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Lyon Block, Lowell, Mich.

BEN BUTLER ON THE BELLS

HE TAKES OCCASION TO CRUSH A CORRESPONDENT.

And at the Same Time Pay His Compliments to a Couple of Newspapers—How It Comes That Certain Southern Bells Now Timiditate in the Free Air of New England.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The following letter from Gen. B. F. Butler is printed in The Sun.

To THE EDITOR: The following extract from The Washington Post of this morning leads me to give a detail of the war of which the above correspondent evidently knows nothing, and there may be others possibly similarly ignorant.

A correspondent of The Bangor Commercial writes that when Ben Butler claims to have returned all the property taken from the south he must have forgotten a church bell that was sold to the Baptist church of Wayne in this state. The idea conveyed, if true, is eminently characteristic of Butler. He can't even see in the case of a religion except in a manner peculiarly his own.

When New Orleans was captured in May, 1862, in one of its squares was found a large number of church and plantation bells, which had been donated to the rebels in New Orleans to be cast into cannon. The bell of St. Patrick's cathedral in New Orleans, had been taken from its hanging to the bell deck, preparatory to lowering it to the ground to be used for the same purpose. The property and considerable others of like sort, being thus dedicated by its owners to warlike purposes against the United States, were not to be returned to the "contraband of war," and, having been captured, belonged to the United States. The general had many cannon returning to Boston which needed bellows. He therefore ordered these bells and other cannon and other material of like sort, to be put on board transports, consigned to the United States States quartermaster at Boston.

The bell of St. Patrick's church, escaped, only because the chryseus claimer hadn't been delivered. He was given the benefit of the doubt, it being a manner peculiarly his own in the commanding general to "assist in the cause of religion" in that way if he could. So St. Patrick's bell was retained. The other bells were sold at auction in Boston, and as there were many of them, quite a number of churches and school houses in New England call their members and scholars together to the aid of so dedicated, which were captured from the enemies of the United States. Who will advocate their return "for him have I offended." This transaction appears on the files of the accounting officer of the treasury. Narratives of it were published at the time, with commendations by all newspapers. As I write this for the information of the people at large, I do not send it to The Washington Post.

B. F. BUTLER.

WASHINGTON, June 28.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement Week Closed in—A Big Time Expected.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 27.—The exercises of commencement week at Michigan university opened Sunday morning. The commencement address was by Henry S. Freis, LL. D., on "Relation of the State university to Religion." The audience of the university, seating 4,500, was filled with students, alumni, and guests. The halls were decorated with the university colors. The graduating classes, numbering over 400, marched in a body. President Angell presided. The choral union of a hundred voices furnished music. Rev. Dr. Ramsey offered prayer.

Kansas City alumni arrival Saturday night in a special palace car decorated with the university colors and with flying streamers, and Denver alumni are expected to arrive in the same fashion. The city is rapidly filling up with guests. Forty colleges are to be represented. Arrangements are completed for a grand torchlight parade, a pyrotechnic display, a big lantern, and the burning of effigies, with speeches by students. The medical and law classes are to take place Monday. More alumni in the city than ever before at so early a date.

AMERICAN DERBY DAY.

C. H. Todd Wins the Great Race at Washington Park, Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Saturday was Derby day in Chicago, and by 1 o'clock the throng of commerce in both wholesale and retail circles was shrouded up and thousands of employes in all parts of the city given a holiday that they might attend the most important of the events to be completed this season at Washington park. The day was all that could be desired in the way of beautiful weather, and there was a magnificent display of fashionable equipages upon the boulevards and in the parks that were traversed on the way to the course. For two weeks past preparations have been on foot among club members and the wealthy classes in Chicago.

ON THE HOME STREETS.

For the event, and the showing made upon the roadways of the south side, between 12 and 2 o'clock, certainly surpassed anything of the kind that any former season has witnessed.

Before the Derby was run Jacobin won a mile race in the phenomenally fast time of 1:45, and Eva K. a 5/8 mile dash in 1:17. At 3:30 o'clock the starters in the Derby and the riders were announced as follows: White Nose, Stovall, Lilliput, Wetters; Fenton, Slauer, Clarion, Arnold; Cary, Blaylock; Golish, Murphy; Miss Ford, West, Jim Crow, Lou Jones; C. H. Todd, Hamilton; Monroe, Lewis; Terra Cotta, McCarty; Wary, Kiley; Safe Sam, Schultens; Hindoo Rose, Garrison.

