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GENERAL NEWS.

DOMESTIC. Fred J. Leach, of Iowa, has been installed as Grand Sir of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Baltimore.

At Chicago, Sept. 23, the forty-year-old stallion, Jay Eye See, beat the best four-year-old trotting record twice in succession, by three-quarters of a second.

The contributions to the Garfield Memorial Hospital, amounting to \$30,000, The Lord Bishop of Rochester, England, is at St. Louis.

In a quarrel about their children at Covington, Tenn., Mrs. Kemp cut Mrs. Wilson's throat, killing her instantly.

George Hollenbeck and William Stratton fought a duel in a darkened room near Carrizo Pass, Tex., the latter being killed.

The National Woman Suffrage Association Convention began Sept. 26, at Omaha.

The Seventh Day Baptists of America are holding a Conference at Newport, R. I.

Louillard's Arizona won the Great Eastern Heavy Handicap at Newmarket, England, Sept. 25, by six lengths.

A duel with pistols occurred in a church at Hampton Cross Roads, Va., in which both principals were killed.

A slight shock of earthquake occurred at St. Louis, Sept. 25.

At Heavilville, Va., Mrs. Bush and her five children were drowned by the breaking of a mill-dam.

A great prairie fire is raging near Redfield, Dakota, doing great damage to farm property.

Hon. Fernando C. Bonassar, member of Congress for five successive terms, died at Adrian, Mich., Sept. 26.

A fire at Philadelphia Sept. 26, caused a loss of \$1,000,000.

AN ACRTIC EXPLORER

And the Skeleton in His Family Closet—An Extravagant Wife.

MELVILLE'S UNFORTUNATE WIFE. The friends of Engineer Melville in this city are disposed not to blame him for his sudden desertion of his wife. Stories of her extravagances, her temper and disposition to suspect him of unmentionable vices were rife here to-day without limit.

"He is a man," said one of his oldest friends to-day, "who was inclined to domesticate himself. But, as he has often said to me, his wife made his home a perfect hell on earth, and she could spend money too." The gentleman added: "Why, I have, not desiring it, either, been an eye-witness to scenes between herself and Melville concerning her expenditures of his hard earned money. In my own opinion I considered her a rather brainless, senseless girl, and once offered to suggest that she should draw less on her husband's bank account, but, bless me, she cut me up so sharp that I retreated from the house astonished."

"I know Melville very well," said an officer of the Engineer Corps to-day, "and I know his unfortunate wife also. I don't wonder that he has left her again."

"Yes, left her again. This is not the first time. He had to abandon her temporarily some years ago for her extreme lavish and luxurious ideas of living; and though he did it then as a means of bringing her to a proper realization of their position in society, it did not cure her."

"Then the trouble between the parties hinges on a financial issue?" "It does," answered the gentleman. "I will give you the inside facts, because I met Melville the other evening when he left his wife, and this is his story:

"He had received no letter from his wife for many weeks before he returned home. That lowered his spirits somewhat, and he feared that she was entering into social gaieties to such an extent that she had entirely forgotten him, except when she applied to draw a portion of his pay. When he left home Melville left a sum of money with his wife to pay off a mortgage that hung over his place at Sharon Hill. This money, his wife informed him when he met her the other night, had been squandered in gay dissipation. Naturally it angered him. Instead of coming home to his own vine and fig tree, as he imagined, he returned to find it practically under the auctioneer's hammer. But that was not all. As Mrs. Melville said when her husband went away, he only left \$30 a month for their support. That amount," said the officer, winding up the story to-day, "I considered, and many others who were consulted before Melville went away thought it was amply sufficient. But, Lord bless your heart, he hadn't been away a month when she began to apply for more. You are fully conversant of her actions concerning the attempt she made for an increase of allowance when her husband was promoted, I suppose, but possibly do not know how Commodore Walker worked in her behalf. I tell you it was shameful, the whole business, and it would have all come out then had it not been for the fact that Melville's friends suppressed it."

"Do you believe that Melville cursed his wife when he separated from her, as she describes?" "No, I do not," was the answer. "I consider him too much of a gentleman; but even if he did, I would not blame him, under the circumstances." Special to Cincinnati Commercial.

