### ONE PERFECT WIFE IS FOUND

New York Man Pays Glowing Tribute to the Mother of His Eight Chilaren-Never Cross.

New York .- Alfred A. Wright, presiment of J. A. Coates & Co., thread importers, declares he has a perfect wife., At his home, 7 Glenwood avenue, Orange, N. J., Mr. Coates said the oth-

"Yes, it is absolutely true that I have a perfect wife. There is no reason why the whole world should not know of it, if it interests anyone. I saw in a paper that Judge W. O. Thomas of the circuit court at Kansas City, Mo., said from the bench: "There is no such thing as a perfect

"Knowing there was such a thing, and that I had one of them at home, the nerve of that judge appalled me, and I wrote him a letter for his enlightenment. That's how the matter

"I have had one wife, as I told him, for 36 years, and I would not change her in the least if I could. In all these years she has been the ideal wife, has never called me a liar and has been my inspiration, my helpmeet, my comfort in time of trouble, and I wouldn't take \$10,000,000 for her or give ten cents for another.

"One of my tenderest recollections is of the day before my mother died. She had lived with us for 12 years. We had bolstered her up in bed, and she, putting her head on my wife's

'God bless you, Emma. I have never seen a cross look on your face.' "Some of the reasons why our life has been happy is that Emma is a good cook and loves her home and children. We never trouble each other with individual troubles unless one is sure the other can give help or advice. The man who carries his business troubles home to his family when the family cannot help him is a coward."

### GIRL CHAMPION NAIL DRIVER

Junior Student in Minnesota Agricultural College Makes Record Man Would Be Proud Of.

St. Paul. Minn.-One more stride was taken in the field of feminine accomplishment the other day when Miss Florence Wilcox of St. Paul, a junior student in the Minnesota agricultural school, in the annual school field meet, drove twelve ten-penny nails in the girls' nail driving contest in the record-breaking time of 462-5 seconds. The new record would have been well below forty seconds had not Miss Wilcox struck a knot with the 'tenth nail, which necessitated the driv-

ing of a thirteenth. Two girls each from the freshmen, junior and senior classes took their places before a long four-inch plank. The signal to begin was given. Urged on by 1,000 spectators, the flaunting of pennants and the blare of a band, the girls drove nails as their fathers or brothers had never

done before. Miss Ida Chapman of Echo, Minn., a freshman, won second place in one minute and twenty-seven seconds, and third place was won by Miss Anna Belthun of Rolette, S. D., a senior. The previous record of forty-eight and onefifth seconds was held by Miss Hazel Munson of Elbow Lake, Minn., estabfished last year.

Both second and third winners emerged from the ordeal with bruised fingers, but Miss Wilcox suffered only a slight chip of the skin from the forefinger of the hand which held the

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## MU. S. UNIVERSITIES IN LEAD

Better Than Those of Germany, Avers Kaiser's Representative While Visiting Chicago.

🖔 Chicago. — American universities and American student life are better than those of Germany, declares Dr., A. Oliven, commissioned by the German government to arrange itineraries. in this country for a group of 300' acientists who will arrive here in! September of 1912.

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" said Dr. Oliven. "I have visited the universities of Columbia and Pennsylvania and the Rockefeller institute. I never dreamed of such possibilities. Students have a better opportunity here for a general education. In Germany we specialize.

"Steudents are more sober here. In Germany they fight and drink beer. but they are fast learning to be sensible like the Americans."

The German savants are to cross the Atlantic in a specially chartered steamer. Five days are to be passed at Washington, D. C., during the insternational congress for hygiene, beginning September 22, 1912. They are then to come to Chicago for two days. iA trip back through the eastern cithes will conclude the tour.

All the traveling in this country will be by special train.

Ten Pailbearers Needed. Unionville, Conn.—Mrs. Julia M. Hubbard, who is dead in her thirty-187th year, weighed 475 pounds, She was 5 feet 8 inches tall and 80% inches around the waist. Her canket As a yard wide. It will be carried by

ten bearers.

