

**BOY IS "TOBACCO CRAZY."**  
Kind Used by Breathing the Fumes  
in a Factory.

Robert Schultz, employed in a tobacco factory at St. Louis, is believed to be what is called "tobacco crazy." His mother, who will have him sent to a hospital, in speaking of the case, says:

"Robert is 17 years old. For the past two or three months he has acted queerly. He talks to himself incoherently. About seven months ago he began to work at Catlin's tobacco factory. He sits tobacco stripings, which are afterwards stemmed. I attribute his condition to inhaling the tobacco dust and steam attending his work. The boy neither drinks, chews nor smokes, and prior to being employed in the tobacco factory never showed symptoms of mental derangement. The malady was of gradual growth, until we became alarmed, fearing he might do injury to himself. He has never shown a disposition to harm anybody."

"The other day Robert's boss sent for me. I called at the factory, where I was informed that he could not employ the boy any longer. He said he did not seem to understand what was required of him. Robert accompanied me home and since then his derangement developed rapidly. He acts strangely, is freakish, sulky, cuts up queer capers, and his constant chattering and hamming makes him intolerable."

#### HOW SHE WILL SPEND IT.

**San Francisco Young Woman Talks of a Fortune She Expects to Get.**

Miss Grace Elliott, nee Clarke, of San Francisco, who claims to be the daughter of the late Imbly Clarke, alleged to have left a fortune of \$25,000,000, is confident that she will have no trouble in proving her right to inherit this vast estate. When asked if she would fight the case to the end, she said:

"Why, there's nothing to fight. The property is mine, and I'll go to England and get the papers. That's all. I'll give something to those eastern girls, who will have to pay their lawyers. Vice President Hobart and Gov. Griggs, I'll be liberal, because they are relations, you know. Then I'll come back, build a handsome residence and make my home here, and I'll marry an American. No foreign title for me. I'm going to found a splendid home for friendless children and dedicate it to my father's memory. It's hard to realize I'm so rich." And in this strain she continued to talk as though the somewhat visionary fortune was already in her hands.

#### SUITING FOR PART OF A WAGON.

**Peculiar Litigation Arising from Joint Ownership of a Vehicle.**

Papers in a peculiar lawsuit have been filed by A. O. Montague, of Boone county, Mo., against his neighbor, J. H. Palmer. The suit is to replevy part of a two-horse wagon, alleged to have been unlawfully taken by Palmer.

It seems that the wagon was owned by Montague and Palmer in partnership. The latter owns the bed and three wheels of the wagon, and the former owns the tongue, one wheel and both axles.

All went well until the other day. Two sons of Montague were driving in the wagon carrying a load of corn. Palmer stopped them, ousted the boys, threw out the load, and, hitching his own horses to the vehicle, drove rapidly away. This brought on the suit, which will involve several very odd legal points.

#### TIES THE CAROTID ARTERY.

**Dr. Carey, of City of Mexico, Performs a Remarkable Operation.**

Dr. Carey, of the City of Mexico, has performed an operation declared to be without a parallel, having successfully operated on and saved the life of a man who had received a knife wound in the upper side of the neck, cutting into the carotid artery. The patient lost three liters of blood and was an exhausted condition. The artery was tied and the doctor, waiting an opportune moment when the aneurism contained a small quantity of blood, removed the coagulated blood and succeeded finally in stopping the hemorrhage. The patient in 15 days has been pronounced cured and is strong and active.

#### COMPENSATION ACT.

**English Law Making an Employer Liable for Fatal Accidents.**

Consul Phillips, at Cardiff, Wales, sends to the state department a report concerning the workmen's compensation act, which goes into effect on July 1, 1898. This act makes employers liable for accidents causing death and injury to employees and affects more than half the labor in the United Kingdom. The mine operators are protesting against the enforcement of the act and declare that it will greatly increase the cost of production. The greatest opposition comes from the owners of coal mines.

#### European Pencils.

Bavaria, the great European center of the lead pencil trade, has 23 factories, 23 of which are located in Nuremberg. One factory turns out over 1,000,000 pencils weekly, and the total output is 4,300,000 lead and chalk pencils per week, requiring the services of about 10,000 workers, and using a large part of the cedar from 2,200 acres of trees cut yearly for this purpose, of which Florida furnishes over 2,000 acres.

#### Mines Abandoned 3,000 Years Ago.

The most ancient copper mines in the world are those of the Sinai peninsula, near the gulf of Suez. They were abandoned 3,000 years ago, after having been worked for some hundreds of years. The process used in the reduction of the ore is said to be similar in principle to that used at the present time.

