I've lost my solitaire!"

"By way of proof she held up her hand and showed the ring, which had a yawning excavation big enough to take a fair-sized flibber. Then displaying another ring with a large stone, she cried:

"Boys, the lost diamond is larger than this one. It cost me \$500 and I'll give \$100 cash right here to him who'll find it for me."

All Broadway wanted to be in on that diamond ring.

"I see it!" yelled a man, diving for a glittering object under the car.

"Get back out of this everybody! all of you get back," ordered the police.

"Hi, hold your foot there for a moment," cried one of the policemen as he jumped at a piece of glass.

But despite all, Mrs. Walker had to go home and leave that \$500 diamond in the dirt on Broadway.

FIND FAMED WARRIOR'S BODY

Workmen Discover Tomb of Andrea Moroalini in Venetian Church—Mummy Also Found.

Venice.—It always pays to scrape the walls of the churches and palaces of Italy, for almost invariably under the uninteresting outer wash are found frescoes of more or less value.

What is, perhaps, more interesting to the ordinary traveler is the discovery in the same church at the other side of the high altar of a Gothic sarcophagus of the fourteenth century in which a mummified body was lying on the back with the head turned to the right.

TRAMP LEFT HER A FORTUNE

Marshall McMurrin Remembered Servant Girl Who Gave Him a "Snack" With \$40,000.

Petersburg, Ind.—Several years ago a tramp appeared at the kitchen in which Maggie Drain was working and asked for something to eat. The family in which she was employed as a servant protested, but she gave the man his breakfast and an hour later he returned with a paper which he handed to her, charging her to keep it.

Kindness Brought Nephew Reward.

Washington, Pa.—When Anton Kardos, an insurance agent, sent all his savings to an aunt in Austro-Hungary, who had reared him, to tide her over financial difficulties, he acted without hope of reward.

FAIR TRIAL WAS IMPOSSIBLE

During the Days of Witchcraft Unfortunates Were Brought into Court to Be Condemned.

When the witchcraft delusion of 1892 seized the province the people would not wait for the workings of the established tribunal of justice. It was too slow to suit them.

It was distinctly a popular court, and was controlled absolutely by the popular will. Not a one of the seven judges was a lawyer.

Not a complete success.

Workings of Brother Bogus' Conscience Evidently Were Merely in the First Throes.

"Ever since I was done converted last week," remarked a certain colored citizen in a chastenedly triumphant tone, "muh conscience gnaws me when I think o' what a sinner I was befo' I seed the blessed light.

Had to Have Pie.

A New York woman, who thinks she knows the public taste because of her experience in the boarding house business and as the manager of a summer resort hotel, thinks that the statement made by a Chicago baker that "pie has ceased to be popular with the masses of this country" is "all wrong."

Get Habit of Quiet Speaking.

The earliest of bad habits to acquire is that of speaking loudly. Language has become so complex that not only is it necessary to say the right thing, but it must be said in the right way.

The Task at Hand.

The late Clara Barton, head of the American Red Cross, was a Christian in perhaps the best sense—the practical and unselfish sense.

It Depends.

How long has your husband's suit for damages been going on?

Eleven years! Does it take that long to get a lawsuit settled?

Yes, when you can find a lawyer who is willing to st...

PERSIAN WAS FIRST

Suffragette Died in Persia Half Century Ago.

Authorities Murdered Kurret Ul Ayne Secretly Because She Taught Women to Put Away Their Veils—One Execution.

New York.—In these days, when so many English women are seeking martyrdom in modified form to win glory for the cause of women's enfranchisement, it is interesting to recall the story of the first real victim in this modern crusade.

The death of Kurret Ul Ayne occurred in the late fifties, before the dawn of woman's equality had sounded in the western world, outside the United States.

NOT A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Prof. E. Brown of Cambridge university of London thus praises this remarkable pioneer of woman's rights in the Orient: "The appearance of such a woman as Kurret Ul Ayne in any country and any age is a rare phenomenon, but in such a country as Persia it is a prodigy—nay, almost a miracle."

The gentleness and womanly charm of Kurret Ul Ayne proved irresistible to all who approached her, and it was decided that the only way to quench her influence was to end her life. One evening she visited all the ladies of the household and said good-by to them, announcing that she was going on a long journey.

She was carried to the garden of the Ikhani, where the Kalanter gave her in charge to his nephew, who took her to the Serdar Aziz Khan. She was to be strangled with a handkerchief, but when the first man came to fulfill the hateful office she looked at him gently and exclaimed: "What a pity that so young a man should sell his soul with such a crime."

Converted at a Revival Meeting, She Asks Forgiveness of the Storekeeper.

Devil's Lake, N. D.—Remorse for having stolen an apple from the Quality department store of this city 20 years ago, when she was a schoolgirl, caused a St. Paul woman, who signed her name as "Mrs. F. C." of Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, to send the local merchant a letter asking forgiveness. The owners of the store say they know who the woman is, but refuse to disclose her identity.

