

RATES ON SLIDING SCALE.

Guests Were Charged According to What They Appeared to Be Worth. Fifty years ago the landlord of the hotel at Kingston Plains, N. H., was a man by the name of Hoyt. He kept an excellent house, but charged his guests on a sliding scale, graduated to their means or inclination to pay, or as he phrased it, "got as near the kick-lux limit as it was safe to go."

AN ELECTRICAL TAILOR.

Makes Suits for People Engaged in That Most Dangerous Calling. Electricians have a tailor. His shop is in the Broadway shopping district, and he boasts an exclusive trade, says the New York Press. His trousers, vests, coats and overcoats are live-wire-proof.

AGRICULTURE IN CHILI.

Landowner of That Country Expects Installation of American Methods. The government of Chili maintains several agricultural stations in which the French method of farming is taught by instructors from that country, said Senor Jose M. Castro, a Chilean landowner.

AMONG TOBACCO PLANTS.

Farmers of the "Weed" Determine Which Is the Fittest to Survive. Visitors to the tobacco country last summer were often surprised to note in the fields that the long stems of the weed plants—those whose heads had not been lopped off earlier in the season to allow the full strength of the plant to go to the leaves—were covered with caps which on examination proved to be ordinary manila paper bags tied tightly around the scarlet and white flowers of the plant.

Easily Deceived. A reporter for the Bugle, ma'am, wants a description of your gowa, ma'am. "Is it the society editress?" "No, ma'am; it's a man."

RACE ON MARS IS SUPERIOR

Eminent French Scientist Thinks People Live Twice as Long and Under More Agreeable Conditions. Paris.—M. Camille Flammarion, the eminent astronomer, declares, in an interview in the Patrie, that the inhabitants of the planet Mars are much more highly developed than ourselves.

NATION'S DRINK BILL BIG.

Enormous Sum Expended for Liquor in Last Year According to Figures of Bureau of Statistics. Washington.—According to figures furnished by the government bureau of statistics, there are consumed in the United States in one year about 40,000,000 barrels of beer, 98,000,000 gallons of proof spirits and 30,500,000 gallons of wine.

QUEER NEW ZEALAND BIRDS

Island Sends Representatives of Former Age to the Washington Zoo. San Francisco.—Twelve of New Zealand's most interesting birds and four lizards, representing the only creatures of their age remaining in the world, have been presented by New Zealand to the United States and were sent on the Sierra during her latest trip from the Antipodes, en route to the government zoo in Washington, D. C.

Warns of the Deadly Wiener. Wieners and frankfurters are being prepared by the use of "liquid smoke," City Chemist Kirchmayer, of Toledo O., said, giving at the same time warning that the new preparation is highly injurious to the stomach.

TO USE HIDDEN RIVER

UNDERGROUND WATERS TO RECLAIM ARID LAND.

Government Experts Find That Stream May Be Used in Restoring Desert—Will Prove Strong Impetus to Farming. Lincoln, Neb.—The reclamation service of Washington has concluded its investigation of the valley of the South Platte, between North Platte and Sterling, and on the strength of its report, soon to be made, inexpensive farming will receive a big impetus.

The first of these is found in Dakota sandstone and occurs under sufficient pressure to cause it to rise an appreciable distance above the level at which the drill meets it, thus forming artesian wells.

Up in Pike county, Missouri, where the men are ever gallant and the women fair and full of sweet charity, a band of modern Ruths has set a new record price for corn, and incidentally added to the coffers of the poor, reports the St. Louis Republic.

TRAPPED BY HIS WHISKERS

Man Bends Over in Splitting Log and Beard Catches in Crack Holding Him 12 Hours. Pilot Grove.—Darius Judd, who lives two miles from here, went to the woods the other day to chop. In splitting a red oak log he was bending over to remove the wedge from the half split to a point further up the trunk.

THRONES OF THE CAESARS.

Thought to Have Been Found by Excavators in the Ancient Ruins. The official Roman director of excavations thinks he has discovered the throne of the ancient Caesars, reports the New York Times. The present majesty, ruling from the seven hills, has been to see it, and is seemingly not unwilling to admit its pretensions.

CORN AT THREE DOLLARS.

Under the Clever Manipulation of Women It Brought That Price. Up in Pike county, Missouri, where the men are ever gallant and the women fair and full of sweet charity, a band of modern Ruths has set a new record price for corn, and incidentally added to the coffers of the poor, reports the St. Louis Republic.

Grades of Society.

"Mrs. Mully is not in Mrs. Billyn's set at all." "What's the difference between them?" "Mrs. Billyn says the Mullys are not in such genteel business as themselves."

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.

SOME INTERESTING SECRETS OF THE TRADE.

Maker of These Valuable Adjuncts to Locomotion Gives Some Particulars as to Their Manufacture. "Oh, yes, indeed, they come pretty high," said the artificial leg maker. "It is a beauty, though, isn't it. I venture to say there isn't another one in Philadelphia like it, on or off, and it's as light as a feather, too."

"The curious part of it is the girl, who is old enough to know better, cannot be made to realize that satiety is fatal and that, no matter how much a man may care for her, she does not enjoy the sentiment during business hours. Moreover, he does not care to have the yoke wired on, not even by telephone, and women who are prone to do this will do well to grasp the fact and let the man feel free, even if he isn't."

"Do you know who he is?" questioned he of the leg trade, after the ponderous man had gone. "Well, he is the son of one of the richest women in the United States. He lost his leg through disease, and he always comes to Philadelphia to have his sets made. Plain, ordinary boxes do not do for most people to cart their legs around in, but he's got fine leather cases with his name engraved upon them."

HOME-WRECKING PHONES.

One Man at Least Who Wishes They Had Never Been Invented. Telephones, they say, are responsible for more broken engagements and bored husbands than any other one thing. A set of men smoking after dinner at one of the clubs this week said so, anyway, and several of them are in a way of knowing.

REMAINS TO BE PROVEN.

Colloquy of Two Ancients Which Was Prophetic of Modern Conditions. Concerning this treaty, then, said Karpicus, was it not made with Carlos Morales?

The Emir's Capital.

It is reported that the emir of Afghanistan contemplates the removal of his capital to a more northern site. Owing to the energetic way in which the present emir and his immediate predecessor have been manufacturing guns and machinery the country around Kabul has been denuded to such an extent that fuel is now unobtainable.

Some Other Rascal.

"Well, Jones, did you get the appointment?" "No, sir; they appointed some other rascal in my place."—Tit-Bits.

A Definition.

"Pa, what is experience?" "Experience, my son, is the compound extract of the result of butting in."—Town Topics.

Trouble for the Tender Heart.

"Yes," said the man gently, "I always feel better after the old woman leaves the trolley car. It makes me uncomfortable to sit and see 'em hanging on to the straps."—Indianapolis Sentinel.