#### The Big Yukon River.

On the Yukon, at a distance of from 700 to 800 miles from the sea, there are many points where the river is 20 miles wide.

#### MUST SACRIFICE BEARDS.

**Woo in University of Chicago Glee and Mandolin Clubs.**

**Edit Gees Forth That Arouses the Wrath of Luckless Members Freshmen to Wear Human Headgear.**

Mutiny has broken out in the ranks of the University of Chicago Glee and Mandolin clubs. The cause of the uprising was a decree issued by the manager, M. P. Frutchey, which is as follows:

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**THIEF AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.**

**Expert Takes \$1,500 Worth of Lenses and Microscopical Fittings.**

While President Harper and the faculty of the University of Chicago were at Williams Bay receiving the Yerkes telescope from the donor recently a thief with expert judgment stole \$350 worth of lenses and microscopical fittings from the Hull biological laboratories. With other stealings during the summer the total the university has lost to thieves is placed at \$1,500. Of this the department of zoology has lost \$500 and that of botany \$300.

The report of similar loss from the North and West Division high schools leads to the belief that the work has been carefully planned and executed by a professional.

Prof. Jacques Loeb, professor of physiology, was the first to discover the recent losses. First he was unable to find a Reichert lens of high magnifying power and worth \$125. A few hours later the report came to the president's office that in the botanical department available microscope had been stripped of its fittings; loss, \$75. Almost simultaneously news of a more serious loss came in. The magnificent lenses of the stereoscopic which stands in the lecture hall of Haskell museum, almost opposite the door of the executive office, were not to be found.

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#### EDISON'S LATEST.

**Discovery of an Easy Process for Separating Dirts from Metal.**

The Electrical Engineer publishes the first authoritative account of Thomas A. Edison's success in recovering by electrical means the iron contained in low-grade ore. The inventor's experiments have been carried on during the last six years at the old Ogden iron mines, a few miles from Dover, N. J., where he has built up a plant covering several acres of ground, and which, after many experiments, is now capable of producing daily from 1,000 to 1,500 tons of almost chemically pure iron.

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#### WILL NOT TALK OF HIS FIND.

**Boy Who Dug Up a Box of Gold at Clinton, Ia., Is in Hiding.**

The finding of the iron box buried on Beaver Island, near Clinton, Ia., is exciting much comment. Adolph Johnson, who found the box, is but 16 years of age, and the son of a crippled laborer. He discovered it while digging for fish bait. He found a wooden box, inside of it being an iron box two by two by four feet.

The boy declines to say how much money there was in the box. Relatives who knew of the find the first of the week say the box contained \$50,000 in gold and paper, but decline now to substantiate the statement other than to say the money was hid again.

About a year ago an iron box was stolen from the vault of a law office in the city which contained about \$12,000 in mortgages and other securities of clients. The lawyer heard of the finding of the box, and endeavored to see the boy, but failed. The police are to be called into the affair by the lawyer to find the box and papers, to see if it is his missing property.

#### Froze Cream.

Some New Zealand dairy farmers contemplate the adoption of a new system of placing butter on the London market. The idea is to send home frozen cream, which is to be churned into fresh butter on its arrival in London. An experimental shipment was very successful, and a company is being projected to carry out the idea on a large scale.

#### Vesuvius' Lava.

It is computed that all the houses in London and New York could be built of the lava thrown up by Vesuvius since the first recorded eruption in A. D. 79.

#### Railway Tunnels in England.

There are 27 railway tunnels in England over one mile long.

#### An Elephant's Load.

An elephant can carry about three tons on its back.

#### GUIDE COMMERCIAL.

#### PLUMSIE.

John David Burghard, 421 and 423 Royal, entre Conti et St. Louis. Telephone 1476.

#### PHARMACIES.

A. Malibis, coin Royal and St. Louis.

#### UNE DECOUVERTE.

Bonnes d'ordres et diamants, 20 000 d'essai compris aux acheteurs. Pauline Weinstock et Cie, Paris.

#### W. B. SPENCER.

501 Madison Avenue.

#### PAUL G. GUERRIN.

Grande.

#### HUNGER DRIVES HIM TO CRIME.

Fritz Meyer, the New York Murderer, Makes a Remarkable Confession.

Fritz Meyer, the burglar, who killed Policeman Frederick Smith on Tuesday night, in New York city, gave a remarkable interview admitting the murder and explaining the events leading up to it.

"Sure, I killed the policeman," said Meyer. "I don't deny it. I didn't want to deny it. I am sorry I did it, but I know that doesn't help me. I took a chance for further life, and lost it. That ends everything."

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