The Derby was then run, resulting: B. J. McCarty's ch. c. C. H. Todd, by Joe Hooker, dam Nova B., 118, first; Santa Anita stables (E. J. Baldwin's) b. f. Miss Ford, by Esquiver, dam Brilbery, 115, second; Stevens & Thomas' h. L. Wary, by Warwick, dam Mary Anderson, 116, third; time, 2:30 1/2.

Brigham Young as a Leader.

Only a very brief and superficial acquaintance with Salt Lake City is required to discover that Brigham Young was a very able man and possessed remarkable qualities as a leader. Salt Lake City was originally laid out by him in squares or blocks of ten acres each, the points true to the points of the compass, and crossing at right angles. The streets were wide—100 feet—and from East to west the supply of water was brought down, distributed through roadside gutters on both sides of every street, and forming irrigating canals which enabled every resident to cultivate his plot of ground and make of the barren waste a garden. In the distribution of the land every pioneer resident was given an acre and a quarter for town and garden and as much land outside as he was willing to improve—that is, irrigate and cultivate. Children were a source of revenue in those days; perhaps that and the necessity for caring for unprotected women were, as claimed, the reasons for the beginning of the horrible blot of polygamy upon this singular land, so full of all manner of fair possibilities.—Zurvia June 16. Demost's Monthly.

THE DEFUNCT FIDELITY.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE BANK FAILURE.

Harper and Hopkins, Unable to Give Back, Are Thrown Into Jail—Arrival in Cincinnati of Comptroller Tremblain—Touching Tales of Losses Caused by the Rascality—The Stockholders.

CINCINNATI, June 24.—Thursday was full of sensational developments in regard to the Fidelity bank failure. E. L. Harper, the vice president, was put under surveillance and held as a prisoner in the safety deposit vault. A guard was stationed at the top of the stairs and his lunch at noon was brought to him.

About noon W. L. Tremblain, comptroller of the currency, arrived in the city from Washington and proceeded to the office of United States District Attorney Eustace, held a short conference with him, and then accompanied by Mr. Breese, his assistant, proceeded to the bank, where he took immediate possession, dismissing from service Expert S. T. Williams, but retaining the services of the bank

At 4 o'clock Harper and Hopkins were taken to the commissioner's office, and being unable to give bonds, threw up the sponge. In charge of a deputy marshal, he was taken to the jail. Harper telephoned to his wife and she replied, "Bear up." He turned from the telephone and wiped away a tear.

The first sign of emotion that the sorry man has yet displayed. Before 4 o'clock Harper and Hopkins were deserted by all but their immediate relatives. While Harper and Hopkins were seated in the commissioner's office two deputy marshals brought in Joseph Wiltshire, the broker, who is the man who is supposed to have managed the Fidelity funds in Chicago. The affidavit for his arrest was sworn out by Gen. Eugene Powell, bank inspector, and was under section 5,229 of the revised statutes, relating to the banking law.

BENJAMIN HOPKINS, charging him with aiding and abetting Harper and Hopkins in misappropriating the funds of the bank. He secured bail and was released.

The developments of Thursday turn out to be \$700,000 worth of certificates of deposit which Harper raised money on in New York city. They arrived in Cincinnati and were pronounced forgeries and fraudulent. The chemical bank is understood to be a heavy loser.

An effort is soon to be made by the holders of the worthless stock of the Fidelity to make the president and stockholders responsible for the face value, and in case they are assessed for their double liability they will also see for that S. I. Stephens, a stockholder to the amount of 100 shares, has sued Henry Pogues, the dry goods man, who a few days before the bank failed, resigned as director.

The claim against the fact that Pogues signed the May statement of the bank affairs and that afterwards acknowledged that he did not know whether the statement was a true one or not. The estimated worth of the dry goods is estimated at \$1,000,000; Pogues, \$600,000; Zimmerman, \$400,000 to \$1,000,000; Swift, at least \$1,500,000.

An easy feeling exists among the business men and bankers in this city. Thursday's clearance evinced the confidence that the public has in the legitimate banks. Many of them signed the May statement when they did before the Fidelity's collapse. Briggs Cunningham, president of the Citizen's National, said: "The banks all passed through the clearing house Thursday and evidenced no weakness that anybody could detect. A bank had to borrow a cent. As for a run, I have seen no signs of it. I know of no reason why any bank of the city should be affected by the Fidelity's operations."

