

MAY NOT ASK WOMEN'S AGES

California Legislature May Pass Law for Their Benefit. Los Angeles, Cal.—According to the ideas of County Clerk Lelande women will not be required to give their exact age when registering again.

NOTED FRENCH CAFE ENDS

Boulinger's Downfall Began In Durand's—Zola's "L'Accuse" Letter Written There. Paris.—Another famous Paris shrine where gourmets from all over the world ate, drank and made merry is gone.

FOOD VALUE OF CHESTNUTS

Are Rich in Starch and Fat, Better Than Potatoes and Almost as Good as Bread. In France much attention is given to the propagating of the chestnut, and the fruit is spoken of with enthusiasm and respect.

OLD WINDMILL IS DESTROYED

After Doing Service Nearly 150 Years at Orton, London, It Is Demolished by Dynamite. London.—A 150-year-old windmill, which formed a prominent landmark at Orton, Waterville, near Peterborough, has been blown up by dynamite.

ASK FOR EQUALITY

Divorce Church From State Is Cry Heard in Wales.

End of Long Battle Seen—Disestablishment of Church of England Has Become a Political Issue in Great Britain. London.—For twenty-seven years the Welsh people have been fighting for religious equality and now, with friends of that movement in power in England, it appears that the Church of England will be disestablished and disendowed in Wales, according to English exchanges.

HOME POOR PLACE TO WORK

Best, Whenever Possible, That Man Should Be Away from the House in Daytime. The man of the house should not be the man in the house all day long. If it can be helped, if he be an artist who has a studio at home, a minister with a study at the top of the house, a physician with office hours, or any other man who is accustomed to carry on his work at home, the household accommodates itself to him, and in a sense ignores his presence.

DUCK LOCATES GOLD MINE

Bird Dies and Gives Secret to World When Nugget Size of a Pea is Found in Crop.

San Francisco.—Pure, glittering gold, in nuggets as big as peas, lies in the beds of the streams of the San Mateo foothills. After man has tramped over these hills for years and their wooded slopes have become the estates of the wealthy, a poor, simple duck detected the presence of the yellow metal and had to die to give the secret to the world.

SLAIN GOOSE BRINGS JOY

Gander That Wanders in Front of Machine Makes a Feast—Autoist Buys Bird.

Darby, Pa.—A fat old gander that waddled too slowly across the Westchester pike in front of the automobile of Richard Purdy of Darby, with the usual result, brought delight but none the less appreciated holiday cheer to a poor family in Darby, exemplifying the old adage that it is an ill wind that blows good to nobody.

MAKES A BIG DISCOVERY

Shortington Finds That Things Once Bemoaned May Prove Greatest Blessing.

"You know how opposites are attracted," said Mr. Shortington. "When I was a younger man my very particular friend and chum was a chap who was six feet four, while I wasn't much more than four feet six. Despite the disparity in our dimensions we were the closest of friends, and as far as I was concerned there was only one thing that marred my otherwise complete happiness and that was that I could not be as tall as he. But the time came when I thought differently about that, and when in fact, he instead of being proud of his altitude, wished only that he had been built on my more limited scale, and that was when in our later life we had both come to be afflicted with rheumatism."

CHINESE GIRL IS A BRIDE

Judge Reads Ceremony for Nephew of Leading Merchant of Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Ore.—Lee Song Quay, a pretty 18-year-old Chinese girl, lately from San Francisco, became the wife of Seid Yew Sling, a nephew of Seid Back, a prominent local Chinese merchant. The ceremony was performed by Judge Gatens in his chambers and was witnessed by Seid Back Jr. and W. M. Davis, an attorney.

PECULIAR PRAYER TO COURT

Error of Stenographer Responsible for a Few More Gray Hairs in Head of Lawyer.

"They say that a lawyer has been saved by his stenographer," said an attorney at a recent lecture. "That is true, undoubtedly, because a lawyer's stenographer, who is observing, gets many points of law out of her work. "But there is another side to it that must not be overlooked, and that is the mistakes that a lawyer's stenographer makes. The law terms are so technical that it is not within reason to expect the stenographer to get everything exactly right."

WHEN CHILD IS RESTLESS

The principal cause of restlessness and sleeplessness in children is indigestion, usually brought on by unsuitable food, overfeeding or irregular meal hours.