Another reason of the causes of the separation is thus given by the New York Sun:

There has been a streak of insanity about Mrs. Melville for several years. One feature of it was her love for money. When her husband was away she received half his salary, and during the voyage of the Jennette he made extra provision for her. He also left money to pay off a mortgage on his cottage and to pay for his children's schooling. Always when he came home she would upbraid him for not giving her more money. This time was no exception, and he found that the money he had left to pay the mortgage was also spent. The neighbors say that Mrs. Melville is addicted to the use of liquor. At all events they say that after the reception on Saturday night, she was so excited with champagne, that she pointed a pistol at her husband and then began by upbraiding him about money matters. He left the house, and has been at the Continental Hotel since. To-day Mrs. Melville was declared to be insane, and was sent to the Norristown Insane Asylum. Melville and the children will live at Sharon Hill with a sister.

HE HAD AN INVENTION. "I have a little invention I should like to show you," said an old fellow, unblinking into the managing editor's room, carrying a good sized bundle. "See you later," said the editor; "call again when I am not so busy." "But you fellows are always busy," said the old fellow, commencing to unroll his bundle, "and you might as well look at my invention now as any other time."

A CZAR'S CORONATION.

How it is Usually Performed—Description of the Kremlin and its Cathedral.

THE IMPOSING COURT PROCESSION. The telegraph announces that during the recent visit of the Czar and Czarina to Moscow the coronation was privately performed in the Kremlin, and that in case a public coronation shall at some future period be deemed feasible, the private ceremony will be declared invalid.

"Come, let up!" said the editor. "Can't you see that I am too busy to think about you or your invention this morning?"

"But you will regret it for your life if you don't take a look at it," said the old fellow. "And when I become famous it will reproach me for not insisting upon your giving me a lift at the start. You see my machine is something that must eventually be in use in every household. I know if your wife could see it she would sit upon your purchasing one and giving it a good notice in the bargain. I call it the self-acting electric egg-beater. First you screw it to the table like—"

"Here, don't spoil the furniture," said the editor. "Not in the least," said the old fellow. "You see there are pads on the face of the clamps, and by touching the spring we set the machine in motion."

"Don't touch it," shouted the editor, pushing back his chair; but it was too late, and a long heavy bar attached to the machine began to whirl around, upsetting the ink and scattering the manuscript in all directions.

"Well, that's odd," said the fellow. "There must be something out of order. You see this bar beats the eggs, and it should have a different motion. The spring underneath here sets the motive power."

"Will you take that infernal machine away, or I will call in the police!" shouted the editor. "That is very strange," said the old fellow, as the bar whirled around and caught him just below the eye. "I'll just try this spring at the right and perhaps we shall get a different effect."

"Leave! Git!" shouted the editor. "That must be attended to," said the old fellow, as the bar hit the desk with a tremendous thump, splitting it from end to end. "Now you see the action of the laws of gravitation."

"I'll teach you something about those laws," shouted the editor springing forward and walking the length of the room, "and giving him a 'Spanish fashion,' and giving him a persuader that landed the old fellow in a confused heap on the bottom stair."

"You—you'll regret this—when I become famous," groaned the old fellow, gathering himself together and looking up at the editor. "I—have another invention—"

But before the editor could get in his word, and the old fellow was landed out of harm's way on the sidewalk, just as the patent egg-beater sailed through the window and fell a wreck by his side.—[Brooklyn Eagle.