There are many touching tales of the losses incident to the rascality. United States Marshal Ureter related one: "When I left home Thursday night, my wife and three children would get bonds. When I reached home a lady in deep mourning was awaiting to see me. She introduced herself as the widow of James Parker, a well-known jeweler who died a year ago. She said that she and her husband had stinted themselves to keep up a large life insurance, and that when he died she received \$14,000. This was deposited in the Fidelity. Tuesday morning she needed some money for household expenses, and coming to town, found the bank closed and her all vanished. Then I wished," said Ureter, "to see the men fall to give bond and go to jail."

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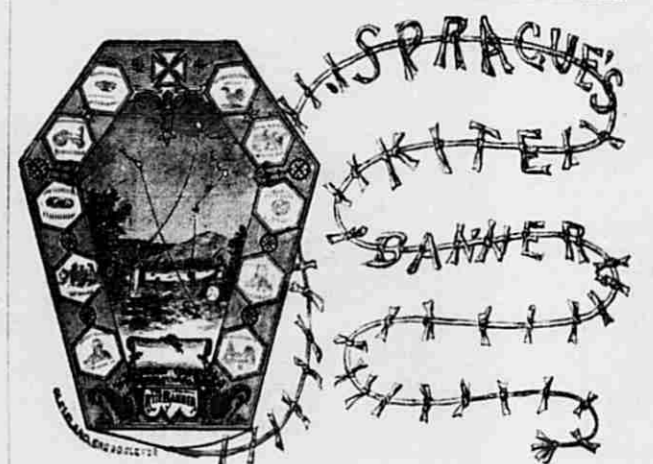
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IMPROVING PLANTS.
COMPARATIVELY LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE BY MODERN NATIONS.

Discovery in the Mountains of Central Asia—What the Digger Indians Have Accomplished—Stages of Wealth in Common Plants.

The report that some Russian soldiers had discovered among the mountains of central Asia a new variety of asparagus, the stalks of which are four or five inches in diameter and eight or ten feet in height, is well calculated to bring joy to the hearts of boarding house keepers. By devoting a small portion of their back yards to the production of this vegetable they can keep their tables supplied with what is now classed among the somewhat costly luxuries at a merely nominal cost.

Enterprising seedsmen have long been furnishing what they call "royal" asparagus, and this name cannot be applied to this newly discovered variety. It is likely that it will be called "demoniac" asparagus and that it will become as common as hash and "scolding" house steak.

This discovery, if it turns out to be as reported, should serve to stimulate explorations for the purpose of finding other new vegetable valuables for food. It is certainly the modern civilized nations have done comparatively little by way of discovering plants suitable for food or for domesticating or improving those found growing wild. Few of them have taken pains to bring together all the food furnishing plants found in different parts of the world. One of the generals of Alexander the Great on his expedition to central Asia was left at Bactria to govern and in two years' time, it is said, he had gathered in and about the city every variety of edible vegetable, grain and fruit known in southern Russia. He also introduced all kinds of European trees, shrubs and vines that were valuable either for their beauty or utility.

IMPROVING NATIVE PLANTS.
The Europeans on coming to this country found the natives cultivating maize or Indian corn, potatoes and tobacco, and these crops soon produced most important changes in many parts of the globe. There are good reasons for believing that these plants were very inferior when growing in their wild state. They were improved by long and careful cultivation by persons still in the savage state. The Digger Indians, the lowest in the scale of advancement of all the native tribes, are credited with domesticating and improving more than twenty plants. The so called superior races, who have driven the Indians from their homes, have done less than they did in improving native plants. The most promising wild fruits ever found in any country were the papaw and persimmon, which were domesticated over a large portion of the territory included in the United States; still they received scarcely any attention from the white settlers. Wild rice is probably the most valuable grain produced anywhere, but no attempt has been made to increase its cultivation or to cause it to grow so that all the grain on a head will mature and ripen at the same time, as those of wheat, rye, oats and barley now do.