Stepping Stone on Grave. Winsted, Conn.-A stepping stone which for years had been at the door of his ancestral home, has been placed at the head of Edward Densiow's grave. His family were among the enriiest settlers berg.

## TWO MINDS CLEARED

Wealthy Lumberman of Vancouver Had Forgotten Wife.

Woman One Had Married Agrees to Wait While He Returns to Scotland to See if Mrs. Scott No. 1 Was Alive.

Seattle, Wash.-Curious instances of lapses of memory covering long periods have come to light simultaneously here in the stories of two men whose minds have been cleared by illness.

" George Scott, a rich lumberman of Vancouver, supposed himself a bachelor until 1909, when he married. Now he suddenly remembers that, twentysix years ago, he left a wife and children in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The other case is that of S. Chandler Rogers, who was beaten so badly in New York fourteen years ago that he forgot his name. He drifted here and has been known as George Kelly. An operation has recalled him to him-

In all the years that Scott was piling up a fortune he seemed heartproof until a musical comedy company visited Vancouver two years ago. He then capitulated to Jane Patterson of Allegheny, Pa., one of its members. 'Although their ages were far apart, they lived happily. Scott finally met with an accident which fractured his skull and brought on, in addition, a serious illness, through which his wife nursed him.

Memory of his youthful domestic life came with his recovery. In telling his wife of it he said his name always was George Scott and that he never had a physical mishap or illness to explain a loss of memory. Nevertheless his mind had been utterly blank as to the wife and babies in Scotland.

Mrs. Scott did not question his good faith, but said his story dictated a plain course for her, through the divorce court. They talked it out thoroughly and it was finally arranged that she should bring action for divorce and Scott return to Scotland and learn what had become of his family. Should he find the first wife he must make proper amends to her. If she is dead he will come back to-Vancouver and the second "Mrs. Scott" will marry him again.

Rogers, or Kelly, was brought to the Providence hospital here on October 10, suffering from an attack of acute insanity, with which he had been taken in his home in Port Berkeley. The doctors found that a portion of the skull was pressing on the brain. Surgery soon relieved him and he became perfectly normal.

He called for pen and paper and wrote: "I am in hospital and all O. K., addressing the envelope to Miss Florence Douels, 418 West Thirty-second street, New York. A postscript to the letter asked that Father Doherty of the Paulist society be sent to him.

Picking up a newspaper after be had finished Ms note and seeing the date line, "Seattle, October 20, 1911," he turned wonderingly to Dr. Milton G. Sturgis and his nurse and said: "Am I really in Seattle?"

Then he broke down with a fit of sobbing. He told his story when he had composed himself today. The hospital staff think it one of the most remarkable on record. For fourteen years, he said, he did not know where he had been or what he had been doing. He was born in New York in 1880 and lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Douels, at 418 West Thirty-second street, New York. His name was S. Chandler Rogers.

On May 1, 1897, with a boy friend and two girls, he went to the theater. Having seen his girl to her home, he started to walk to his own. At Sixteenth street and Eighth avenue three men stopped him and asked for a match. He said he was no match factory, and the men pounced on him. One struck him with a blackjack. The next he knew he was in the river, naked and swimming.

He said he remembered clutching at something in the river and being dragged out, but that was the last he knew of himself as Rogers until he awoke in the hospital after the skull pressure had been lifted from his

## NOSEBAG FOR NOISY EATERS

Wilkesbarre Alderman is Aroused Because a Man Made Noise Like a Concrete Mixer in Eating.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.-After making such a noise while eating in a restaurant that he had started a quarrel, Walter Gordon of Duryea was lectured severely by Ald. John F. Donohue of this city and told to return

home and learn better table manners. "There are a great many fellows like you," said the alderman, "who come to this city and make themselves offensive to others by their lack of table manners in public places. They drink their coffee as if they were donkey pumps and eat their food with a noise like a concrete mixer at an asphalt plant. You ought to be sent to the county jail, where you could eat your beans, with a fork. Next time you come here bring a handout with you, put it in a horse's nonebag and eat it on the river bank."