PRISONER'S REMARKABLE SPEECH. Wm. T. Heffner, a German, was yesterday tried before a jury in the Criminal Court on the charge of larceny of a pair of pants, valued at a \$1.50, from Daniel Cummings. The testimony against him was very clear, but when asked whether he had anything to say he proceeded to deliver an address of rather a remarkable character. He was respectfully dressed and intelligent in appearance. Speaking in strong German accents, he proceeded to deliver a defense divided into forty heads, each of which was clearly written down and numbered on sheets of paper, which he held as notes while speaking. The heads, or "sentences," as he styled them, commenced with a preface, and went on to argue the case from various aspects to prove his innocence somewhat by the theory of probabilities. Some of his "heads" were well discussed, such as "the basis of law is justice," in which he displayed considerable acquaintance with American and English trials. He argued that it was not credible that he should have taken the pants on account of his religious disposition, saying, "I am now and always was a believer in the Trinity of the Deity." He stated that he had been struck, and was suffering from its effects. He also attacked the evidence of the witnesses against him, and asked if it was probable that unless insane a man of more than ordinary intelligence would commit the act charged against him. In conclusion, he asserted his innocence, and hoped the jury would be guided by the views he had expressed. The jury promptly returned a verdict of guilty, but recommended him to the mercy of the Court. Judge Pinkney said he was surprised that so intelligent a man should be guilty of so petty a theft. The same man had, however, been before the Court a few months ago for the larceny of a lot of Bibles, and was sent to jail. The Court could not be lenient with him again, as the last sentence had so little effect. Judge Pinkney then sentenced the prisoner to six months in jail.—[Baltimore Sun.

WALTHAM'S TURKOLLS.

Beginning Life as a Hed Carrier and Dying Worth Millions.

A Boston dispatch of September 28th gives this: On Saturday, September 16th, Nelson Curtis, one of the wealthiest citizens of Boston, died at his residence in Jamaica Plains, leaving an estate variously estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$2,000,000. He was a self-made man. Over fifty years ago he walked to this city from one of the inland Massachusetts towns, a poor and almost penniless boy. He first obtained employment as a mason's assistant, but he soon evinced extraordinary shrewdness, business capacity and enterprise. At eighteen years of age he left other people of less natural ability to carry bricks and lay mortar, and with backing of some prominent party who appreciated his energetic qualities, he undertook a big and profitable building contract. This was the initial step in a business career at which he amassed millions. In some sections of the city, especially in the direction of the highlands, he erected great clusters of buildings. He contracted for the building of the Boston Museum building, the Fitchburg Depot, the United States Hotel, many Catholic churches, and other extensive and costly structures. The immense possessions of real estate which he had accumulated were of the best paying class. Of late years he has also become heavily interested in valuable stocks, particularly in the Boston and Albany Railroad and Roxbury Gas Company. It is said that he was a shrewd, money-getting man to the last.

His funeral services occurred Tuesday, the 19th, and the provisions of his will were made public on Tuesday last. The disposition of his vast property was a surprise and disappointment to a majority of his relatives. To his wife, Mary E. Curtis, he bequeathed his household estate, on Perkins street, and the income of \$50,000, to revert on her decease to Nelson Curtis, the son of his brother George; to his several sisters and brothers, excepting George, and their children he made comparatively small bequests of a few thousand dollars each, including one item of \$50,000 to General Nelson A. Curtis, the celebrated Indian fighter. It is to his brother, George Curtis, and his heirs that the great bulk of the property is bequeathed, amounting, it is estimated, to \$1,250,000. George Curtis and Solomon A. Bolster, attorneys, are made executors and trustees, without bonds, and herein lies the great cause of disappointment and to be general among the heirs, with the exception of the George Curtis branch of the family.

In all probability a strenuous fight will be made to break the will on the ground of undue influence, alleged to have been exercised by George Curtis and Solomon A. Bolster. The will is dated April 8, 1876, with a somewhat strengthening the authority of George Curtis and Mr. Bolster, dated July 12, 1878. The testament has been of so long standing that its thought it will be a bar to its overthrow. It is stated that while the wife will not take an active part in the legal proceedings, she is in favor of such action and gives it her full sanction.

