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The First Offense.

In the cheerful dining-room of my bachelor friend Stevenson, a select party was assembled to celebrate his birthday. A very animated discussion had been carried on for some time as to whether the first deviation from integrity should be treated with severity or leniency. Various were the opinions and numerous the arguments brought forward to support them. The majority appeared to lean to the side of "Crush all offenses in the bud," when a warm-hearted gentleman exclaimed: "Depend upon it, more young people are lost to society from a first offense being treated with injudicious severity than from the contrary extreme. Not that I would pass over even the slightest deviation from integrity either in word or deed; that would certainly be mistaken kindness. But on the other hand neither would I punish with severity an offense committed, perhaps, under the influence of temptation—temptation too that we ourselves may have thoughtlessly placed in the way, in such a manner as to render it irresistible. For instance, a lady requires a servant; the girl has hitherto borne a good character, but it is her first place; her honesty has never been put to the test. Her mistress, without thinking of the temptations to which she is exposing a fellow-creature, is in the habit of leaving small sums of money, generally in coffers, lying about in her sitting room. After awhile she begins to think these sums are not always found exactly as she left them. Suspicion falls on the girl, whose duty it is to clean the room every morning. Her mistress, however, thinks she will be quite convinced before she brings forward her accusation. She counts the money carefully at night and the next morning some is missing. No one has been in the room but the girl, her guilt is evident. Well, what does her mistress do? Why, she turns the girl out of the house at an hour's notice; cannot, in conscience, give her a character; tells all her friends how dreadfully distressed she is; declares there is nothing but ingratitude to meet with among servants; laments over the depravity of human nature; and never dreams of blaming herself for her wickedness—yes, it is wicked—thoughtlessness in thus constantly exposing to temptation a young, ignorant girl; one, most likely, whose mind, if not enveloped in total darkness, has only an imperfect twilight knowledge, whereby to distinguish right from wrong. At those door, I ask," continued he, growing warmer, "will the sin lie if that girl sink into the lowest depths of vice and misery? Why, at the door of her, who, after placing temptation in her very path, turned her into the pitiless world, deprived of that which constitutes her only means of obtaining an honest livelihood—her character; and that without an effort to reclaim her, without affording a single opportunity of retrieving the past, and regaining by future good conduct the confidence of her employer. "There is, I fear, too much truth in what you say," remarked our benevolent host, who had hitherto taken no part in the conversation; "and it reminds me of a circumstance that occurred in the earlier part of my life, which, as it may serve to illustrate the subject you have been discussing, I will relate. "There was a general movement of attention; for it was a well known fact that no manufacturer in the town was surrounded with so many old and faithful servants as our friend Stevenson. "In the outset of my business career," said he, "I took into my employment a young man to fill the situation of under

