

HAD TO BE CULTIVATED.

Friendship With Senator Not Likely to Be Spontaneous. Ex-Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, is known as a man of uncompromising adherence to his own ideas...

LONG LIFE EASILY ATTAINED

Prof. Metchnikoff Has Simple Scheme to Secure Longevity. It is well known that the average length of human life has been considerably prolonged in the last century...

Great Men Fond of Tea.

Like all things in the world tea met with opposition at the first thought of its introduction. There were some who called it a filthy custom...

Sixpences on a Tombstone.

Sunday morning, 21 old widows of the parish of St. Bartholomew, West Smithfield, went to the churchyard at the close of the morning service...

Long Words or Short.

Which shall we prefer in speech and writing? Almost everybody will vote for the short word, and almost everybody will be voting for the best candidate...

Fish as Pets.

Many boys and girls who cannot keep cats have been able to make pets of wild birds and animals. Even fish will come to know you...

Shocked.

"A girl out west was driven insane by the sight of a railway train the other day. 'Gee! It must have been on time,'" - Houston Post.

TAKES RELIGION FROM SCHOOLS.

British Court Decides People Need Not Pay for This Instruction. London - A decision given by the court of appeals leaves the question of religious education in Great Britain in a peculiar position...

RAINMAKER TO GET \$10,000.

C. M. Hatfield Meets with Success in Alaska. Dawson, Alaska - If C. M. Hatfield, the rainmaker, causes enough rain to fall to keep the mine boxes full and make the season's mining profitable...

BUSINESS WOMAN AT 70.

Mrs. Warren, of California, Takes a Little Run Down to Maine. Norway, Me. - The sprightliness of 70-year-old Mrs. Rebecca Warren of California, who is here on a visit to the home of her childhood days...

WORLD'S DEEPEST SHAFTS.

Three of Them in the Copper Country of Michigan. Marquette, Mich. - The Michigan copper country possesses the world's three deepest vertical mining shafts. The deepest of these is No. 3 at the North Tamarack property...

Man Reforms at Age of 95.

Winthrop, Me. - Ellis M. Clark has decided to quit chewing tobacco after 41 years of the habit. He was 95 years of age the other day, and to celebrate the event called together his friends with the announcement that he intended to sign a pledge...

AT LAST THE REASON'S PLAIN!

Spinner Tells Why Her Sisterhood Sticks to Tabbies. "If I had a dog," mused the old maid, as she surveyed her sleek, sleeping puss, "there are several things I would not do..."

NOT ALTOGETHER HIS FAULT

Mountaineer's Appearance in Court by No Means Voluntary. A brawny moonshiner from the north Georgia mountains was on trial Thursday morning at the old town of Katoomba...

Reading Made Easy.

In a study of the physiological aspect of reading the curious fact has been brought out that the characteristic features of letters are for the most part in the upper halves...

Wedding Guests "Called Down."

A Gold Coast journal describes a wedding and a feast following it in a manner befitting a custodian of morals and manners. It is reported that most of the gentlemen who attended refreshed themselves avidously...

What Cotton Takes from Earth.

An ordinary crop of cotton takes from the soil, in one acre of ground, more than 25 pounds of chemical salts. There is withdrawn from the earth nearly nine pounds of phosphoric acid...

Popularity.

"Why is that Russian official getting on so many airs about his popularity?" "No one has thrown a bomb at him for three weeks!"

HALF OF LIFE IN JAIL

"BIG BILL" MASON, NOTED CRIMINAL, AGAIN BEHIND BARS.

Was Well Known in Chicago Gambling Circles - Arrested in Wisconsin, Sent to Waupun, But Made His Escape.

Laporte, Ind. - The doors of the Indiana state prison have opened again to one of the most noted criminals in the country. His real name is Richard Keegan, but he is best known as "Big Bill" Mason.

McDonald's place, and occasionally in Hankins place across the street. He was generally a winner and was accustomed to the credit of fellows who were down and out. Usually it was, he said, 10 per cent of his winnings...

EXISTS ENTIRELY ON CRACKERS.

Vermont Woman Eats 325 Barrels of Them in Sixty-Three Years.

Roadsboro, Vt. - Over 500,000 crackers have kept life in the body of Mrs. Cynthia C. Johnson of Roadsboro, Vt., for more than 63 years. She is now more than 73 years of age, and has subsisted on a cracker diet ever since she was ten years old.

All Goods at Second-Hand.

