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Let seafaring men beware! The serpent-seeing fluid is abroad.

With the horseless carriage near at hand it is not too much to hope for the advent of the dogless sausage.

Ladies who wash dishes by hand will be glad to know there is a machine for doing it now. Speak to your husbands about it.

Now we will keep quiet about the immorality of bicycles. Two Chicago ministers are to make a tour of England on them.

"Novels are growing shorter," says a Chicago paper. Now, if they won't shrink up long every reader will be delighted.

The village of Great Neck, N. Y., have petitioned to have the name of their village changed. They wonder how their livestock it so long.

So it is agreed all around that from this time on it is Chicamuga River instead of Skunk River. All right! The Skunk by any other name will smell as sweet.

The Bostonians literally welcomed the Christian Endeavor delegates "with open arms to hospitable graves" by throwing open the cemeteries for lunching places.

The Goulds seem determined to crowd the Vanderbilts and Astors as social leaders. One of the nephews of the late lamented Jay has been sued for breach of promise.

A lady writer on a Chicago paper winds up a terrific screed against bloomers by saying that if they have come to stay she wants to die. This writer probably has the orthodox Chicago feet.

A writer in Paris says with startling frankness, "I cannot conceive a happy union without [illegible]; divorce overhere has made the matrimonial tie so lax." And we thought that sort of thing was confined to Chicago!

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is apparently striving to win eminence as the meanest scion of royalty on earth. The contract is a difficult one, but it must be admitted that Ferdinand seems to have success within his grasp.

A gentleman who declares that he is a "self-made man" has invited Hon. John Snyder for a heated discussion, which may last all year, and yet some St. Louisans are talking of paying railroad fare to Dallas, Texas, to see Corbett and Fitzimmons scrap.

A heroic woman in Pennsylvania saw a little girl drowning in a quarry, and in lieu of a rope "yanked" off her (the heroic woman's) teagown, flung out one end of it to the perishing child, and saved her (the child) from a watery grave. One more case would a bloomer woman have been in such a case?

Now that it is all over, it may not be deemed impolite to remonstrate, in a spirit of perfect kindliness, against the prayers of our recent delightful guests, that we all might be made better men and women, say a Boston exchange. It was well meant, but it should take note of the difficulty of arriving at utter perfection on this mundane sphere. That's all.

It is said that in one of the eastern States the young ladymembers of a bicycle club became so disgusted with the condition of a public road that they devoted a week to working it, at the end of which time the road presented a creditable surface. In the meantime the men folks continued to discuss the good roads matter. They have, however, that even a small girl can fill up more mud holes with a spade than a United States senator can do with logic.

Emilio Castelar thinks America is unjust to Spain, "the mother and discoverer of America." Spain may be the mother of America, but she never treated her child with any maternal tenderness. She simply used her American colonies for what she could get out of them, and her influence, wherever it has been felt on this continent, has only served to retard proper Spain's prevent development. It is no wonder that such a mother should not be ardently loved.

John W. Foster says that when Li Hung Chang was shot at Shimonoseki he did not mind the pain and danger of the wound half so much as he did the disgrace of having received a bodily injury at the hands of a common man. He felt, that this state upon his person could never be wiped out, and that he could never again be able to hold his head high among his fellowmen. Hadhere if the Japanese had enobled the young madman before they hanged him, old Li would have felt better.

The colleges and schools are closed or closing, and what is known as the vacation is supposed to prevail, but when the September days bring the summer school begins. The summer schools are widespread and popular. All sorts of things are taught in them to all sorts of people, but the most numerous and important patrons are teachers and people who haven't much time for self-improvement in the regular school year. About one hundred summer schools will hold sessions in this State during the summer. They are scattered all over the land.

A merchant dreamed that he used a page to advertise his store, and in his dream he saw a stream of buyers pass in at the door. They came by twos, by fours, by scores; they came on foot and by rail. They sent their friends to purchase for them; they sent big orders by mail. They bought all he had, so he stopped the ad, till he could stock up once more. His slumbers broke and he awoke—his dream of affluence was over. But the vision bright haunted him day and night, till he went and advertised, and now he's glad, for through his ad his dream is realized.

Telling the bicycle women they look hideous in bloomers will not deter them from putting on this comfortable garb. They know full well that nothing that woman can wear will keep her from being followed and adored by her abject slave poor, silly man.

Mark Twain doesn't like Cooper because he calls women females. Cooper, it will be remembered, lived some years ago, and it is not a wonder that he called the women of his day were females. The mannish girl hadn't been invented then.

IN TWO PENINSULAS.

NEWS OF THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

St. Ignace Celebrates in Honor of Father Marquette Who was Buried There—Michigan Crop Report for August—Prison Parole System Recommended.

2,300 Soldiers at Camp Deville.

The Michigan National Guard was greeted by heavy rain when they went into camp at Island Lake. The camp was christened Camp Deville in honor of the late quartermaster general. There were 2,700 boys in blue in camp when the first night's march had been finished, including the Nineteenth infantry of the U. S. army from Ft. Wayne. Brigadier-General Hawley was in personal command and gave the boys 16 hours work daily. Several of the boys were arrested for various offenses and a court martial was necessary to enforce discipline. Winchowgan, of the Saginaw regiment, was dishonorably discharged and drummed out of camp for 24 uniformed and in full ablutions. Private Cunningham and Henry J. Hastings, also of the Fourth, were fined their camp pay for being absent without leave