

# THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

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A calm survey of the situation indicates a very close race between the sides and the states.

A trusted employe of a Los Angeles bank took, finally, over \$5,000 for every year that he had been trusted.

Germany has decided to begin the abolishment of slavery in East Africa. Civilization appears to be spreading.

Chicago anarchists are still cheering for Czolgoz, but they can not hope to revive him from his electric slumbers.

Richard Mansfield says Baltimore audiences are dull. He might try the experiment of roasting them before the curtain.

It is high time to begin to organize against the injustice of Sir Robert Balfour's forty-eight hour day 60,000,000 years hence.

A Baltimore society woman has created a marble tablet over her dog's grave. Let us hope she left a space on it for her own epitaph.

Pope Henry made a mistake in making a penny pay his debts. He ought to have come to America and sold himself to an heiress.

A Michigan man climbed to the top of a tall tree to obtain honey. After taking all that trouble he might have jumped it and saved his ammunition.

The Chinese in Hamilton and Quebec had had no reason for being so afraid of the white man as they are.

The arbitrators are in some doubt as to the nature of the business surroundings of the new state. Perhaps it is something from a diamond mine.

A Boston society called the first school boy association and sent him a just certificate for his services as a member. It seems to be an appropriate name.

Students will note that under the late decision of the United States Supreme Court a Manila man and a cheroot come under the head of the most articles.

The man who is thinking after high school had a volume from a book store without going through the formality of paying for it in a fair way to him.

A man in Northtown, Pa. who was supposed to have dropped dead at a ball, was found, on making examination, to have been dead for some time lying in a wall while dancing a jig.

A Boston paper has found some couples in New England who were married over fifty years ago and are ready to celebrate their diamond wedding, surrounded, in most cases, by many descendants.

When Her Zelig, one of the Blackbeards of the American coast, was a chain of his captives, he found plenty of material for his journal.

The American people are not so stupid as they are sometimes represented to be. Who has ever seen a man who has been in the army and who has not learned something?

The Germans have stopped sneering at American contracts and administration in the Philippines, and are now admitting that it is successful and wise. The fact that trade is rapidly increasing, as shown by the imports and exports of the islands, has a tendency to convince even rivals that Uncle Sam knows how to manage colonies or outlying territories as well as any of the older nations.

An eminent French psychologist having given expression to the theory that insanity and genius are akin it would be interesting to have the psychologists explain who so many men of genius have been sane while multitudes of insane persons have been in no sense geniuses. Poe and Byron offer excellent examples in support of the insanity theory, but how, on the other hand, are the psychologists to explain the insanity of Thackeray or Dickens or Sir Walter Scott or that eminently sane and wholesome philosopher, William Shakespeare?

An Ohio boy, 12 years old, who drank a quart of whisky, said it "burned," but that after it was down it "made things hum." This youth seems already to have reached that state of depravity which is generally acquired only through a long residence in the moonshine belt.

O. H. P. Belmont is commanding attention in Washington on account of the extraordinary height of his collar. This may do for Belmont, but there are men who would prefer to have their collar from the height of their foreheads.

Professor Perrine of the Lick observatory has found that the velocity of the nebular movement is 36,000,000 miles an hour. How happy the amateur chaffeur would be if he could teach the nebular movement to his awkward-looking buzz box.

For the life of him, Li Hung Chang couldn't understand the contradiction between Occidental civilization and the teachings of Christ. He admitted there were millions of Christians, but wanted to know where the Christian lived.

# To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and costs us nothing. Will you be good and do so?



## A Pocketful of Sunshine

A pocketful of sunshine is better far than gold. It draws the young and old. It fits the world with pleasure. It is full of cheer and cheerfulness. It is the sunshine that we need.

## Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our friends. May the year ahead be a year of happiness and success for all.

## Whitehead & Mitchell

Whitehead & Mitchell, Publishers, Birmingham, Ala.

Evidently a great many youngsters in this vicinity were made happy on Christmas by the gift of knives, the number of these handy articles sold by J. R. Baker this season being almost incredible.

Our merchants all report a goodly Christmas trade notwithstanding the attractions in the big city. All advertisers in the city testify that they were well repaid for their investment and we are glad of it. It pays to advertise in a good, well-circulated newspaper.

Mrs. Cordeha V. Stay is the happy recipient of two nicely embroidered pieces of work, linen and silk from her son, George, who is a returned shipboard soldier and is at present in San Francisco. The work is beautiful and the work is a very happy correspondence.

The strength of the market for the past few days has been such that the price of the market has advanced to a point where it is now at a high level.

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Ladies write to do writing at home. No canvassing, \$20 per month. Send stamped envelope.

The Flint Evening Journal has the following concerning the work of a well known Birmingham lady: "One of the finest attractions of the holiday season is the display of hand-painted china at Childs' jewelry store and the exhibit is attracting little attention from art lovers and students."

One of the prettiest Christmas carouses that we have witnessed in some time was the cantata presented by the Baptist Sunday school, Tuesday evening. The children were dressed in appropriate costume and gave a very excellent performance.

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# Boys' Clothing Also. Best Corner for Your Cars.

## William H. Elliott Co.

Rugs at Prices Less than Usual

Five Frame Brussels & Ingrain Rugs

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# E. M. STABLER Bargains!

Holiday Groceries--

- Bulk Mince Meat 25c
- Choice Eggs 15c
- Family Prunes 25c
- Oranges and Lemon Peel 20c
- Seed Raisins 15c
- Michigan Buckwheat 15c
- Selected Coffee 40c
- Candies, Mixed Nuts and Oranges 15c to 35c

For the next Thirty Days, Also a few Walking Skirts, regular \$5.00 Skirt for \$3.50, Girls' Wool Skirts for \$1.00

Mrs. M. H. Pike, Birmingham, Mich.

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Wm. E. Williams, Pontiac, Mich.

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Bedroom Suits, Center Tables, Carpets, Mirrors, Rugs, etc.

Picture Frames Made to Order.

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CHOICE CUTS OF MEATS

Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats of all kinds.

Vegetables in Season.

Prices reasonable.

Goods delivered to any part of village.

A share of your patronage solicited.

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Everything home made and palatable.

Patrons checked free.

Birmingham people specially invited to come to this restaurant and be at home.

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Half Off on All Hats.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day.

## Kermott's Chocolates

Laxative Quinine.

THE ONE DAY COLD CURE.

25c.

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