"More than 20 years ago," says the St. Paul woman, "I was a schoolgirl living in Dakota, and you were running the store at the trading point, now Devil's Lake. While on my way to school one day I saw that no one was looking and I took a big apple from a basket in front of your place of business. I was converted last Friday night in a revival meeting being held in one of the churches in this vicinity and I want to make my wrong right both with you and my maker."

FELINE IS RAISING RABBITS

Tabby Some Time Ago Stole a Pup and Reared It—Takes Care of Kittens Also.

Fargo, N. D.—Fred Haffner's house cat of abnormal maternal instincts again has created a sensation along Second avenue south. Three years ago the feline stole a puppy—no one knows where—and reared it with her kittens.

Several days ago dogs broke into a rabbit coop in the vicinity and killed the older ones, leaving eighty-three rabbits. These were placed in a box and carried into a shed where the house cat had kittens.

Tabby immediately adopted them as her own. Since then she has been working overtime rearing both families. She seems to care more for the rabbits than the kittens. The bunnies also have taken to their foster mother.

Dog Brings News of Drowning.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Price, a big Newfoundland dog, dripping wet and carrying the cap and coat of its 12-year-old master, John Redick, turned up at the boy's home. The father followed the whining animal to the Allegheny river, where he learned that his boy had been drowned. The dog had been chained to a log and struggled frantically to save his master, but could not break loose until too late.

MARE SWIMS OUT TO RESCUE

One Whisper From Owner and Fannie Heads for the Upturned Boat—Brings Two Back to Shore.

New York.—When A. W. Appleton, the owner of Camp Warren on South Beach, S. I., took his gray mare Fanny down to the water for their usual morning bath, they had not been splashing about long before the man saw that some 150 feet off shore some one was clinging to an overturned row-boat and making feeble signals of distress.

She seemed to agree with him that something would have to be done immediately, and swam off toward the overturned boat. As they drew near, through the waves Mr. Appleton saw that the man was all but unconscious from exhaustion, and that they had come none too soon. In a few minutes he had lifted the half-limp figure to the mare's back and held him there, while Fanny, swimming as she never swam before, carried her double burden to shore.

Under the ministrations of the people in Camp Estelle the man was soon righted and able to introduce himself as George Richards, sales manager of a New York rubber company. He had been fishing, he said, and the choppy sea was too much for him. His boat was overturned, and he had been hanging on for 20 minutes before Mr. Appleton and Fanny reached him.

TWO BOYS KIDNAP A SERVANT

Youngsters Ride into Town, Place Miss in a Saddle and Carry Her to Farm.

Muskogee, Okla.—Though housewives of America have discussed and worried about the servant problem, it has taken Will Edwards, a youth who lives with his aunt, Mrs. Lee Edwards, on a farm near here, to solve the question. Mrs. Edwards needed a girl servant and could not find one.

Young Edwards then enlisted the services of a friend, Charles Martin, and the two came in to Muskogee on their ponies. On the street they passed Minnie Simpson, 16 years old. The boys saw that she was good-looking, and decided that she would make a first-class maid for Edward's aunt. Will took her on his saddle and to his aunt.

Mrs. Edwards was greatly pleased at the new girl, but Minnie's mother, who was planning to place her in a convent, asked the police to find the girl. They did, but she was pleased with her new home and refused to leave. The officers arrested Edwards and Martin on a charge of kidnaping the girl.

The boys are in the Muskogee jail, and laugh at the efforts of the officers to convict them on a charge of kidnaping, awaiting a preliminary hearing.

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SUE FOR RICH COAL LANDS

Heirs of Former Owner in Various Parts of County Attack the Mighty Girard Estate.

Shenandoah, Pa.—The heirs of the late Benjamin K. Yost in various parts of the county commenced suit in the Schuylkill county court for the recovery of 410 acres of valuable coal lands located on the Broad mountain, north of this town. This tract of land is claimed by the Girard estate and has been in litigation for forty years. Recently prospectors found rich veins of coal, and the suit promises to be one of the hardest fought cases in the history of the county.

BIRTHSTONE LIST IS REVISED

National Retail Jewelers' Association Make an Official Announcement.

Kansas City, Mo.—The American National Retail Jewelers' association here, after endless requests from numerous sources, decided officially upon the following revised list of birthstones: January, garnet; February, amethyst; March, bloodstone and aqua marine; April, diamond; May, emerald; June, pearl and moonstone; July, ruby; August, sardonyx and peridot; September, sapphire; October, opal and tourmaline; November, topaz; December, turquoise and lapis lazuli.

Leaves Much to Charity.

Hackensack, N. J.—Several hundred thousand dollars is left to religious and charitable institutions by the will of John G. Lyle of Tenafly, N. J., which has been filed for probate here. Mr. Lyle was for years a partner of the firm of Lord & Taylor of New York. The bulk of the estate, which aggregates many millions, is left to the widow.