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The Arabi Bey is an Arab is controverted by the Paris Figaro, which declares him to be a Frenchman from Auvergne, named Lambrosenq. The Figaro says that at the age of eighteen Arabi left his home and became the Hercules or strong man to traveling show, and that he next ran away with the wife of a sous-prefet in Languedoc. Being pursued, he lived for sixteen months in a forest near Montauban. Coming afterwards to Paris he took to knife grinding and gambling. By a speculation he nearly ruined the tinnors of Paris and had to fly. He chose Egypt as a refuge, where he was successively barber, cook and confectioner. He was taken into the friendship of Baudruchard Effendi and became his secretary. In fifteen years he rose to be a Bey, and having imbibed the principles of the French revolution, sought to put them in practice by revolting against the rule of the Khedive. This is circumstantial enough and slightly romantic. As to the truth of the story, that is another question. It is the first time the public has been informed that Arabi is an athlete. Those who are curious to learn more of his history, will probably be gratified when some of the biographers—whose name will be legion—go into the business of writing his history on speculation.

RUSSIA AND EGYPT.

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The late Moses Williams of Boston bequeathed all his property to his family, and advised them to retain it invested as he left it, rather than exchange it for other property that might seem to promise greater returns. "I never looked for a large income," he said in his will, "but have sought the greatest security of the principal. Governed by this rule I have not with few losses, and to this I owe my large estate."

A DISPATCH is in progress between Portsmouth and Newcastle, N. H., concerning the ownership of Peat Island, situated in the harbor. Portsmouth is in possession and has occupied the island for a small-pox hospital for many years. Newcastle threatens to sell the property for back taxes and prosecute the city for maintaining a nuisance.

Ten families of refugee Russian Jews have purchased land in Middlesex county, Va., and will settle there.

S. F. Market.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

DELUSIVE FIGURES.

The assessed value of the property in this State has fallen off a little more than \$51,000,000 in the last year.

RIDING BLONDIN.

How a Theatrical Manager Was Rewarded by the Boys. "That was a funny thing, my getting the title of Colonel," said Colonel T. Allison Brown, the theatrical manager.

GOING HOME.

The Touching Story of a Great Rough Fellow. They were sitting in the waiting room of the depot together—the dapper little man who looked as though he might be a commercial traveler, and the great rough fellow whose cowhide boots, shaggy garments and broad, brown Mexican hat, told that he was fresh from some semi-civilized region in the west.

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SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.

Charlotte M. Fisher, aged 60, expired while in her bath, Sept. 20. Monday, Nov. 27, is the date fixed for the election of George A. Wheeler, the stranger.

THE INCREASE IN INSANITY.

Dr. E. T. Wilkins, Resident Physician of the Napa Insane Asylum, lately read a paper before the State Medical Society in which he produced some statistics of a rather startling character.

HELP ME ACROSS, PAPA.

There was anguish in the faces of those who bent over the little white bed, for they knew that baby May was drifting away from them, going out alone into the dark voyage where so many have been wrested from loving hands, and as they tried in vain to keep her, or even to smooth with their solicitude her last bitter sorrows, they, too, experienced in the bitter hour of parting the pang of doubt.

ARTHUR'S PRESENTIMENT.

The President Believes He will not Live Until His Term Expires. A gentleman who is an intimate friend of personal friendship with President Arthur, and who was the bosom friend of his law partner, the late Benjamin K. Phelps, was speaking of the accident to the United States steamer, Dispatch, a few days since when she ran upon the rocks of Newport harbor, and says that he was terribly distressed over it, trifling as it was.

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A POISON AND ITS ANTIDOTE.

Carbonate of ammonia is a powerful narcotic and irritating poison. The effects of an overdose are: Pains in the abdomen, convulsions and nervous derangements (see page 1061, American Dispensary).

A MAN OVER EIGHTY YEARS OLD APPLIED FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE AT KINGSTON, ONT.

When asked the name of the woman whom he was to wed, he said that he had not yet made a choice, but was looking around, and did not wish any delay for formalities after selecting one. He went away disappointed.

THE MEXICAN WOMEN ARE WONDERFULLY GRACIOUS.

This is partly due to their manner of carrying baskets and bundles, begun in early childhood. I watched a Mexican girl carry an immense basket of clothes home to be laundered.

NOBODY WANTED TO BUY A BEDSTEAD THAT HAD BEEN OWNED BY THOMAS H. BENTON.

When it was put up at auction recently in Fredericktown, Mo. The New York Clipper mourns because Eve didn't tell the serpent "not this Eve, some other Eve." Most any Eve will do in a pinch.

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