

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1886.

A Novel Progressive Euchre Party.

The tables were arranged in the large parlors so that there was quite a distance between the head table and the three others. The Booby table represented France, and it was covered with a handsome Parisian mat. The playing cards were beautifully pictured, representing court jesters and theatrical celebrities. Here bon-bons were distributed which contained cuttings in French. The third table was designated Germany. The lucky couple who were at the Booby table then traveled from France to Germany. Like the last table everything was characteristic of the country. The playing cards were quite patriotic, the Kings and Queens of the past generations being artistically executed on them. Of course, a change of language was necessary, and a change of many poor tourists, to trust to luck. The table, from Berlin, was embroidered, most accurately displaying a pack of cards thrown carelessly on the table. Several gentlemen, who attempted to pick up some of them, can testify how natural they were. Next the lucky tourists crossed the channel, and landed in England, the second table. A huge oak card-table and straight-backed chairs were used. The playing cards were gorgeously illustrated, representing scenes in the Indian and Egyptian campaigns. A servant was in constant attendance to carry off the numerous cards that were constantly dropped. "Arts are trumps," "Have you played?" etc., were popular queries. Here the conversation was mostly upon the departure of steamers for America, and many were the speculations as to which couple would make the voyage. "Home at last!" was heard, when the delight of travelers had crossed the Atlantic after a farewell to England and their disappointed opponents. America, the prize table, situated in the back parlor, was decorated with the stars and stripes, and the cards were a pictorial description of the discovery of America. At last our excited tourists breathed a sigh of relief, and talked to their hearts' content. The winners at this table were only too glad to remain, but the unfortunate losers were compelled, like the Wandering Jew, to "move on." The guests were bewildered and delighted, for the details of the game were perfect, and the effect most happy. As the first game at the head of the table was concluded, the Swiss clock chimed in with "Cuckoo, Cuckoo," which became the victors' triumph cry during the game. The badges were made of larch bark, and four were worked in many-colored straw. The prizes were collected during a long trip abroad, and were most tasteful souvenirs. —Cincinnati Graphic.

An Idea for Farmers' Boys and Girls

Mention has been made of the young people of the farm. There are a score of ways in which country boys and girls may become interested in outdoor recreation, and through which they will lead more contented lives. The longings for the pleasures and enjoyments of the great city world, of which they know so little and desire to know so much, may be satisfied, in a measure, at home. A great deal can be accomplished by associations to their more than their parents' isolation of country life is a source of dissatisfaction. Why not find a partial remedy in the club?

There is scarcely a rural neighborhood in the eastern portions of the United States where a club of fifteen or twenty young people, with a definite object in view, could not be formed in a very short time. It might be a lawn tennis club or a driving club, or a shooting, fishing, or athletic club, or the boys—or, perhaps, better than these, an outing club, that would include walking, driving, tennis, boating, shooting, fishing, and the many outdoor pastimes that young people of both sexes indulge in during the winter months. There would be skating, meets and sleighing-tours, to extend over several days, and ice yachting, which would give amusement to both sexes, and be indulged in wherever there are streams or inland lakes. Even the bicycle and tricycle should have a place in the barn with the family cart, both for the relaxation of muscles, and for the sake of long hours of bending over ungenial toil, and as a saving of horse-flesh on many an evening errand to town. Let there be associations and clubs, and perhaps club championships with inexpensive prizes for excellence in special fields of sport, and the most beneficial kind of mental and physical relaxation and recreation will result. And perhaps if the old folks were very good, they might become associate members of the club, and renew their youth. —Outing.

Washington Correspondents.

A number of Washington correspondents dictate their dispatches to shorthand men, and these transcribe them for the press. Stenographers are very cheap here, and in ordinary times you can find one who will take down and rewrite a column letter for a dollar. This is much cheaper than doing the writing yourself, as the greatest expenditure of energy in writing is in the pushing of the pen. Some correspondents dictate their letters to the typewriter, and several I know have wives who can run the typewriter as well as the most experienced professionals. A leading correspondent of a New York paper has a wife who can take down a column of correspondence from his dictation in half an hour. This column contains about 1,500 words, and she must write at the rate of fifty words a minute. This is very fast typewriter work, and it is speed will be appreciated when it is remembered that the dictating correspondent who composes does remarkably well if he writes fifteen words a minute. A few newspapers keep men at the capital who are expected to devote themselves to letter-writing exclusively. These are few, however, and their letters are devoted to editorials, descriptive matter, and gossip about men and measures. The field of Washington correspondence seems to me to be wide open for every man. There are plenty of hundreds here the great majority of whom can be counted upon your fingers; and as a rule they are hard-working, keen-witted, snob-hating, gentlemanly fellows.

Rosa Terry Cooke wants school-children to carry raw lunches to school and to be taught there to cook them.

MISSING LINKS.

There is a clock in Middletown, Conn., that has kept time for 227 years. There is a monastery in Shenandoah County, Va., which is half monkey and half calf.