clerk; and according to a rule which I had laid down, whenever a stranger had entered my service, his duties were of a nature to involve as little responsibility as possible, until a sufficient time had elapsed to form a correct estimate of his character. This young man, whom I shall call Smith, was of a respectable family. He had lost his father, and had a mother and sisters in some way dependent upon him. After he had been a short time in my employment, it happened that my confidential clerk, whose duty it was to receive the money from the bank for the payment of wages, being prevented by an unforeseen circumstance from attending at the proper time, sent the sum required by Smith. My confidence was so great in my head clerk, who had been long known to me, that I was not in the habit of regularly counting the money, when brought to me, but as on this occasion it passed through other hands I thought it right to do so. Therefore, calling Smith back as he was leaving my counting house, I desired him to wait a few minutes and proceeded to ascertain whether it was quite correct. Great was my surprise and concern on finding there was a considerable deficiency. "From whom," said I, "did you receive this money?" "He replied, 'From Mr. —,' naming my confidential clerk. "It is strange," said I, looking steadily at him. But this money is incorrect, and it is the first time I have found it so. He changed countenance, and his eye fell before mine; but he answered with tolerable composure, 'that it was as he had received it. "It is vain," I replied, to attempt to impose upon me, or to endeavor to cast suspicion upon one whose character for the strictest honesty and undeviating integrity is so well established. Now, I am perfectly convinced that you have taken this money, and at this moment it is in your possession; and I think the evidence against you would justify me in dismissing you immediately from my service. But you are a very young man; your conduct has, I believe, been hitherto perfectly correct, and I am willing to afford you an opportunity of redeeming the past. All knowledge of this matter rests between ourselves. Candidly confess, therefore, the error of which you have been guilty; restore what you have so dishonestly taken; endeavor by your future good conduct to deserve my confidence and respect, and this circumstance shall never transpire to injure you. "The poor fellow was deeply affected. In a voice almost inarticulate with emotion he acknowledged his guilt and said that, having frequently seen me receive the money without counting it, on being trusted with it himself the idea had flashed across his mind that he might easily abstract some without incurring suspicion, or at all events without there being sufficient evidence to justify it; that, being in distress, the temptation had proved stronger than the power of resistance and he had yielded. "I cannot now," he continued, "prove how deeply your forbearance has touched me; time alone can show that it has not been misplaced." He left me to resume his duties. "Days, weeks and months passed away, during which I scrutinized his conduct with the greatest anxiety, while at the same time I carefully guarded against any appearance of suspicious watchfulness, and with delight I observed that so far my experience had succeeded. The greatest regularity and attention—the utmost devotion to my interest—marked his business habits, and this without display, for his quiet and humble deportment was from that time remarkable. "At length, finding his conduct invariably marked by the utmost openness and plain dealing, my confidence in him was so far restored that, on a vacancy occurring in a situation of greater trust and emolument than the one he had hitherto filled, I placed him in it, and never had I the slightest reason to repent of the part I had acted toward him. Not only had I the pleasure of reflecting that I had in all probability saved a fellow-creature from a continuing course of vice and consequent misery, and afforded him the opportunity of becoming a respectable man and useful member of society, but I had gained for myself an indefatigable servant—a faithful and constant friend. For years he served me with the greatest of fidelity and devotion. His character for rigid, nay, even scrupulous honesty, was so well known that 'as honest as Smith' became a proverb among his acquaintances. One morning I missed him from his accustomed place, and upon inquiry learned that he was detained at home by indisposition. Several days elapsed, and still he was absent; and upon calling at his house to inquire after him, I found the family in great distress on his account. His complaint had proved typhoid fever of a malignant kind. From almost the commencement of his attack he had, as his wife (for he had some time been married) informed me, lain in a state of total unconsciousness, from which he had aroused only to the ravings of delirium, and that the physician gave but little hope of his recovery. For some days he continued in the same state; at length a message was brought me, saying that Mr. Smith wished to see me; the message added that Mrs.

Smith] hoped that I would come as soon as possible, for she feared her husband was dying. I immediately obeyed the summons. "On entering his chamber I found the whole family assembled to take farewell of him they so tenderly loved. As soon as he perceived me he motioned for me to approach near to him, and taking my hand in both of his, he turned toward me his dying countenance, full of gratitude and affection, and said, 'My dear master my best earthly friend, I have sent for you that I may give you the thanks and blessings of a dying man for all your goodness to me. To your generosity and mercy I owe it that I have lived useful and respected, that I die lamented and happy. To you I owe that I leave to my children a name unsullied by crime, that in after years the blush of shame shall never tinge their cheeks at the memory of their father. Oh, God!' he continued, 'thou who hast meted to others, do thou mete unto him.' Then turning to his family, he said: 'My beloved wife and children, I entrust you without fear to the care of that Heavenly Parent who has said, 'Leave the fatherless children unto me and I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me.' And you, my dear master, will, I know, be to them as you have been to me—a guide, protector and friend." "That" continued the old man, looking on us with gleaming eyes, "though mixed with sorrow, was one of the happiest moments of my life. As I stood by the bedside of the dying man, and looked around upon his children growing up virtuous, intelligent and upright, respecting and honoring as much as they loved, their father; when I saw his wife, though overcome with grief for the loss of a tender and beloved husband, yet sorrowing not as one without hope, but even in that moment of agony deriving comfort in the belief that she should meet him again in that world where 'adians and farewells are sounds unknown,' when I listened to his fervent expressions of gratitude, and saw him calmly awaiting the inevitable stroke, trusting in the mercy of God and at peace with his fellow-men, and when I thought what the reverse of all this might have been—crime, misery, a disgraceful and dishonored life, and perhaps shameful and dishonored death, had I yielded to the first impulse of indignation, I felt a happiness which no words can express. We are told that there is more joy among the angels of God over the sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. With such a joy as we may imagine theirs did I rejoice over poor Smith. As I closed his eyes and heard the attendant minister, in fervent tones, exclaim: 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.' "My friends, I am an old man. During a long and eventful career in business, I have had intercourse with almost every variety of temper and disposition, and with many degrees of talent, but have never found reason to sever from the principle with which I set out in life, to 'temper justice with mercy.' "Such was the story of our friend. And I believe there was not one in that company but returned home more disposed to judge leniently of the failings of his fellow creatures, and, as far as lay in his power, to extend to all who might fall into temptation that mercy which, under similar circumstances, he would wish shown to himself.

