

SUMS LOST BY CARELESSNESS

Estimated That Half a Million Dollars in Greenbacks is Destroyed Every Year.

The secretary of the United States treasury estimates that about half a million dollars worth of money is destroyed in our country every year by one means or another.

FELT REPARATION WAS DUE

Impulsive But Repentant Cowboy Would Respect Last Wishes of the Deceased.

A young Bostonian went to Texas and turned cowboy. He rapidly caught the spirit of the country and as rapidly shook off the outward semblance of tender-footed eastern habit.

Dorking, Where Meredith Lived.

The neighborhood of Dorking has many literary associations independent of its connection with the famous novelist just dead.

Book Friends.

Men who are most observant as to the friends they make, or the conversation they join in, are careless of themselves as to the books to whom they intrust themselves and the printed language with which they saturate their minds.

What He Meant.

Nathan Straus, discussing the absurd difficulties that confront sanitarians in their endeavor to pass laws compelling the pasteurization of milk, said:

The Legislators who oppose this law bring forward arguments about as weak as that of the Maine milkman.

"A lady, summering in Maine, said to her milkman severely:

"Look here, this milk of yours is half water and half chalk. What do you mean by advertising it as pure?"

"Madam," said the milk manufacturer, with reproachful dignity, "to the pure all things are pure."

Easy Money at Great Parisian Banks.

If you present a letter of credit at one of the great banks of Paris, like the Credit Lyonnais, an usher in livery receives you in a splendid parlor, like the salon of a palace, and bids you be seated in a sumptuous chair.

KEPT THE SABBATARIAN LAW

Records of Two Noted Men Cited as a Rebuke of the laxness of the Present Day.

Two remarkable instances of fidelity to the letter of Sabbatarian law were given at the annual breakfast of the Lord's Day Observance society.

MUCH FUN WITH STOP WATCH

Owner Describes a Variety of Ways in Which He Has Found It Affords Him Diversion.

"Having a stop watch," says the man who had just bought one, "reveals a whole lot of ways of amusing yourself that you'd hardly think of before."

Keeping the Dollar at Work.

The period of waiting between the sowing of advertising seed and the reaping of the sales harvest is often an anxious time for the merchant whose capital is limited.

Better Yet.

"Humph!" says the lady with the extra supply of artificial puffs. "Just listen to this crazy stuff in the woman's department of this magazine: 'To retain your husband's interest in you remember the little traits and ways and mannerisms that won his affections. Be coy, be vicious. Flirt with him.'"

The Bees and the Candy Man.

A commercial traveler in North Dakota was carrying a large line of samples of candy and sugar, and it was necessary for him to drive across country with a team between towns.

The "Thirteen" Superstition.

According to reliable authorities the popular superstition that attaches to the number 13 owes its origin to the story of "The Last Supper."

GROWS ASPARAGUS IN TUBES

Frenchman's Manner of Forcing Vegetable Means Work, But It Produces Results.

For some time a French agriculturist, M. Bouyer-Fonteneau, has been trying a new method of cultivating asparagus, which they grow and cook so well in France.

FIND RELICS IN RIVER BED.

Finely Tempered Weapons Recovered from a Channel on the Canadian Border.

While workmen were removing rock and debris from the old channel of the river between the second and third dunes to make way for the big power dam on the American side they unearthed in one of the pot holes in the rock a remarkable collection of Indian weapons and other articles, comprising tomahawks, spearheads, arrowheads, sturgeon fishhooks, etc., all made out of pure copper and hardened to the consistency of steel.

The Willy Graffe.

Perhaps the most difficult of all wild animals to capture is the graffe. In addition to being very rare, graffes are exceedingly timid and are very swift-footed.

French Compromise.

An amusing story of compromise is mentioned in a Paris contemporary. It seems that the law of France requires parents to name their children either after the saints in the calendar or from a personage in history.

The Table Manners (?) of the Turk.

Should you dine with a Turk, you will observe many peculiarities, some of which you will find it hard to account yourself.

MEAL ALWAYS IN READINESS.

Believer in Corporeal Resurrection Has Table Constantly Spread Adjacent to Tomb.

One of the most curious tombs in the United Kingdom is in County Wexford. In it is laid the body of one of that curious body—the Resurrectionists.

WORK FOR THE INTERPRETER

Flow of Language Used by Chinamen Involving Simple Question and Answer.

A Chinaman was called as a witness in the police court of Los Angeles in the case of a driver who had run over a dog.

A Reasonable Charge.

"A tourist in Georgia stopped over night at the Palace hotel, in a little village, and expressed a desire to taste Georgia 'possum," said Henry S. Weaver of Atlanta, Ga.

The Deserter.

"Do you desire to have it understood," asked the judge, addressing the lady who wanted the divorce, "that your husband deserted you?"

Life and Literature.

A young girl once asked Mark Twain if he liked books for Christmas gifts.

Interdependence.

Crime, drunkenness, each in turn, has been tracked back to poverty. Now the doctors trace tuberculosis there. It looks as if an economic clean-up is needed for the health of the race.

TALE OF BRITANNY FOLKLORE

Piper Who Played for the Unholy Korrigans, and the Curse Thereby Entailed.

The korrigans are the black dwarfs of Brittany who dwell in the sacred Druidic circles of the menhirs and count their cash in the moonshine.

CAT WHIPPED GOPHER SNAKE

Reptile Was the Aggressor and Paid for Its Temerity with Its Life.

Now comes an account of a fight that took place near Laton between a large gopher snake and a house cat.

Woman's Right to Fish.

All man's heritage of fresh-air pleasure lies at woman's feet. She may ride, she may walk, and best of all, she may camp and she may fish.

Military Attache's Duties.

The duties of a military attache are to make himself thoroughly acquainted with every change that takes place in military affairs and to report from time to time on the mobilization, armament and equipment of the power to which he is accredited.

A Dawning Suspicion.

"Why do you never take the young lady anywhere?"

Unreliable Indications.

"Foreign travel is very improving," said the middle-aged girl.

Requiesce.

"People who claim to be epicures often eat strange and undercooked food."

AD. THAT BROUGHT RETURNS

Girls in Profusion Ready to Accept Inducement Offered by Absent-Minded Man.

One male stenographer is not very happy just now, says a writer in the New York Times. His wife asked him to put in an advertisement for a maid.

MADE THE EULOGY A FARSE.

Bishop Potter's Illustration of the Inadvisability of Relying Too Much on Notes.

The late Rev. Henry Codman Potter greatly objected to the use of notes. At one time he was addressing a number of young theologians on the importance of not being too closely confined to a manuscript.

Mystical Number "Seven."

The number "seven" has a peculiar emphasis and frequency throughout the scriptures, and for that reason it is sometimes called "the perfect number."

Despised Weed is Valuable.

Time brings revenge, even in the lumber trade, and a humble osilifer long treated with contempt seems, literally, to be on the point of getting a rise in the world.

Playing on the Street.

In France children are not allowed to play in the streets, and women do not promenade on the highways, declares an automobileist who is surprised that the law should allow such things in this country, with the consequence of constant liability to accident.

Brutal Indifference.

"It seems since his marriage Jack Thornley has developed into a perfect brute."