There are 452 women editors in England—more than in all the rest of Europe combined. A place where old Roman coins are manufactured has been discovered in Connecticut.

The full name of Los Angeles, Cal., is La Puebla de Nuestra Señora La Reina de los Angeles.

A Wisconsin man has been sued for damages because his bees trespassed on a neighbor's sheep pasture.

A man in Crowley, Tex., claims to have the biggest hog ever raised in this country. It weighs 900 pounds.

A valuable fragment of Homer's "Odyssey" has been found at Vienna. It dates from the second century.

Pearlie Gleason, a little girl only nine years old, took the first prize for oil painting at the Los Angeles fair.

Nothing but a part of the foundation remains of the house in which Shakespeare spent the latter portion of his life.

Cassius M. Clay, though not far from 75, is managing a large farm in Kentucky, and nearly as vigorous in mind and body as he was in his prime.

Congressman John B. Storm, of Monroe county, Pennsylvania, occasionally exhorts from the Methodist pulpits in the absence of the regularly ordained ministers.

A new sect has sprung up in Canada whose doctrine is that women have no souls, because the Bible nowhere mentions women angels. The leader is a Frenchman.

A Masonic trowel made of solid silver for General Lafayette, and which he used at the laying of the De Kalb monument in 1825, is in the possession of a family living near Camden, S. C.

Mme. Modjeska has sent to the New Orleans exposition a doll dressed by her own hands as the Scottish Queen Mary, and the costume is an exact copy in miniature of her own dress in the last act of "Mary Stuart."

The Princess of Wales, who is still wonderfully pretty (says Edward King, writing from Paris), has been several times in the Bois, with her prettier daughters, and the young Princesses wander about town in the mornings as no Parisian girl would dare to do.

Miss Cleveland's conversation is said to have acquired quality of her writing. To one lady she said: "I wish I could observe Washington life in its political phase, but I suppose I am too near the center to get an accurate perspective of that. Those who live on Mount Athos do not see Mount Athos."

Miss Maud Powell, who has recently met with such favor as a solo violinist at Theodore Thomas' Philharmonic concert, is a daughter of the superintendent of public schools of Washington. Mrs. Annie Louise Powell, who has sung for Mr. Thomas, is also a Washington lady, though not related to the former.

The improved kind of explosive known as cocoa powder is said to possess such superior value for many purposes that it has been introduced into the famous Krupp factory. It is asserted that with equal pressure this substance gives greater velocity to a ball than can be attained with ordinary powder, while its smoke is found to be less dense, and to clear off more quickly.

The Smithsonian Institution contains the small nugget of gold, a little larger than a pea, that first met the eyes of James Marshall in the saw-mill wall at Sacramento, and was the beginning of the discovery of California that has added nearly \$1,500,000,000 to the wealth of the nation.

There are two well-known house-decorators in New York city who are brothers of the same height, weight, complexion, and build, wearing clothes of the same color and style, and lunching together without speaking a word to each other, every day at Delmonico's. The ordinary mortal cannot tell them apart, and one never knows which of the two he is talking to, which of the two he is taking to the bank.

A brewer in Toledo, O., who is known as the largest importer of the kind in the world, has incorporated a brewing company with a capital of \$800,000, and has distributed one-half of the shares gratuitously among his employees. It is explained that the owner, fearing that he would not long live to enjoy his wealth, has taken this method of dividing it among those who help him accumulate it.

The Euphrates River, once a mighty stream, is now nearly a desert. For some years the river bank below Babylon have been giving way so that the stream spread out into a marsh, until steamers could not pass, and only a narrow channel remained for the native boats. Now the passage is being filled up, and the prospect is that the towns on the banks will be ruined and the famous river itself will be swallowed up by the desert.

The Duke of Abercorn, says the London Truth, was a peer and a landowner of the best type. He had been a prominent figure in society for more than fifty years, and he was certainly one of the most popular men of his time. Prince Albert was particularly fond of him and often consulted him with advantage about both public and private matters. The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn both figure prominently in "Lohr's" and they were great favorites of Lord Beaconsfield, who regarded them as ideal specimens of the "high nobility."

A writer in the New York Tribune is told that Robert Bonner is making a curious provision for continuing the Ledger after his death in the same style in which he has been conducting it for about thirty years. He holds it is understood, that it will take his successor as to select the class of literary matter which has given the Ledger its peculiar success. He has, therefore, begun to collect extra material with the design of securing enough to last three years after his death. Already about enough copy for one year, or fifty-two numbers, has been accumulated.

Now that cotton is coming in the oil mills are busy. Nothing about cotton need be wasted. The fiber having been separated, the seeds are again "liberated," all the cotton adhering to them being removed and sold to the cotton men. Then the husks are removed and used for fuel in the furnaces on the premises. After the seed is ground, cooked and pressed, the oil being extracted, the refuse forms an oil cake, which is shipped in large quantities to Great Britain for food for cattle. Last of all, the refuse has a virtue of its own, and are sold at a high price. The oil goes to Chicago to make butter and lard; in Cincinnati,

where an immense quantity is made from it, and to an extent it is already taking the place of lard in cooking, greatly to the advantage of everybody. Inferior grades serve as the basis for the best soap.