Carrie's Cunning. Last week's JOURNAL stated that the fair Carrie Toles (who didn't suicide) had been traced to Toledo. From there she went to Elyria, Ohio, where a Post and Tribune reporter found and interviewed her. He also found Weitzell in the same town and brought to light the whole scheme. The suicide dodge was to mislead the public so as to permit Carrie and Weitzell to come together and pursue the even tenor of their way unwatched and undisturbed. Carrie, finding herself cornered, at first denied everything, but subsequently owned up that she was Carrie Toles and wasn't floating around under the ice in Detroit river. She tells a pitiful story of persecution, but the fact that she and Weitzell had evidently planned the scheme together from the first, deprives Carrie of much sympathy she otherwise might have. Like the old Quaker in Uncle Tom's Cabin, Carrie got "off the track," and if she isn't very careful she'll find herself "ditched" very early in life.

Funeral of Myron Rider. The Greenville News of the 21st says: The remains of the late Myron Rider, accompanied by Mrs. Rider and her sister arrived from Trufant yesterday morning at 11:30, under the charge of six Sir Knights. The funeral cortege were met at the depot by the Greenville Lodge, No. 98, who took charge of the body, and with an escort of 26 Knights Templar and the City band, wended their way to the M. E. church, where the last rites were performed over the body. Rev. J. L. Patton, reading the scripture and offering prayer, and Rev. A. A. Brown preaching the sermon. The body was put in the vault at Forest Home Cemetery for the present.

It is a difficult thing for a dog without a tail to show his master how much he thinks of him.

News Notes.