Thieves Steal a Cat. Chicago.-Thieves broke into the millinery shop of Mrs. Mary Osborn, and not caring for ribbons or frames they stole Fluffy Ruffles-a \$50 Ap-KOTE CEL

### NATION TRYING TO SAVE COD

Steam Trawler Has Made Fearful In roads on Supply of Fish-Government Takes Steps.

Gloucester, Mass .- At last the codfish, the most important food product h: the history of Massachusetts, has begun to succumb to the onslaught of steam trawiers until now the United States has stepped in to conserve the

Millions of cod fry have been set free under direction of Superintendent Corliss at the hatchery of the United States bureau of fisheries here.

Working since last December, the hatchery has in this way taken charge of some 132,000,000 cod eggs and has hatched successfully and distributed more than 90,000,000 fry all along the coast in Ipswich Bay and Massachu-Betts Bay.

If only half of these manage to escape their natural enemies for three years and reach the market size of from two to three pounds, they will represent something like a hundred million pounds of cod.

"Cod eggs in water at a temperature of 40 degrees will hatch in seventeen days," said Mr. Corliss, "and during the hatching season there we have them in all stages, planting them as fry and as fingerlings

"Running as we do, at full capacity to handle the eggs which are collected on board the commercial fishing boats. there is no room to keep the young cod up to the stage of growth known as fingerling, or a length of three or four inches.

"In distributing these fish we put them on the natural spawning grounds of the cod. Thus they go at once into deep water, where I think they are better able to take care of themselves than in shallow water near the shore.

"The question has been asked as to whether these fish hatched here and planted in Massachusetts waters remain in this vicinity. That is a difficult question to answer, for the cod is, of course, a migratory fish. I believe, however, that while the cod on this coast may disappear at times, they simply go away to feeding grounds which the fishermen do not happen to know. Then when fishing become good again I think the chances are very great that the fish are of the same stock that frequented the grounds before."

### MANY OFFERS OF MARRIAGE

Most Beautiful Girl in Rome Declines All Proposals, Content With Being "Queen of Beauty."

Rome.—Although Palmira Ceccani says she does not want to wear orange blossoms just yet, this newly selected "Queen of Beauty" is receiving so many offers of marriage every day and such a multitude of requests from leading artists for permission to paint her portrait, that her family has taken her away from town in order to save her from importunities.

Arrayed in the robes of ber high "office," with the magnificent tiars of precious gems that one of Rome's daily newspapers donated in perpetuity to the winner of the beauty contest "Queen" Palmira is the happiest woman in the land and her toy is justified. for the conflest brought forward an astonishing number of striking beauties. Indeed, the public, which by its ballots selected the queen, was embarrassed by the vichness of the sight.

Other cities of continental Europe had long held annual beauty contests. so when the management of the exhibition now being held here asked the innocent question, "who is the most beautiful girl in Rome?" there was such a quick response that a huge and dangerous problem was on their hands before they knew it.

The city was divided into 18 districts, each to select a princess and two maids of honor by popular vote. Then from these princesses a queen was relected, each person who presented a ticket at the exhibition gate being entitled to one vote.

A unique and highly interesting feature of the contest was that local pride found expression in the giving of all manner of presents to the district candidates. These were placed in shop windows and great crowds went from district to district to see them. They made of the occasion a "Roman holiday" of the happiest kind.

## \$50,000 FOR NOT SMOKING

Man of 25 Keeps Agreement With Millionaire Father and Receives Substantial Reward.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Because he did not smoke before reaching the age of twenty-five Don Gates, son of A. H. Gates, a millionaire of South Pasadena, the other day received \$50,000

as a present from his parent. Fifteen years ago the elder Gates, head of the Gates Lumber company. of Arkansas, entered into a solemn agreement with his three sons. Charles, the oldest, was seventeen; Don was ten, and Fred, now a student of Stanford university, was only five years of age. Their father agreed to give each a certain percentage of his business if they refrained from smoking until their twenty-fifth birthday was reached.

Charles reached the required age seven years ago, after denying himself tobacco in all forms, and he received his share on his twenty-fifth birthday. Two years ago he smoked for the first time.

