

MANSAN AWAY FROM HOME.

It Is Not Long Before He Begins to Yearn for His Old Habitation.

Occasionally a good man grows dissatisfied with Kansas. The milk is too yellow or the honey too sweet and he wishes like them to flow over his land...

When he hears of Texas and goes down to visit the bag of gold at the rainbow...

He yearns for good old Kansas and the waterfalls in his throat and chokes him...

History is a marvelous painter and paints best the things we love best. It yearns to travel the corn sisking in the field he once owned...

Happy is the man who wakes from sleep to find that he has wandered from Kansas only in his dreams.

GRIZZLY UGLY CUSTOMER.

One Who Wounds Him Would Be Wise to Climb a Tall Tree.

A wounded grizzly is a mean thing to fight and if there is a tree handy it is a pretty good thing to climb if anything goes wrong with your shooting iron.

When all are duly stationed the bridegroom clambers up the tree, assailed on all sides by blows, pushes and punches from the dowagers...

At a given signal as soon as the guests are assembled the bride starts off through the compartments, followed by her wooer...

NEWS ITEMS OF 168 B. C.

Waked Up by the Reporters of a Roman Journal of That Time.

The oldest paper in the world known as the Acta Populi Romani Diurna, of which there is still one number extant...

A violent storm occurred in the city of this day. The lightning struck an oak tree near the Forum...

A disturbance took place at an inn at the sign of a Bear close to the Forum. The landlord has been seriously wounded.

The Edile Titinius has condemned some retail butchers for selling meat to the people which had not been inspected by the authorities.

The money changer, Ansidius, whose name bears the sign of the Cimbrian people, absconded with a considerable amount of money.

The highest chief, Demipho, who was arrested by the Legate Nerva was taken to Rome.

The Carthaginian squadron has entered the harbor today.

Marriage in the States. Doing to the numerous and living marriages in America a curious sort of things can easily exist.

For a feat of dexterity and nerve it would be difficult to surpass that of the Bojesman of South Africa, who walks quietly up to a puff adder...

SCARLET TOBACCO PLANT.

Variety Produced by the Crossing of Plants with Red and White Blooms.

The national council of horticulture, through its committee, says of the scarlet tobacco plant: "One of the newer varieties of last year which was successfully grown by many experts is a tobacco plant which produces scarlet flowers, nicotiana Sanderae."

"A pleasing characteristic of this tobacco plant is the flowering time, which begins at twilight and lasts until the hot rays of the following day wither the blossoms. Thus it is most appreciated by persons returning home from a weary day's work."

WINNING A LOLO BRIDE.

Custom in Western China That Calls for Courage in the Man.

It is customary among the Lolos of western China for the bride on the wedding morning to perch herself on the highest branch of a large tree, while the other female members of her family cluster on the lower limbs, armed with sticks.

When all are duly stationed the bridegroom clambers up the tree, assailed on all sides by blows, pushes and punches from the dowagers, and it is not until he has broken through their fence and captured the bride that he is allowed to carry her off.

At a given signal as soon as the guests are assembled the bride starts off through the compartments, followed by her wooer, while the women of the encampment throw every possible impediment in his way...

BEFORE THE WAR MANSIONS

Deserted Alabama Houses That Were Once Almost Royal in Splendor.

"If a man is looking for a genuine, unadulterated, irreducible case of blues I know a land that will fit his case," remarked J. C. McGee, assistant topographer for the Pensacola, Alabama & Western railroad.

"These swamps abound in scorpions, rattlesnakes, vipers, lizards, cottonmouths and the negroes affrightedly add, chalkfaced snakes; but those are not the depressing features."

"Nothing has been removed but the furniture. The masters were either killed in the war or have moved to the towns. The wild grass grows high clear up to the doors. The fencing is gone or tumbled down."

Elevators to Ascend Alps.

Persons not hardy enough to risk the rigors of Alpine climbing are now enabled to mount to the summit of the Hammer Schwand mountain, 3,600 feet above sea level, by means of the longest lift in the world, an elevator 600 feet high. The elevator is located not far from Lucerne, where is a grotto in which the elevator shaft is hidden.

Dexterous Africans.

For a feat of dexterity and nerve it would be difficult to surpass that of the Bojesman of South Africa, who walks quietly up to a puff adder and deliberately sets his bare foot on its neck.

WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON

Region Where Everyone Is Judged by His Ability to Grow Fruit.

There's the cooperative idea in the valley. You can see it when the directors of the Fruit Growers' union hold their weekly meeting in the little shed which forms their headquarters.