Around the World in Seven Days. Dr. Tanner has run his weight up to 178 pounds. Cincinnati's fruit business last year amounted to \$4,239,578. Senator Sharon has spent 53 days of his six senatorial years in the senate. Milwaukee has voted \$50,000 to secure the location of a normal school in that city. Washington territory proposes to become a state during Garfield's administration. Capt. Ead's ship railway proposition meets with unexpected favor in Washington. Prof. Proctor expects to be made royal astronomer when he gets back to England. There are 42 night schools in Philadelphia, with a registered attendance of 3,300 pupils. Mr. Parke Godwin is writing a memoir of his father-in-law, William Cullen Bryant. Mr. Whittier is tall, spare, sinewy and as young in appearance as he was 10 years ago. According to the new catalogue of Cornell university, there are now 899 students in its various courses. In Texas during the past year a greater quantity of school land has been sold than during the six preceding years. A bill introduced in the New York legislature provides that 30 lashes shall be laid on the bare back of a wife-beater. Charles Francis Adams was assessed in Boston last year at \$736,400; but ice was scarce and high everywhere last summer. Gen. Custer's mess chest, which was found near the scene of the massacre, has just been sold at Mt. Pleasant, Ia. for \$300. President Hayes thanks the busy man of Belfast, Me., who sent his excellency his whole recent message to Congress on a postal card. The president of a bank of Xenia, Ohio, went to Cincinnati the other day and the bank men took him in \$2,000 in a short time. Two of the elephants at Bridgeport had a chill the other day, and it took four gallons of whisky each, costing \$32 to brace them up. Gov. Plaisted says in his message that the people of Maine are emigrating because of the law which permits imprisonment for debt. A man at London, Minnesota, buried his five children in one grave the other day. They all died of diphtheria at about the same hour. A largely signed petition from Michigan in favor of the appointment of Judge Cooley to the supreme bench was presented to the President by Mr. Stone of Grand Rapids last Wednesday. Heavy rains in Oregon have caused much damage, railroads obstructed and part of Portland flooded, the loss being from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The total damages in the valley are estimated at \$300,000. The re-appointment and prompt confirmation of Insurance Commissioner Samuel H. Rowe and State Librarian Harriet A. Tenney were merited rewards of long and thoroughly competent public service. The Gloucester fishing fleet the past year numbered 411 vessels, and the catch was some 50,000,000 pounds of codfish, 9,000,000 pounds of halibut, 129,820 barrels of mackerel, and about 80,000 barrels of herring. David Jennings, of Lyons, N. Y., has invented a machine that he claims will run until it wears itself out. But this cannot be accepted as perpetual motion, in which a machine, after wearing itself out, must wear itself back again. The Louisiana land redemption company drained 13,000 of its 200,000 acres and will plant them with rice this year. The company makes the rosy estimate that it will have an income of \$30,000,000 when it gets its whole track reclaimed. The Republicans of the Ohio Legislature have all signed a memorial to Gen. Garfield urging Gov. Foster for a place in his Cabinet. This was done without the knowledge of the latter, who has sent a letter to Gen. Garfield disavowing the action. A Hartford man, on a wager drove from North Manchester to Hartford, eight and three-quarter miles in 32 minutes the other day. The loser rode with him, but took out an accident insurance policy before starting. The federal supreme court and the courts of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio, have all recently held that railroad corporations and not the sleeping-car or palace-car companies are responsible to a passenger for injury or loss from the porters on palace or sleeping cars. The approaching census will show what is the actual number of resident Jews in Germany. From a previous census it appears that out of 643 Prussian bankers 550 were Jews; that in Berlin, out of 519 merchants 444 were Jews; that in Breslau out of 243 merchants 212 were Jews.

Journal Jottings.