If a child cries a great deal, is restless and loses sleep, look to the food and the time at which it is given. Another cause of sleeplessness which is frequently overlooked is too much light in the room. It is natural to sleep in the dark, and it is particularly desirable that children should do so, for they are very sensitive to all impressions. The tender eyes and brain need the complete rest and relaxation that darkness permits. In spring and summer, when the sun rises at five o'clock or earlier, children will waken unless the room is kept darkened. A green blind is best for this purpose, and it is advisable to use it in the child's bedroom if nowhere else.

WORRY KILLS PASTOR'S WIFE

Strain of Husband's Fight With Classis Too Great for Passaic (N. J.) Woman.

Passaic, N. J.—Illness brought on by worry over the troubles her husband had with the members of the North Side Christian Reformed church and the Classis of Hudson, to which she belongs, hastened the death of Mrs. Arle J. Vandenhevel, according to a statement made by her physician. Six months ago Mr. Vandenhevel was dragged into the divorce suit of one of his churchmen as a witness. His testimony was a large factor in annulling the marriage, but caused a row in his congregation, which resulted in his being suspended by the classis. Mrs. Vandenhevel, who helped her husband in the fight, was taken ill, but even in her illness she kept in touch with every movement made by her husband's enemies. Recently the members of the church, a majority of whom favored Mr. Vandenhevel, withdrew from the classis, declaring themselves free and independent and restored Mr. Vandenhevel to the pastorate. Mrs. Vandenhevel, seriously ill in bed, was overjoyed with the victory, and the excitement it brought on, together with the strain caused by the long fight, caused her death.

TRUTHFUL; SHE FAILS TO WED

Young Woman Wouldn't Swear to Age of Which She Was Doubtful.

St. Louis.—Truth was stronger than Cupid at Clayton, the St. Louis county. Gretta Green, the other day, Miss Ida Lorenz and John F. Osborn, both of O'Fallon, Ill., went there to get a marriage license. Both seemed to be of legal age, and Deputy Recorder Ahlers filed out the papers. "Now, as a matter of form, you will have to swear to your ages," said he.

The young woman seemed embarrassed. "I can't swear that I am eighteen, though I believe I am," she said. "My parents died when I was a baby and I have no birth certificate." Though Osborn pleaded with her, Miss Lorenz could not be induced even to swear that to the best of her knowledge and belief she was of legal age. She and Osborn departed without the license.

MOTHER WAS HIS NEMESIS

Unrelenting California Woman Finally Obtained Conviction of Her Son's Slayer.

Redding, Cal.—A mother's implacable determination to avenge the death of her son resulted in the conviction of Daniel Fleming, formerly a Southern Pacific railroad policeman, for the murder of George Vallier, a youth of Tacoma, Wash. Fleming was found guilty of manslaughter after the jury had been out more than twelve hours. Vallier and a companion, Harry Goble, were found unconscious on the roof of a sleeping car of a Southern Pacific train that drew into Redding from the north in August of last year. Both had been badly injured on the head. Vallier died on the way to a hospital, and Goble, after several weeks in a hospital. They were assaulted by Fleming for stealing a

WIFE WINS, AS USUAL

"Of course, one can never win an argument with one's wife," remarked a broker the other day. "Even if one is perfectly right in his contention, the facts, or the postoffice department or something else will turn up to make it appear that the man is wrong. For instance, a few days ago my wife remarked that a letter in a plain envelope dropped in a letter box would be delivered even if it had no stamp. Of course I knew better, and told her so, but she was obstinate. Just to prove my contention when I was at the office the next day I drew a picture of a goose on a sheet of paper. Underneath the likeness I wrote: "Dear Madam: If you pay two cents to get this you are a goose." I put the sheet in a plain envelope and addressed it to my wife. The next morning the doorman rang furiously while I was still in bed. I waited for the wife or the maid to respond, but both had gone out. Finally I went to the door myself. There was a fool letter carrier with that crazy letter, and I had to dig down and pay the two cents postage due. If I had given the letter to my wife she would have been still more firmly convinced that she was right."

WHAT HE REMEMBERED

When a prospective voter in one of Chicago's election districts was asked the date of his naturalization he replied that he had taken out his papers so long before that he could not remember just when he had become an American.

The officer to whom this statement was made was extremely thoughtful for a moment. Then he added: "Can you remember who was the Republican candidate for president that year?"