The calculating machine, invented by Professor Thomson, appears to excel, in its ingenious adaptation to a variety of results, even Babbage's wonderful apparatus. By means of the more friction of a disk, a cylinder and a ball, the machine is capable of effecting numerous complicated calculations which occur in the highest application of mathematics to physical problems, and by its aid an unskilled person may, in a given time, perform the work of ten expert mathematicians. The machine is applicable alike to the calculating of tidal, magnetic, meteorological and other periodic phenomena; it will solve differential equations of the second or even higher orders, and through this same wonderful arrangement of mechanical parts the problem of finding the free motions of a number of mutually attracting particles, untroubled by any of the approximate suppositions required in the treatment of the lunar and planetary theories, is done by simply turning a handle.

Natural Gas in Dwellings.

The necessary danger attending the use of natural gas as a source of heat, and that encountered in places where the manufactured article is commonly employed for purposes of light and fuel, but it is certain that since it was utilized in western Pennsylvania and southwestern New York more accidents have resulted than can be charged up to artificial gas the world over. Two of the most serious of these casualties have taken place in Pittsburg, where not long ago a main exploded, wrecking several buildings and killing four or five people, and where, within a week, the explosion of another pipe has resulted in the destruction of a steamboat and the loss of one life.

If natural gas may be utilized in the homes and the business of the people with safety, a very important problem will have been solved. Where so employed for domestic purposes the economy of the household has been revolutionized. The pipes are run into ordinary cooking and heating stoves, as well as into a very important and removing ashes, as well as the old system, the new device obviates the necessity of kindling fires, and of watching them, and at the same time reduces the expense on account of the fuel and light by more than one-half. When a fire is wanted in every room in the house, a match for each room will supply the demand. If the fire burns too strong, it may be checked by turning a lever, and on the other hand by a similarly easy movement every stove in the house may be made red hot at a moment's notice.

The only drawback to all this is the reflection that one's house is connected by direct pipes with the infernal regions, with the devil knows who, in charge of the generating process. If all goes well below the little flames so successfully introduced into the houses, there will be exceedingly enjoyable, but in the event of disturbances in the depths, or of some slight defect in the means employed to control the supply, there is no telling what might become of the dwellings and their inmates. If the natural gas wells can be controlled and regulated as successfully as the reservoirs of artificial article are, there appears to be no excuse for the dreadful explosions which have taken place from time to time. On the other hand, if these explosions are to be set down as unavoidable, the natural gas enterprise becomes a dangerous one, not only to the people who avail themselves of its seeming conveniences, but to the public at large, which may be drawn to kingdom come at any time when it least expects it.

Stories About Uncle Joe.

A few weeks ago the Journal published a sketch of a certain "Uncle Joe," who once lived in the vicinity of Lake Auburn. Sam Jenkins, the noted lighting agent, who was raised in Uncle Joe's neighborhood, contributes two good stories about this old old fellow. Uncle Joe never was stuck by a long word. He was an uneducated man, but no matter how thickly anybody tried to strangle logic or technical terms at him he always pretended to comprehend everything that was said. Sam Jenkins says that one day, while he was shingling a barn with a man named French, Uncle Joe was seen coming that way. "Jenkins," said French, "I'll bet you can't give Uncle Joe a word that he won't pretend to understand." Sam thought he'd try it. Uncle Joe picked up an old shingle, took out his pocket knife, and began to whittle. "What are you doing?" asked French. "I'm whittling a shingle," replied Uncle Joe, "and I'm whittling a shingle compositely all the while."

Uncle Joe was planting corn in his field one day, when one of his hens followed him and ate up the corn as fast as he went along. Uncle Joe went up one row and down another, and he kept on picking up the corn that his hen had dropped. He did not notice the hen till he reached the last hill in the last row when he saw the sly old bird in the hill just back of him. "Hullo," said he, "you came blanked near coming in out ahead of me, didn't you?"

Upon this story we confidently bet the united gossips of the aggregate press of the East. A small boy at Quincy, in this State, went up the mountain side at the summer holidays, and rode at the summit the slipper and saddle of a giant, becoming the nucleus of a vast snowball which impetuously descended upon him. He was missed after several hours, and the searchers got on the track of the snowball and trailed it to where it had leaped from a cliff to a canyon. Looking down they could see it lodged in the boughs of a pine tree. They finally got it, broke it open, and found the boy inside alive, but rather chilly. Upon this incident we rest the reputation of California for the season.

The painted rock of Santa Barbara County, Cal., is 150 feet high, and upon it are many color paintings in a good style. An observation that are thought to be the work of Indians. There are many caves in this giant rock, and it is said another some day will be up, and in each of these are pictures of animals.

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