There is a curious old market near Paris in which everything is sold at second-hand. Working girls can fit themselves out there from head to foot. As a writer says: "Mimi can sell her old feet and buy a straw one, exchange her old dress for a new one, and if she likes, buy a steak and a salad for her dinner..."

Their Reason.

"I wonder why the members of the duma went to Finland and then came back to St. Petersburg?" "Perhaps because they hadn't been long at the business of representing the people and thought they had to have something to show to collect their tailage."

BLAMED IT ALL ON GRANDPA.

Parishoner Evidently Had Taken to Heart Pastor's Sermon.

They are telling a very good story in a certain church congregation of one of the large cities. Recently the pastor of a church preached a sermon on temperance. He expressed himself of the belief that temperance was frequently a disease, and that sometimes those afflicted could trace back the inception of their desires to their grandfathers. He said he had known instances of sons of sober, temperate men who became victims of the drink habit...

TIRED OF PROLONGED SILENCE.

Mourner Dispelled Gloom of Funeral by His Remark.

It was a sultry afternoon for a funeral, and everyone but the corpse was restless and uneasy. Harry Kay, the deceased, came from Yorkshire, England, early in the 70's and settled on a farm near Beardsley, Me. They were waiting for the minister to arrive and begin the last rites, and the conversation of the mourners, as is usual at a funeral, had been carried on in whispers, and the pauses between were growing longer. Still no minister appeared to break the monotony...

Seagulls Attack a Man.

A Danish sailor has had a narrow escape from meeting death from a flock of seagulls. His ship, the Flaneria, from Cronstad, Copenhagen, was within 50 miles of her destination when he was washed overboard by a heavy sea. He was a powerful swimmer and diving himself of his clothes, prepared to make a long battle for life. No sooner, however, had the man got clear of his garments than a great flock of seagulls gathered around and began a fierce attack upon the intruder into their quiet domain, whom they pecked at remorselessly with their beaks. For six hours the man continued to keep himself afloat, warding off his persecutors as best he could, one or two ships passing without noticing him. When at last a Russian steamer, the Etica, took him on board his strength was utterly exhausted.

The Hair Fashion.

"Never did I realize before what slaves to fashion women are," remarked one who likes to be an individual. "If you have plenty of money, and can order all your things made, of course it is all right; but a woman of modest income, who doesn't want to dress herself in the conventional style, has a heart-breaking time of it. This spring and summer the fashions are all made to suit one style of hair dressing, and they are absolutely impossible with any other style. If you are original enough to want to do your hair differently, you must go bare-headed - that's all!"

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PEWS IN OLD MEETING HOUSE.

Ages, Sexes and Conditions Carefully Segregated by Our Ancestors.

Around three sides about on a level with the pulpit in the old meeting house at Hatfield extended the galleries, reached by staircases on the northeast and southeast corners, where in the front seats sat the singers, trebles on the north and basses on the south, and counters and tenors on the east. The next two rows of seats were occupied by children, girls in the north and boys in the south, and frolicsome youngsters they were, if we may judge by the frequency with which the town was obliged to renew the brass tips in the staves of the titling men, three of whom were always on duty to keep the youth from disorder.

Behind the children and still higher, in square pews against the wall, sat the young men and maidens, the latter on the north and the former on the south. One gallery pew was reserved for colored men and one for colored women, and, queerest of all, a high square pew over the north stairway was assigned to old maids and a similar pew over the south stairway to old bachelors. Just how many years these two classes had to number before they were promoted from the lower seats in the synagogue the records do not state, but that they sat in those exalted seats Samuel Dwight Partridge, to whom we are indebted for the description of the old meeting house, assures us is beyond question. The square pews on the floor were assigned to house-holders, according to wealth and social position. - Springfield Union.

COUNT AGE MATTER OF PRIDE.

Chinese Seek Rather to Add To Than Diminish Years. It goes without saying that American women would not relish the system the Chinese use in reckoning age. According to their method a baby does not need to live a full year before it is a year old. It is called a year old as soon as it is born, and stays with a year until the first day of the next year rolls around the baby is two years old. Then if a baby should be born on the last day of the calendar year, his supposing it was a boy - would be one year old - when the next day, the first day of the new year, came he would be two years of age, though, as a matter of fact, only 48 hours old. Since the Chinese months are all lunar months, of 29 days each, this year is about a month shorter than ours, so that before one year of the time has rolled around the baby would be three years old. - Boston Transcript.

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