The origin of many of our most valuable cultivated plants is not known. No one knows who discovered them, when they were domesticated or how they were improved. It is passed under cultivation. Few of them can longer be found in a wild state. As wild plants it seems likely that they have entirely disappeared from the surface of the earth. Some may have been improved by long cultivation that they would not be recognized in their wild state.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUND.
It is generally believed that every plant was created for some useful purpose; still no use has been found for one plant in a hundred. There may be mines of wealth in many common plants found in most parts of this country that are not regarded as simply members of the ground. Professor Deane, the eminent practical botanist, has defined a weed as a plant out of place, or for which no use has yet been found. He appears to be hopeful that the time is not far distant when we will be found for all our native plants, many of which are now regarded as positively injurious. It is likely that some of them need only to be cultivated in order to develop most valuable qualities. It is quite likely that many plants entirely useless in one country may become very valuable by transporting them to another part of the world where the soil and climate are very different.

The nature of some plants has almost entirely changed by removing them from England to Australia. The common water cross of northern Europe planted beside a stream in Australia assumes the proportions of a state tree. What is chiefly needed for agricultural prosperity in the southern states is a grass suited to the peculiar soil and climate of those parts of the country. Food might be found in some humble plant common in New Zealand or Siberia. There is no more promising field for enterprise than the acclimation of foreign plants and the improvement of native ones by careful cultivation. At the present time much more attention is given to acclimating and improving wild flowering plants than those that promise to be valuable for food.—Chicago Times.

"Monsieur de Piete" of Paris.
There is no such thing as private pawn-brokers' shops in Paris. They were long ago suppressed as detrimental to the public well-being. The pawn shops are public offices, called "Monsieur de Piete." They originated in a religious movement. Their founder was an Italian friar, who, in the middle of the fifteenth century, thundered against the usurious practices of the Jews—the plague of Italy at that epoch—and collected money to establish a charitable bank to make loans at a low rate of interest on articles deposited as security. The Italian name for these institutions was "Il Monte di Pietà," the mountain of pity—but the French, in borrowing the name, converted pity into piety.

They spread all over Italy, and the system found its most ardent advocate in Louis XV. In his reign against Shylock. The first Monte di Pietà in France was founded in Avignon in 1577. Paris did not adopt the system until 1777, when Louis XV established the Grand Monte di Pietà, which is still in existence in the Rue des Blancs-Manteaux. This institution was suppressed at the French revolution, but a large number of private pawnshops were sprung up and had to be abolished, they were substituted. They are administered by councils presided over by the mayors of the communes in which they have been established. In Paris the prefect of the Seine is the president. The rate of interest is fixed by law at 4 per cent, but to defray expenses another 4 per cent is added, making the actual rate 8 per cent.

Pledges which are not redeemed at the end of a year are sold at auction, and all that is realized by the sale above claims is given to the hospital if no one has called for it at the expiration of three years. There are only three Monte di Pietà in Paris, the central and two branch establishments, but there are numerous authorized agents who have offices for the receiving of pledges.—Boston Globe.

Helps to Patience.
A woman, whose life has been long and chequered with many reverses, said lately: "Nothing has given me more courage to face every day's duties and troubles than a few words spoken to me when I was a child by my old father. He was the village doctor. I came into his office, where he was consulting medicine on a case, one day, looking cool and ready to cry.

"What is the matter, Mary?"
"I'm tired! I've been making beds and washing dishes all day, and every day, and what good does it do? To-morrow the beds will be to make and the dishes to wash over again."

"Look, my child," he said, "do you see these little empty vials? They are all in significant, cheap things, of no value in themselves, but in one a put a deadly poison, in another a sweet perfume, in a third a healing medicine.

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"Oh, it is a case of 'only shaken before taken,' is it not?"
"Yes, a fortune that 'only covered the bottom of the teacup' would be a very uninteresting one."

"That's all the story, describing a circle in the bottom of the cup, is the course of true love and it runs smooth; this triangle of black specks is a flock. This black square is a letter; this flock of birds means good news. Here are money and a surprise."

"What is that thing in the side of the cup?"
"That is an omen of tea leaves; it is the symbol of hope."

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The long tea joint is liked out and proves to be soft, so the guest will be a lady. The gifted member of a company who can read the teacups finds her hands full. No guest is so signified that she does not evince some curiosity as to her future. Sometimes the milkmaid's omen finds a gallop in the mystical drink.

When the leaves have no shape, but are tossed in a dark pyramid, it is a "bad" omen. Occasionally the distinct shape of a leaf can be traced. Then an entire row of smaller rows through the entire group. The tea leaves become important factors in the happiness of a household.

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The retired performer links up his advice to the would be actor by some memorandum on how he should conduct himself the first night of his appearance.

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