Matters and Things in Michigan. The Michigan pioneers will meet at Lansing Feb. 3. Diphtheria has broken out in Fenton in an epidemic form. Over 40 men have been killed in Michigan by "falling trees." The State prison at Jackson paid a profit of \$10,692 last year. Alex McLeod was killed by a saw log near Vestaburg, last Friday. Daniel Wilson of Lansing bled at the nose Wednesday until he died. Mt. Pleasant has a nice new opera house and feels very proud of it. The Ludington schools have been closed on account of diphtheria. Sextus Cooper of Linden was killed by the cars at Fenton Friday evening. Port Crescent has a new salt well 1,233 feet deep, yielding 200 barrels per day. J. Wesley Griffith, formerly an editor, will put up a brick block in Greenville. Will wonders ever cease? Gen. B. R. Pierce of Grand Rapids has been chosen commander of the Michigan department of the G. A. R. Sojourner Truth is now 104 years old and has a daughter 74 years old. Sojourner seldom spans her daughter. Several mormon families reside in the vicinity of Reed City. They do not believe in polygamy, though, so report says. John M. Drew of Grand Rapids has been appointed eastern agent for the D. G. H. & M. Railway, with headquarters at Rochester. There are 1,515 students in the several departments of the Michigan University and when they start out to make Rome howl, she howls. The next republican State convention will be held at Lansing, Feb. 24, when a justice of the supreme court and two regents will be nominated. A railroad collision at Adrian last week resulted in the death of Wm. Pettit of Elkhart, demolition of two engines and twelve freight cars. The Union elevator at Grand Rapids caught fire twice the other night. Loss \$1,500; fully insured. Suspected that somebody did it with wicked intent. Dr. I. W. Ayer has sued Mrs. Mary Wilson of Muskegon for libel, laying damage at \$20,000. Dr. Ayer was in Lowell about a year ago, treating special diseases. Will Carleton, the poet, is spending a brief season at his old in Hillsdale. He is now a Boston man, and Boston is the place where "culchah" lies around in big chunks. Some legislators complain that the prohibitionists are manifesting a strong disposition to bulldoze the legislature, and intimate that such a course is not a wise one to pursue. Detroit is agitating the subject of a state telephone exchange, the object being to connect all the local telephone exchanges in the State, and to construct such lines as may be advisable. The Standard says Ionia, like some other large cities, is threatened with a coal famine. Lowell ought to send up a scuttle full and keep her little sister warm 'till next winter, any way. The Ovid Union intimates that Gil. Osmun of the Detroit News wears red hair, and Gil is going to get out his bicycle some day and run over Fitzgerald, and leave his mangled body right where it fell. Mrs. Agnes A. Houghton, the elocutionist who visited Lowell three years ago this winter, was in Ionia last week for the purpose of organizing a class in elocution. Eastern papers speak very highly of her accomplishments. The Lowell JOURNAL says of Carrie Toles, who used to live in that village: "She was a bright, pretty and apparently happy girl." Yes, but that was before she eloped with a Post and Tribune reporter.—Detroit News. Yes, it was. The Sentinel says Ionia is getting a reputation abroad as the gambler's paradise. In Lowell a gambler's pair-o-dice is not known. There is something they call "draw-poker" played here, and some of 'em get awfully "drawed," too. Solemnly averred that there is not an editor in Allegan that uses whisky or tobacco. This yarn is started by the Allegan editors for a purpose. They mean to have the millenium strike that town first, and then they don't care what town gets the state fair. Gov. Jerome has appointed as aides-de-camp, with rank of colonel, Chas. B. Crock of St. Clair county, and Frank H. Pew and G. S. Wormer, of Detroit; also as members of the state military board, Charles E. Grisson, of Clinton county, and Henry M. Duffield, of Detroit. Detroit News:—Twenty-two years ago H. N. Potts went to California, leaving his wife and four small children in Galesburg. He returned Wednesday and found his wife had got a divorce and married again, his daughter married, one son teaching school, and the other two children dead. His wife, though left without means, had managed to keep the family together and give the two surviving children a good education.

What's Going On

AMONG THE FARMERS, &c.
News, Hints and Suggestions.

Fowls fed on buckwheat are of fine flavor.

There is no more certain source of fevers and diphtheria than decaying vegetation in the cellar.

If salt and charcoal be fed to hogs every week, it will be of great benefit in preserving their health.

For market purposes, moderate sized and even small turkeys command a more ready sale than large ones.

Carrots are greatly ahead of any of the "golden" butter coloring which is advertised, and are wholesome.

Harness should never be kept in stables where manure is constantly generating large quantities of ammonia. Ammonia rots the leather.

It is said that six bushels of peas are equal to ten bushels of corn for fattening hogs, and that peas yield a larger number of bushels per acre than corn.

In all our cropping and planting we should remember that the farm is our capital, and that increasing its producing capacity means adding to our principal.

Rack feeding of horses is wasteful. The better plan is to feed with chopped hay from a manger, because the food is not then thrown about, and is more easily chewed and digested.

The whole cost of planting and cultivating an acre of cotton, ginning the product and delivering it on a railroad, is stated by a South Carolina planter at \$11, or about 57 cents per pound.

The poultry should be fed meat three or four times a week with their other food, when the ground being frozen, there are neither worms nor insects for them to pick up about the premises.

Mr. Seward, of Marengo, Ill., has learned, by actual and careful experiment, that it costs about \$5 more to make a 600-pound animal of a spring calf than it does to bring a fall calf to that weight.