Youngsters Elope. New York .-- A moving picture film of an elopement induced Guiseppe Nells, 19, and Route Fornabl, 12, to sione. They landed in the children's court, the boy charged with 'tidnaping,

# DREAMS OF WEALTH

Strange Visitation Leads Sea Captain to Riches.

Captain Ormond, Navigator for Twenty-Five Years, Never Touched United States Port Until the

Other Day.

New York.-Persuaded by a dream that a fortune of a half million dollars awaits him in Chicago, Captain James J. Ormond of the British freighter Relgate will leave for Chicago to press his claim to the estate of his aunt, Mrs. Bridget Clarke, who died seven years ago.

Although Captain Ormond has been a navigator for 25 years, he has been in every part of the world except the United States. Five years ago he learned from his mother he was beir to Mrs. Clarke's estate if he could prove his identity in Chicago. Since then, his ship has been dispatched to every port but New York, and it is only now that he will be able to be-

gin legal proceedings in this country. When the Reigate reached her pier in Bush docks the other day, direct from Iloilo with a cargo of sugar, Captain Ormond was found packing a suitcase, preparatory to his overland journey.

"Well, I'm here at last," he said. "It has taken me five years to make New York, and this voyage was the roughest of all. Providence has kept the old ship safe this time, and that makes me feel all the more sure of obtaining the property. If my father had acted differently I should not have had to bother at all.

"Mrs. Bridget Clarke, my father's sister, left her home in Waterford many years ago and married a rich Chicago merchant. Before she left she had a verbal fight with my father. and the two never met or corresponded afterward. My aunt died some seven years ago, and her lawyers notified my father that he was her heir. My father took no notice. Then a Chicago postmaster who knew my father, wrote him and urged him to come over to claim the estate, but my father did not reply.

"None of us knew anything about it until five years ago. My father died. and my mother followed him a few months later. It was my mother who told me of the fortune and urged me to look it up. But my ship has always kept me away from New York, and it was only by chance that we were sent here from Idaho.

While we were off the northern end of Luzon, the largest island in the Philippine group, we encountered the blackest typhoon that I've seen anywhere. For four days we drifted at the marcy of the elements. The Reigate was absolutely unmanageable. We had our work cut out to keep her from drifting toward shore, two miles away. She was almost submerged for the whole four days, and had we had much cargo aboard I should never have seen Chicago.

"The night after the typhoon passed I went to sleep and dreamed of my father and the fortune he refused. He seemed to beckon to me from Chicago. We were not bound for New York then, and I was astonished when we made Iloilo to learn we were to take sugar aboard for New York."

Captain Ormond said his sisters are all married and weathy. He believes that either the present postmaster of Chicago, or his predecessor will be able to help him in his quest.

## STICKS TO INVALID MOTHER

Daughter Never Leaves House During Long and Trying Vigil of Twelve Years—Finally Ended.

Chicago.—A twelve years' vigil of Miss Marguerite Tuebner has finally come to an end with the death of her

When Mrs. Anton Teubner died the daughter was released from an unceasing watch that began in 1899. At that time her mother was seized with a complication of maladies that

treatened death. "Your mother mustn't be left alone a minute." advised the doctors. "She is liable to pass away at any time. Some one should be with her all the

"I will stay," said Marguerite. During the entire twelve years the daughter never reached the sidewalk below the family's third-story rooms until she went out to buy mourning

clothing " Miss Teubner's devotion to ber mother extended beyond the constant nursing. During the twelve years she has Supported her aged father, hernelf and her mother by needlework.

Never Kissed a Bride.

New Wilmington, Pa.—Rev. Hugh 8. Boyd, a graduate of Westminster college in the class of 1875 and now preaching at the Harbor church, near New Castle, has married just 3.100 couples and says he knows of only one. of the pairs being divorced. He further says that he has never kissed a bride during the entire 3.100 ceremonies.

