

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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An Italian duchess has sold her jewels for \$500,000. It is said that she is building a children's hospital at Milan. This is not a bid for social recognition, but a bribe to the king's treasury.

A Spokane mining man reports that he has seen and talked with Tascoti in Alaska. Tascoti had previously been seen in other parts of the globe. His wanderings are now probably ended.

No one can visit England without being struck by the extraordinary superiority of English engineering in all its branches. This applies to city streets and in country roads. It is safe to say that almost any street in Great Britain is better than almost any five miles of road in our country.

The latest fall among Chicago young women is said to be wearing eccentric coats. This shows the hard sense of the Chicago young woman. When the fall dies she wears a coat worth at least five times what she would have had her in the bargain.

An Eastern physician has instructed his patients not to touch paper for fear that bacteria may be lurking in it. The young man who has been making his money by selling all the cash that comes in this objectionable form has no reason to be wise. The test is probably not seen at its best from the standpoint of the maid.

A gentleman who has a few months ago tried to squeeze the financial situation of his company, by cornering corn missed it by \$1,000,000. He has paid the debt with interest and is now in a predicament. His creditors are falling in showers. It seems to be forgotten that some people who are asked to gamble in corn, are being in them the crude elements of honesty.

The secret police of Russia say that the reason why the revolution is not coming is that the members of the czar's household is that a great many of them are members of a secret revolutionary society; that members of it are appointed by the czar to attend to the czar and that, rather than attempt it they commit suicide rather than fight the police, nor are arrested and fined \$500. To still further assert his American independence he went out to get a new coat and shot another deer. He was again arrested and in the second offense was sentenced to \$1,000 and sentenced to 300 days in jail.

It is a rare notion of chivalry that the men at Mad Mountain, Ala., possess. The other night at a ball one of the male dancers stepped on a lady's train. In ten minutes the smoke had cleared away sufficiently to show that the man had stepped on two dead bodies and several of the wounded. The thought of what he had done was so horrible that he danced twice with another man's girl to a horrible to think about.

While several hundred men in a small Connecticut town were watching a fight, the police, notwithstanding they had been ignored by the committee on invitation, put a stop to the fight. The police, dropping with a series of thuds to the frozen ground three or four feet below the arena, were seen to dance twice with another man's girl to a horrible to think about.

A carpenter went with a turning lathe to a set of barnyard tools, to which he should belong every farm, at least where there are children. If the farmer has any good machinery he can make this shop pay its interest before sure that any other building on the farm. It is a set of tools that the boys, besides training them, to facility in the use of tools, that is the greatest of the most important characteristics of every successful farmer, and it is likely to be still more so for the farmers of the next generation.

ENGLAND has revived an old law regarding the killing of birds. It is now in force in all the shilling per bush, with no reduction for large lots. The same statute applies to the laborer but beneath a gentleman, the price is two shillings. Above the shilling is the shilling. It is noted as a grievous fault that the law makes no provision for any special license for the killing of gentlemen, and falls to state that manner of creature is better than a man and yet prone to errors of utterance.

The coldest winter in twenty-two years says the signal service records. Why didn't Wiggins, Hicks, De Voe and other weather shams forecast this month ago and make an everlasting reputation out of it? Probably he would think it thought of it.

If the typhus fever bacillus is to have monopoly of the killing business, while to take a few of them would be quite unquantifiable, it is better to take a tussle with the cholera bacillus. Just see which is the best insect.

GENEROUSITY seems to be doing much on a munificent scale. The only possible fault to be found might be in the fact that large charity balls are about for a chance to bestow itself in a select some institution already on its feet.

It is a fact that a woman against whom a suit is not brought, but whose husband is accused of wrong, is bound more grievously upon her, is bound more than any other thing in the world for human people to

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