A device by which, it is claimed, grain can be kept good in bulk for a year has just been tested at Antwerp. It consists in covering the floor on which the grain rests with perforated sheet-iron and forcing a current of dry air through the grain.

The fires of last spring in the swamps of southern New Jersey have had the effect of producing the largest cranberry crop ever known. Growers bewailed their supposed ruin, but the fires so enriched the ground that the plants have produced wonderfully in quantity and quality.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer says that he has found by experience that six Cotswold sheep will consume no more food than a cow, and are more profitable. For a lamb of this breed weighing 125 pounds, \$5.50 is obtained. He estimates that six ewes will produce eight lambs per annum and fifty pounds of wool.

Chopped vegetables, such as cabbages, turnips and onions, may be fed to poultry during the winter with profit, especially if a large supply of eggs is desired. Chopped onions are excellent for all kinds of fowls, and quickly drive all kinds of vermin away.

Sheep are peculiarly sensitive to good treatment. A good shepherd is always gentle among his sheep. Ewes which are to lamb early ought to be by themselves and have better care as their time approaches. Feed a few more turnips and give them a little more liberal sprinkling of corn meal and bran, or oil cake.

A Connecticut dairyman, who has been experimenting with turnips as food for cows, thinks they are worth 25 cents per bushel. There was no saving in the amount of hay consumed, but they increased the flow of milk, and were an aid to the digestion of hay and other dry fodder. European experimenters have come to the same conclusion.

The first Hereford cattle brought into this country were imported in 1815, by Henry Clay, and were kept on his farm at Lexington, Ky. Soon after a bull and perhaps a cow or two were sent over by Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, to a friend in Massachusetts. Some 35 years later a herd of 20 head was brought to Albany, N. Y. Since then importations have been frequent and pure bred animals are found in all parts of the country.

The National Live Stock Journal asserts that hams have a decidedly better flavor, and the meat retains a more natural color, when nothing but plain salt is used in the curing. If the work of salting is carefully attended to, the hams, when cured with salt alone, will be ready for smoking at from six weeks to two months, according to the size of the hams. Saltpetre has a tendency to harden and redden the meat. It undoubtedly hastens the curing process; but it does so at the expense of the flavor.

Corn Fodder for Cows.

At the meeting of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, ex-Governor Boutwell expressed the opinion that corn is a good crop in New England on good corn-land and with suitable stock to consume the fodder. The best grass land is not often the best corn land. His own experiments on a large scale had been very satisfactory when conducted on warm, loamy land, with fertilizer and horse cultivation chiefly. He valued the fodder equal to one-half the price of good hay, yet he could sell a ton of hay for every ton of corn fodder consumed. He cuts his fodder, and after saturating in hot water and adding a little meal, lets it stand 12 hours before feeding. The equivalent of 40 cows consume one-third ton of fodder per day, with 100 pounds of corn meal. His cows do no better when fed on the best of hay. His five best cows had given 78,000 pounds of milk in a year.

Walking Horses.

The Western Agriculturist has the following very sensible remarks on the gait of farm horses:

The walking gait is of all gaits the one to be encouraged. A horse can walk five miles in an hour, and has done it. Such a horse is worth more than Maud S., St. Julien and Bonner's team all put together; he would probably walk to San Francisco quicker than either of them could trot there. Walking is the gait, and the sole gait for the farm. Why will farmers stand by the hour and elongate their necks like a Shanghai rooster, to get a glimpse of a wheezing, slender, ill-shaped trotting nag, when the managers of the exhibition utterly ignore the kind of travel that concerns him? Why don't farmers bring forward their good walkers insist on exhibiting them at the fairs and claim the highest premiums for the most important performances? The walking action is not inconsistent with great strength, endurance and beauty. Look at the picture of a trotting horse; is it handsome? Can these animals draw a big load? Can they bear the rough and tumble of life like a Norman-French? Bred for extreme speed they become what no man wants.

The Grand Chapter.

The grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons concluded their annual convocation at East Saginaw Wednesday. The following grand officers were elected: G. H. P., Chas. H. Axtel, of Ionia; deputy grand high priest, Wm. S. Turk, of Ithaca; G. K., Geo. Hill, of Portland; G. P., G. H. Gidding, of Kalamazoo; grand treasurer, H. Shaw Noble, of Monroe; grand secretary, W. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids; G. C. H., W. I. Lamar, of Lansing; G. R. A. C., Henry M. Zekind; G. M. third V., B. F. Watts, of Ann Arbor; G. M. second V., Wm. Wentz, of Manistee; G. M. first V., W. G. Hudson, of Ludington; F. sentinel, Wm. T. Griffith, of Detroit; G. lecturer, A. M. Clark, of Monroe. The next convocation will be held in Flint on the third Tuesday in January, 1882.

The County System Again.

Saturday's Grand Rapids Times says: Hon. C. W. Prindle, of this city, who is chairman of the house committee on education, states that the committee is in favor of a thorough overhauling and revision of the township and county school laws; that there will probably be an agreement by the committee to do away with the district superintendent and return to the old system of county superintendents; also for a uniformity of text books for periods of five years in districts or counties. The doctor stated that one thing was certain, that the grade of the district schools would be raised and provision made for better, more experienced and efficient teachers to be employed.

The JOURNAL thinks the old system of county superintendents far preferable to the township or district system. In some towns, in the sparsely settled counties, especially, it is difficult to find men capable of filling the office. A return to the old system would not be a step backward in the right sense of the term.

The Kalamazoo Insane Asylum.

The biennial report of the Michigan asylum for the insane, at Kalamazoo, shows that at the close of the official year, October 1, 1880, there were in the asylum 657 patients. During the year 498 were admitted, and 279 discharged, 69 recovered, 121 improved, 35 were unimproved, and 55 died. The daily average for the two years was 592, and the number is increasing. The receipts were \$297,067; expenditures, \$276,516. The charge per week for patients is \$3.92. The appropriations asked for the next two years aggregate \$85,400. The trustees recommend further provision for the insane, as the present asylum is insufficient. The medical report shows that the number of incurables in the state is rapidly increasing. A large per cent. recover if treated early; but they are not treated early. Legislation should look to this. The causes of insanity in the patients received were: intemperance 144, vicious habits 261, acute diseases and injuries 94, nervous diseases and injuries 114, female sexual diseases 126, puerperal 125, epilepsy 189, popular errors and delusions 47, unassigned 487.

An Exchange Says.

"The only kind of cake children don't cry for is a cake of soap."

Another terrible murder and suicide, William Van Blicum of Genoa, Livingston county shot his wife and then himself, last Thursday. Domestic quarrels ended only in death. What can be done to check this terrible and willful slaughter of human lives?

To make shoe-pegs enough for American use there are consumed annually 100,000 cords of timber, and to make lucifer matches, 800,000 cubic feet of the best pine timber are required every year. Lasts and boot-trees take 500,000 cords of birch, beech, and maple, and the handles of tools 500,000 more.

A correspondent writes to the Post & Tribune from East Saginaw: The state salt association had a meeting here Thursday. During the past year the association handled 2,326,000 lbs of salt, distributed throughout twenty-one states and territories. The manufacturers received net 784 cents per barrel for their product and yet the freetraders howl for cheap salt. Detroit free trade papers please copy.

Kentucky ku klux are serving warnings on the station agents of the Cincinnati Southern road not to sell any more tickets to points north of the Kentucky river on pain of death. A secret organization known as the Walton regulators has also issued a manifesto announcing its intention to destroy the road because the Republican papers of Cincinnati called the southern people thieves an cut-throats during the recent campaign.

Sharps and Flats.

An unpaid note often rises up in judgement.

The railroad flagman does a flourishing business.

"If you want me, drop me a line," said the fish to the angler.

An epitaph for a faithful car conductor—He took his last fare well.

A Massachusetts paper says a man wants but little here below zero.

The trouble about an "open winter" is that too much cold weather is apt to get in.

Why can not a pantomimist tickle nine auditors at once? Because he can gesticulate (just tickle eight).