"Sure, I don't remember who was running for president," was the response, "but it was the same year that Stuffy McConnis was appointed Dog Drownder."

COMMON IN NEW YORK

The stranger in New York was startled by the clanging of an ambulance bell. The ambulance stopped at the side door of a hotel and the attendants hurriedly entered the building with their stretcher. But there was no crowd, no confusion.

"What's the excitement?" the stranger asked a native. "There's no excitement," the latter replied. "A stage lady has shot a wealthy gentleman. That's all." And he hurried along.—Cleveland Times.

HUG KEEPS DANCE ALIVE

Twice in Evening Enough to Kiss, De-clares Priest, in a Lecture to Young Women.

Denver, Colo.—If the hug were taken out of dancing, it would not last long, but would die a natural death within a few weeks," said Father Benedict in a lecture to young women at the Logan Avenue chapel. "Married women do not dance with their husbands, but with other women's husbands," he said, "and married men do not dance with their wives, but with other men's wives." "After telling you beloved that there is great danger in kissing, transmitting germs," he continued to the young women, "allow him to kiss you twice in one evening, once when he comes and once before he leaves. It is not necessary that he should kiss you 100,000 times in an evening, though he may be engaged to you."

BRICK "BUSTED" INTO PIECES

Kansas Negress Holds Record for Hardest Head—Husband Throws Missile.

Kansas City, Mo.—The police of this city believe they have discovered the "hardest head." A negress entered the station holding her head, which was bleeding, and asked for a doctor. "Who hit you?" demanded Sergeant "My ole man. He got mad and hauled off and hit me with a brickbat." "Did he hit you hard?" "Yes, sir. I should say he did. It wasn't a very good brick and it busted into two or three pieces." Dr. H. L. Regier, police surgeon, took a dozen stitches in the wound after removing small particles of broken brick. The skull was not injured. The patient walked to Kaw river.

BUYS \$5,000 PAINTING FOR \$3

Lost Masterpiece Is Bought by Woman in Richmond, Va., From Antique Shop.

Richmond, Va.—Art connoisseurs of Richmond were in a state of rhapsody when it was discovered that a genuine Sully painting—a life size portrait of an infant—had been purchased by Mrs. John Skelton Williams at a local antique shop. The purchaser paid eight dollars for the picture and a handsome frame. It is generally conceded that the find is easily worth five thousand dollars. Mrs. Williams turned it over to a local artist in clean, who found the date of 1851 upon the back of the canvas, also the painter's initials, "T. R."

ROBINS GO ON BIG SPREES

Redbreasts Get Drunk on "Bird Licker," Sober Up and Then Take More.

Lyerly, Ga.—Robins in this vicinity have acquired habits of inebriety. The "bird licker" that intoxicates them is believed to be obtained from China berries, which grow in profusion near here.

Many of the robins that have been found in a "drunken" condition have been watched during the time of their stupefaction, watchers being careful to keep cats at a safe distance, and it has been observed that in a few hours the birds revive and immediately go back to the China berry trees.

SAYS WE WORSHIP WOMEN

St. Louis Professor Says Veneration of Weaker Sex is Distinctly American Trait.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Worship of women was given as the chief, if not the only, contribution America has made to the higher culture of the age, by Dr. Otto Heller of Washington university, St. Louis, in a lecture on Ibsen at the University of Minnesota chapel. Among other assertions Doctor Heller declared America to be the home of woman worship; that national sentiment still is unfriendly to women in the professions, and that "if no real genius has yet arisen among women, it is the result of the long disparagement by the sex in power."

\$50 Dog Brings \$5.50

Worthington, Ind.—The agent of the Adams Express company here has sold a dog at auction to satisfy express charges. He brought \$5.50. This dog was sold by the Eel River Kennel farm to W. H. Sturgis of Allerton, Mass., last November for \$80 cash, and was shipped to the purchaser by express. Later the new owner took his dog to Florida to hunt. After the hunt Sturgis, having no way to care for the dog, shipped him back, expecting to sell him to the raiser. The proprietor of the kennel refused to receive the dog, which remained in charge of the express agent.

Not Even One Little Tinker

Colorado Springs.—The new Sunday closing ordinance passed on first reading at today's meeting of the city council. Commissioner Frost wanted a provision added to the ordinance permitting a person "to mow his lawn or tinker about the house and yard" on the Sabbath, but the commissioners declared they would not stand for any "tinkering."