

CAUSE FOR SURPRISE.

Man with a Revolver Approaches Secretary in Warlike Attitude.

One day lately, when Secretary Shaw was dictating a letter, the door leading into his office suddenly swung open, and there stood a man with a 44-caliber Colt's revolver in his hand.

But there was no shooting. The secretary looked curiously at the intruder, and the next instant the latter was apologizing.

"Did you ring?" he asked. "No," replied the secretary. "The signal went off downstairs, and I thought you rang. Excuse me, sir."

THE DUTY OF PARENTS.

Should Themselves Be in Best Condition to Give Proper Nurture to a Child.

Duty to children is not summed up in feeding, clothing and sending to a better or worse school. The parents' duty begins long before.

NOVELTIES IN CERAMICS.

Pretty Bits of Flimsy Which Add to the Attractiveness of the Table.

Among the attractive novelties this season in ceramics is the graceful little urn for coffee and tea.

To Destroy Carpet Bugs.

Take three parts of powder of red tartar to one part of kerosene.

IRELAND'S HERO, EMMET.

An Old Country Hero Has Had a Patriotic Martyr Who Was Quite Like Him.

The one hundredth anniversary of the execution of Robert Emmet for high treason in Dublin has just passed.

What may be described, perhaps, as the Emmet vogue, is due to the fact that two women, widely separated, became a part of his memorable history.

SAVED THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Mother Maltard's Touching Exhibition of Love for Her Feathered-Bird Brood.

Two hunters were out on a lake, mowing. From the rushes emerged a mallard surrounded by a brood of tiny balls of feather.

"When they were too far away from their hiding-place to turn back we closed in upon them, drawing closer and closer, and with every stroke of our oars the mother bird quacked encouragingly to her brood to herry along.

Fruit Consumed in New York.

The inspection of fruit and vegetables by the New York health authorities, Mr. Frank W. Hawthorne asserts in an article on "Feeding a Great City," contributed to Pearson's, "Intelligent, systematic and very rigid, and the transportation companies, too, report that they exercise a sort of supervision in this direction.

Mexico Change.

It is a pity that one of the New York ironmen whose views when he took his present leave were far in advance of those about him.

EDUCATING FILIPINOS.

Yale Teachers at Work Among the Masters Who Have Their Own Troubles.

The letters sent home by the Yale teachers in the new possessions of the United States are full of interest, says the New York Tribune.

The first impression which I received on reaching my district was a mighty unfavorable one as far as school teaching went. All of us American college fellows are distributed throughout the towns, where we were all usually the only Americans in the place.

ANCIENT HAWAIIAN DAME

Little Maiden of Maui Who Has Just Passed Away at the Age of 118.

There has just died at Kamehame, Maui, on the island of Maui, Keona, a native woman at the age of 118 years, says a Honolulu report.

There are still enough harems throughout Turkey sufficiently equipped with a plurality of wives to satisfy the most exacting of travelers in search of sensation.

OUR VAST CORRESPONDENCE.

United States Takes the Lead in the Number of Letters Mailed Every Year.

Postal and telegraphic statistics for 1902 which have just been printed in the Statistical Yearbook for the German Empire, show the following figures, says Simon W. Harcourt, deputy consul general at Frankfurt, in a report to the state department.

Artificial Marble.

A new process for making imitations of statuary marble, onyx and other multi-colored stones has been devised in Europe.

Sold by Quare.

"Say, Parker, why did you move on in Missouri?" "Too much malaria."

MONOGAMY IN TURKEY.

For Financial as Well as Social Reasons It is Coming into Some Favor.

Although of late years, among Turks highly placed, it has come to be considered as far more chic to have only one wife, yet this laudable increase in the practice of monogamy does not tend to a complete emancipation from certain well-established Moslem traditions.

"I do so hope the Minister of— may grant me the honor of visiting his harem," an American lady remarked with the charm which is characteristic of the American woman.

THE LOWER MOTIVE.

Preparation That Was Pleading to Car Passengers Annoyed by Crisp Child.

The child was screaming lustily on the elevated train. Unreasonably it insisted on getting off and going home between stations.

Told to the Barber.

After mixing up a light, frothy lather and distributing it around a customer's face the barber began.

Misses Men of the Hall.

Despite the proverb, "wifedness on the part of all concerned, accidents will occur on railroads, and lives and property be lost.

Greatest Firemen.

The Pittsburgh district has more industrial superlatives than any other similar area on earth.

Not Forgotten.

Beings—The old man set off Pacer without a cent.

DANGER FOR TRACKMEN.

Their Hearing Affected by Constant Steeping and "Engine Trance" is Often Fatal.

The number of fatal accidents reported in the papers to rail layers that occur every year on the various systems throughout the country are not in every case due, as is generally supposed by the public, to negligence or carelessness on the part of the workers themselves.

"There are few rail layers who have not, they will tell you, experienced this peculiar trance at one time or another during their careers on the track.

EVENT IN ORANGE TRADE.

Early Receipts of Porto Rico Fruit May Drive Out That from Jamaica.

The arrival of Porto Rico oranges of this year's crop five weeks earlier than the first receipts last year was a point of more than usual interest to local fruit importers.

Solar Eclipse in China.

Some days before the recent solar eclipse occurred the mayor of Shanghai issued a proclamation, the purpose of which was that all citizens should do their utmost to appease the heavenly powers while the phenomenon was in force.

Philadelphian Press.

"Want a close shave?" Philadelphia Press.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN PORTO RICO

The "Trolley" and the Automobile American Inventions That Are Daily Appreciated.

Every year shows the advance of American industries and civic reform in Porto Rico. A writer in the Outlook describes the big, yellow electric car swinging along under the ruined walls of Fort Cristobal.

Electric lights make the streets brilliant, and nearly all Porto Rican houses are lighted by electricity.

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