Girl Is Town Clerk. Sydney.—The Municipal Council of Byron, New South Wales, now has the youngest town clerk in the world. Her name is Emily McSheehy, and she is just 17. Miss McSheehy's father was the last town clerk, and she had acted as his assistant for a year, doing so well that the councilors unanimously elected her to the position.

### TIRES OF HIS LONESOME JOB

French Caretaker of Costly, but Unoccupied, Palace Loses Patience-Building Unfinished.

Paris.-The French government erected a building at a cost of \$1,000,-000 nine years ago and after installing a caretaker took no further steps to utilize it on the ground that it was "not quite finished."

In the year 1902 the government decided to create a special audit department and a list of nominations to the various posts was drawn up. An aged Reservist, whose services to the country entitled him to fitting rewards, was appointed caretaker of a new building which was being erected for the department of the Rue Cambon. The concierge was told to take charge at once. The building was not quite finished, but within a month or two everything would be in order, and the members of the ministry would take up their duties there.

Proudly the Reservist took up his quarters in the vast but untin shed palace. For days he walked through the immense building without seeing another human being, but at last the dispirited man began to beguile his time by learning a new variation of his favorite game of patience.

Fortunately for the conclerge he had taken the precaution to bring with him in the empty building a kitten and a canary. For two years he saw no one and heard nothing, although he received his monthly salary with military punctuality. In 1905 the architect rushed in and breathlessly remarked that a little furniture would be brought into the building and it would then immediately become a busy hive.

The little kitten had outgrown its mischievous nonage and became a gray haired and tired looking cat when, in 1905, the concierge, wearied by the strain of waiting, complained to the department heads. He was soothed by a promise that everything would soon be right.

Finally even the patience, of the long-suffering conclerge came to an end, for he recently resigned his position. The empty palace in the Rue Cambon, which was erected at a cost of \$1,000,000, is still awaiting one or two slight alterations.

### STRAYED FROM USUAL HAUNTS

Cormorant, Salt Water Fishing Bird, Killed Recently Near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.-An exceptionally rare water fowl was recently shot on Hay lake, near here. It was a cormorant, a bird of which little is known in this section of the country. It resembles a goose in a way and has many peculiar characteristics. It inhabits cliffs and rocky places along both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and it is an expert sait water

One peculiarity about it is that while it has web feet, it alights in trees to rest after long flights. It is closely allied to the pelican in conformation and habits. It is an expert diver and swims with such swiftness under water that few fish can evade it.

The cormorant swims very low in water and is not often seen by the unobserving. When on land his rigid tail feathers support him and he makes an awkward appearance. ' In the breeding season it is said that vast numbers of the birds congregate. on cliffs and rocky places. The female deposits three or four eggs in a lo

constructed nest of dry seaweed. The Chinese and Japanese have long trained the cormorant to fish for them. A number of the birds are taken to see on boats and begin the day's business for their master. When it is being taught, a ring is placed about the neck of the young bird so it is unable to swallow the

prey it captures in the water. How the bird shot here happened to be so far inland is not known. He often leaves the seas for rivers inland, and it is thought that it might have been driven farther inland than usual by the high winds and storms that have prevailed on the Atlantic

## MORE KISSING IS ADVOCATED

Toronto Pastor Says Girls Should Be Taught Art of Occulation-Makes People Better.

Toronto, Ont .- "If our young people were to kiss more they would be better for it; better men and better women. There would be fewer bachelors and old maids. Only the old stick-in-the-muds would be left unmarried and the marriages would be far

happier." The speaker was Rev. T. Connor Kennedy of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and his audience was composed of about 200 young members of his unique Social Church union.

"Kissing begets the finer feeling in a man." he continued. "Poets realize this, for they constantly sing about the beauties of a maiden's lovely lips. A girl should be taught to expect kissing just as she is taught to expect marriage."

Dog Burled in Coffin. Newport, R. I .- "Missy," a French bulldogi the inseparable companion of Mrs. James P. Kernochan for 11 years and as familiar on the fashionable drives as Mrs. Kernochan herseif, is no more, and its owner is nearly heartbroken. In a handsome white comn. lined with satin, said to have cost several hundred dollars, "Missy" was lowered to a grave on the lawn of the Kernochan estate. A white stone will mark the spot

# MAKES MEN HOMELI

Famous English Artist Explain Rush of Modern Life.