"Let us leave it to Old Man Tucker," says Hank. In comes the old man. Coatless, his blue shirt unbuttoned at the throat, his features literally gnarled by the 60 years he has been making the world give him a living.

THE MAGYARS IN HUNGARY

How the Emperor Brought the Refractory Element to His Terms.

The New York Times thus elucidates the recent triumph of the old emperor of Austria-Hungary over the refractory Magyars by his threat of introducing manhood suffrage.

"Of the 45,000,000 population of Austria and Hungary, some 12,000,000 are Germans, and about 9,000,000 are Magyars. The Germans are, though a minority in Austria, the most influential element, as are the Magyars in Hungary."

WOLVES LIKE THE SHEEP.

Kansas Prowlers Are Fond of Mutton and Show Skill in Getting It.

The wolves now found in Jackson county, Kansas, are in size between the coyote of the western plains and the big wolves found in the Ozark region.

FORESTS OF PORTO RICO.

Dense Jungles, Composed of Many Different Kinds of Trees and Shrubs.

The primeval mountain forests of Porto Rico are now restricted to a few summits in the west central part of the island, and to the forest reserve of more than 100 square miles in the high Sierra de Luquillo in the eastern part.

THE ZAMBESI DRYING UP.

Precarious Condition of the Waterway of British Central Africa.

For some months past considerable inconvenience has been caused to planters and traders throughout British Central Africa by the precarious condition of the Zambesi waterway.

Pastor's Long Tour.

Rev. Pio Mayer, superior general of the Caleite order, who is on a 4,000 mile tour of inspection which will take him through the United States, Canada, all of South America, Spain and Holland, has arrived in New York.

Latest "Freak" Dinner.

The latest "freak" dinner is the baby dinner, which took place at Baltimore. The men guests came in knickerbockers, the women in short frocks.

Japanese Watch Contractors.

By night or by day, whenever an order is in course of execution for the Japanese government, there in the workshop is the representative of Japan supervising, testing, rejecting all that is not above the slightest suspicion of defect or flaw.

OUR MODERN GARDEN TOOLS

Up-to-Date Implements Perform Wonders in the Saving of Labor.

We sympathize with our grandparents who have gardens in little two by four tuckered up beds, with walks between them, and the whole arrangements so planned that all the work was done with spade, hoe and rake.

The twentieth century gardener, like other modern tillers of the soil, works his head as well as his hands. Beds are made in the open, where the horses can be used to prepare the soil for planting with plow, harrow, roller, etc.

OWLS HOOT IN RAGTIME.

Strange Effect of St. Louis Whisky on a Pair of Captive House Killers.

Lured from a happy home in a dead tree near Galesburg, Ill., two big owls were brought by William Schroeder as a present to his friend, H. F. Kozetzky, proprietor of a drug store at Nineteenth and Wright streets.

SEARCH FOR HIDDEN GOLD.

Oak of Precious Metal That Was Stolen and Buried in Indian Territory.

During the closing years of the civil war, when the Indian territory was the habitation of scores of lawless bands who lived by pillaging the country, a cask of gold was taken from a party of soldiers on their way to Fort Gibson and buried somewhere in the vicinity of what is known as Willow Springs.

SHIPS LOST IN THE ARCTIC.

Explorers Deprived of Their Shelter and Provisions by Parting of Glacier.

December was a dark month. There was no difference between day and night. We missed the cheery illumination of the electric arc, and under the light of numerous little oil lamps we labored, sewing our fur clothing for the sledge trip and making harness, writes Anthony Fiala, in McClure's.

LIKE LONDON'S STREETS.

Grass Won't Grow in Tonopah, Nevada, Under Any Conditions.

The city of Tonopah, Nev., has all modern improvements except watered lawns and street pavements. There is some talk of paving and it is sure to come in time. It will be some time, however, says a local account, before there will be any parks or flowers or green grass.

CRUSADE AGAINST ABSINTHE

Press of Switzerland Up in Arms Against the Curse of the Nation.

Absinthe drinking is the curse of French Switzerland, and crimes by absinthe drunkards have been so alarmingly frequent of late that the Swiss press has started a crusade against the sale of the liquor.

GETTING THE BEST.

Clark—And what sort of pace do you wish, madam?

Mrs. Little—Some ancestral lace, please. I see that it is being worn by the nicest people.—Cleveland Leader.

Waiting for the Ring. Jack—Miss Peachly is a silent belle. Tom—What's the answer? "I kissed her the other night and she never talked."—Chicago Daily News.