

NEW YORK CITY'S BIG DEST.

Metropolis of the Nation is Decidedly Extravagant.

New York city is the master bill contractor in the world, and the individual citizen owes more as a citizen of New York than he does as a citizen of the United States.

BLAINE AND THE BORE.

Statesman Had Method in Making Strict Appointment.

A notorious bore came to see James G. Blaine when he was secretary of state. Mr. Blaine was busy. Still, he was polite.

Medical Civil Service.

Medicine has as its object the treatment of disease and the relief of suffering irrespective of the social status or financial position of the patient.

Most Important Work.

A reporter recently took a journey of considerable length for the purpose of interviewing a rising literary light to his next novel.

Motor Lifeboats.

In place of 14 strong arms, pulling seven oars, with another pair at the steering oar, now a four-cylinder, four-cycle gasoline engine pushes the craft along at ten miles an hour.

Something to Regret.

"Are you happier now that you own your own home?" asked the solicitous friend.

A Cruel Deception.

"So your fiancée deceived you?" "Yes, she told me her father was a dealer in stocks."

WILLED AWAY THE LAUNDRY.

Somewhat Peculiar Transaction, But It Went.

When a perfectly strange woman came for the soiled clothes three weeks ago the mistress of the house came to the conclusion that her own laundress had simply employed a new messenger.

BOTH OF THEM SATISFIED.

Business Man Had Joke and Book Agent Practice.

"I wonder," said the tall man in the suit of faded black, "if I could interest you in a new and cheap edition of the works of Anthony Trollope."

Petitions to an Emperor.

One of the most interesting features of the emperor's visit was the number of petitions which were, so to speak, thrown at him during his fortnight's stay.

A Needed Official.

In an interesting paper M. Moure and M. Bouyer relate the extraordinary care which Emperor Nero took of his voice.

The Nation of Sheepkeepers.

Napoleon must have been right after all. We are a nation of sheepkeepers. There is nothing in the shop we are not ready to sell at a price.

Her Favorites.

Margaret and her little playmate Elizabeth chanced to be overheard as they were walking home from school.

His Plea.

Judge—Prisoner, have you anything to say to the court before sentence is pronounced? Prisoner—"I beg the court to consider the youthfulness of my attorney."

AMERICAN SLANG IN ROME.

Youngster's Expression Touched the Hearts of Wanderers.

The universal spread of American slang is amazing and the globe trotter meets with it in the most unexpected places.

PUSHING A "GOOD THING."

Almost Too Much Eagerness for Reward of Virtue.

The general manager of a traction system of a western city recently received the following communication, together with a five-cent piece.

A New Pipe Fad.

The portrait pipe is a fad with certain wealthy young men, says a London paper. One of the most beautiful is owned by a well-known peer who was married to an American beauty a few years ago.

All in the Picture.

"It's a queer proposition photographing the average foreigner," said a Euclid avenue photographer.

His First Trousers.

Little Tommy was at Sunday school in his first pair of trousers, and a picture of a lot of little angels was before the class.

Time to Move.

"They're putting out an awful lot of good songs these days," said Mr. Staylate.

Always Holds to That.

"It's remarkable how often a woman changes her mind." "Oh, not always. There's one idea every woman gets that she never changes."

ALWAYS TRUST THE GIRLS.

Stenographers Will Spurn Bribes Rather Than Betray Secrets.

Not long ago a Kansas City stenographer learned that the railroad for which she was working had determined to extend its line.

LONDON USES MUCH WATER.

Enough in One Year to Float the Navies of the World.

It has been calculated that if a stream covering 830 acres and 345 feet high could be constructed and the water supply of London for one year turned into it, the warships of all the world's navies could ride at anchor there.

Doing His Best.

The retirement of Col. Mathias, the man who led the Gordon Highlanders when they stormed the heights of Dargal some years ago, recalls a curious story of how he came to join that famous regiment.

Could Point Them Out.

"I have frequently noticed," said the Man Who Knocks About, "that the average native knows little or nothing about his native heath."

Sunny Sheffield.

The protest made the other day in our columns against the practice adopted in some London journals of libeling Sheffield on account of its smoke might have gone considerably further.

Safety in Numbers.

Old Uncle Abner, an ex-slave, was very ill, and the daughter of his former master had called to bring him delicacies and to offer consolation.

Diplomacy.

"Only three fingers, John. I'll measure it." "But three of your duty fingers wouldn't make a toothful."

SALESMEN WHO LACK TACT.

Two Glaring Instances of Inefficiency Put on Record.

"One of the most difficult things in our business," said the proprietor of one of the retail clothing stores, "is to get hold of salesmen with the requisite amount of tact."

"Not long ago we had a young salesman here who thought the only way to please a customer was to keep up a line of 'con' talk."

"Another time the same salesman nearly queered a sale with a poor, consumptive, emaciated looking middle-aged man, who appeared to have one leg in the grave and the other one dragging."

EVIL IN THE TELEPHONE.

Does Harm in Keeping Women Too Much in the House.

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TAUGHT FOR HALF A CENTURY.

Long Record of Usefulness for Massachusetts School Teacher.

A headmaster for half a century in the Cambridge schools is the remarkable record of Ruel H. Fletcher, of the Thorndike school, East Cambridge.

For fifty-eight years he has taught school, beginning in 1849. He came to Massachusetts in 1852, taught school two years in Abington, two years in Quincy and then began his long service in Cambridge.

When the city of Cambridge erected two new school buildings four years ago, unknown to him the pupils of his school circulated a petition that one of the new schools be named in honor of the headmaster to whom they were so devoted.

BOOST PRICES OF LABOR.

Natural Result of American Demand for Dates.

For a long time the export of dates from the Persian gulf to America was in the hands of one or two firms. Now the field has been entered by others, and during the past season six concerns in Mascat were packing dates for American exporters.

All at Sea. "Gentlemen," recently said a German professor, who was showing to his students the patients in the asylum, "this man suffers from delirium tremens. He is a musician. It is well known that blowing a brass instrument affects the lungs and throat in such a way as to create a great thirst, which has to be allayed by persistent indulgence in strong drink. Hence, in course of time, the disease you have before you."

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Korean Student's Hard Lines. Koreans evidently want education. Recently one of them came up from the country and after all his money was gone he found it impossible to stay longer, so he cut his finger and with the blood wrote to the minister of education about his woes.

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