Extensive Inquiries Go to Show Tha It is More the Male Than the Female That Are Degenerating in Looks.

London.-Considerable interest has been aroused by the statement made at the meetings of the dental federa tion that, partly owing to mouth troubles, the English are becoming an ug lier nation. Extensive inquiries go to show that

it is, in many people's opinion, nore the men of the country than the women who are degenerating in looks-and the interesting point of view was evolved that they need not be disheartened, since there never was a 'ime when plain, or even ugly, men were so popular with women.

Various reasons are suggested for the alleged decline of masculine good

"The noise and rush and incessant hurry of modern life," said George Henry, A. R. A., the well-known artis', "is largely responsible for the increasing plainness of our men. And other factor that has to be remembered is the circumstance that the towns-especially in Scotland-are not being recruited from the country districts, and the country districts themselves are being deplored by emigration.

"Your nerve racked townsman marries, perhaps, an equally nervous wife, and the effect of the two temperaments in bound to be seen in the children, who certainly have less chance of being beautiful than the children of parents who lead placid, untroubled lives."

A famous sculptor declared that he considered that the rule did not apply to the average British woman.

"Her beauty," he said, "is certainly not on the wane. It is probably due to the increasing popularity of outdoor sports, hockey, cycling, tennis and other healthy pastimes, that her physique is better, her complexion clearer and her eye more limpid. This, of course, should have its effect in increased beauty in the children, but unfortumately . is not always the case.

"It is not generally known that we sculptors take our women models from among the British girls, but the male models are almost invariably Italian. The lazy, rather good-looking Italian youth makes an excellent model. though painters object to the dull, muddy texture of his skin, compared with the healthy, matinitke nature of the British type"

"The plain man need not be in the least discomposed," said the verger of a church well known for the marriages which take place there.
It is not at all unusual for an ex-

tremely beautiful woman to marry a more than usually plain man, indeed, the proportion of plain bridegrooms is on the increase." The most important opinion of all

is, of course, a feminine one. A well known lady author, said that the plain man was never more popular than he is today. "The plain man," she said, "is so oft-

en not self-centered, he is more courteous, more considerate and chivalrous toward women. "The shy man, too, when once the

weil of reserve has been torn aside, is often found to be a delightful companion, and in many cases—perhaps the majority-proves a dutiful and affectionate husband. Good-looking menare seldom shy. "No, let the plain men take heart

women like him just the same-perhaps the better—for his looks." DOORMAT IS A VALUABLE RUG

of grace. If he has a personality we

## Supposedly Worthless Piece of Carpet

Turns Out to Be Worth \$2,000-Wool Hard to Get. .. Montclair, N. J.-Mrs. F. G. H.

Fayen of No. 218 Upper Mountain av enne, has used last year at the entrance to her home a small rug. It was bought with others at a sale in New York, A rug expert had been summoned to the Fayen house to look over the

rugs that required renovation. As he

was going out of the house he saw the rug that was used as a doormat. "What shall I do with this?" he asked, as he stooped down and picked up the rug. "Nothing,": maid

Mrs. Fayen. "It isn't worth while." "Not worth while," he said. "Why this is a precious rug; worth all the others together."

Mrs. Fayen was amazed when the expert explained to her that the deapised rug is probably worth \$2,000; that it was woven by a Persian bride and was never intended to be sold He pointed out the peculiar character a istics of the rug, into the borders of which were woven the features of the bride and her intended husband. The expert said the wool used in the rus was of a kind now hard to get. The rug, he said, is between 150 and 200; Tears old.

Cow Gets Cider Jag.

Thomaston, Conn.-Authorities at Campville seport an unusual case of intoxication. The victim was a blue ribbon cow owned by a farmer. The cow's downfall is said to have beerg due to over-indulgence in sour ap? ples. She was discovered staggering along the road. Her owner said the 'ppres was an annual occurrence.

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