The water in Newbury is so bad that a correspondent of the Journal says "it is almost cruel to squirt it on a decent fire!"

A Norristown youth who was trying to master a bicycle when asked his age, said he had been 15 summers and about 115 falls.—[Norristown Herald.]

The family that makes the longest and loudest prayers is not always the one which pays the highest prices to its washerwoman.

A colored man went into a Galveston newspaper office and wanted to take the paper. "How long do you want to take it?" asked the clerk. "Jess as long as it is, boss. Ef it doesn't fit de shelves I can t'ar a piece off myself."

A minister overtook a Quaker lady and politely assisted her in opening a gate. As she was a comparative stranger in town, he said: "You don't know, perhaps, that I am Mr. —. Haven't you heard me preach?" "I have heard thee try," was the quick rejoinder.

Beneath a shady tree they sat. He held her hand, she laid his hat. I held my breath and lay right flat; They kissed, I saw them do it. He held that kissing was no crime, She held her head up every time, I held my peace and wrote this rhyme, While they thought that no one knew it. Into all hearts some rain must fall, Before the leaf is near and yellow. But dryer times would be to all, If we would carry a good umbrella.

Maids and Mothers.

Miss Calhoun, a niece of John C. Calhoun, has taken to the stage at Washington.

There is a woman in Lancaster, Penn., who has not lived in vain. She has had nine sons, and every one has entered the ministry.

Miss Hosmer, the sculptress, has given up the work in order to perfect perpetual motion, which has fastened its mania upon her.

A correspondent of the New York World suggests the employment of women as commercial travelers—that is saleswomen by sample.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln brought 64 trunks of clothing to this country with her. Bernhardt brought the same number, but she paid no duty on her trunks. Mrs. Lincoln did.

An amateur artist once took advantage of George Eliot's attendance at a London lecture to sketch her face in crayon, and this sketch, ten years old, is in possession of a New York lady.

Miss Eliza M. Dupcy, the late authoress, was formerly governess of Miss Verona Howell, now Jeff Davis's wife, and Miss Ellis, afterwards the Mrs. Dorsey, who left Jeff Davis her estate of Beauvoir.

Mrs. Mary Grizzard, who has just been elected clerk of the Tennessee house of representatives, is a relative of the famous Davy Crockett. She is a widow, and is described as having many "intellectual charms."

A Vermont man varies agreeably the nature of domestic notices, advertising that whereas his wife "has returned to our home," he retracts his former notice, and will "give her as good care and support as his means will allow."

Hammond Dewham of Jonesboro, Tenn., fell in love with a girl and was about to marry her when his sister Delia, finding her protestations against the match in vain, gave her brother some biscuit seasoned with arsenic and killed him.

The Minneapolis Budstikken says there is no truth in the report that Mrs. Ole Bull is going to marry Mr. Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet, as Mr. Bj. Bj. has a wife at home, already. It is one thing to tell a story in a Chicago paper; Budstikken to it, is quite another.

A Washington lady says that she regards a card on New Year's day as equivalent to a note saying, "Dear Madam—I do not care to take the time or trouble to call on you today; but please don't forget me in case you give a party during the year."

I could not endure the thought of my daughter loving another man better than myself, and yet she married a noble fellow. And now the old feeling has returned. I tell you I had a horrible time of it until the ceremony was over.—Tom Corwin.

Monday morning Miss Maria Hill of Milwaukee, a teacher 20 years old, held assets at not to exceed \$50. Monday afternoon, she held a controlling interest in an estate valued at \$1,500,000, by the terms of her marriage with Mr. B. A. Snow, a retired capitalist of that city, aged 60, who says he is tremendously proud of his girl's bride.

It is difficult for any one to understand how a woman can be happy whose sealings skin has been lengthened by sewing on it a piece of fur. She knows that her sacque is short, and she knows that everybody knows it, and everybody knows it, and she knows that everybody knows it, and she knows that everybody knows it, and she knows that everybody knows it, and she knows that everybody knows it, and she knows that everybody knows it.—Puck.

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