

What is to take the place of ping-pong this winter?

The great white car certainly no against the girl proposition.

Say, that increase of salaries isn't going to stop 'em? The railroads, is it?

And now they are nearly hitting that King Leopold is used to being half shot.

What could be more appropriate than to put the automobile scorching into the cooler?

How would it do to punish the Sultan of Backol by making him keep bachelors all winter?

Ohio is 100 years old. It will have to be admitted that she is quite "pearl" for one of her age.

Perhaps too cheaply way to heat the dining room this winter is to play a lively game of ping-pong.

The czar has a new nephew, which seems to be about as near as he can get to the thing he really wants.

It turns out that John L. Sullivan has been a good fellow at considerable expense to other people besides.

Spanish republicans do not appreciate being ruled by a boy and are seriously thinking of starting something.

Girl is taking in England. Let us quarantine against it, for grip has killed more man than plum pudding has.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab is still as busy as he can be in getting the "babette reel" on which his physician insists.

Bishop Potter speaks of the salmon for the poor man's club. Thanks, Bishop, that gives us ecclesiastical authority.

Mr. Chamberlain has sailed for South Africa to see for himself just how much red he succeeded in spilling on the map.

Oh, no, ping-pong is not dead. But the dining room table doesn't have to be cleared as promptly or as often as it did last year.

Lucky indeed is the first grandson of Senator Clark of Montana, born yesterday with a \$1,000,000 gift from grandpa in his mouth.

Arbitrating is better than striking, but talking it over till both sides agree is a far better way than either. Besides, it should be quicker.

The lead level of the new cup defender, now nearly finished, is said to be a wonder; but it is only indirectly that it will help to urge the boat ahead.

The first few times of practice of the Hugenon brass band has pushed the practice dogs further back into the short grass country—Topsia, State Journal.

That sack of mail that was mysteriously lost on a Cincinnati train contained drafts and checks worth \$22,000, besides love letters of immeasurable value.

In the inadvertent act of drinking a "jigger" of whiskey in a glass of soda pop there was probably less intemperance than in anything that Carrie N. has ever did.

A Camden, N. J., preacher has decided to resign from the ministry and become an auctioneer. He must have had someone who wanted to do the talking.

A great deal of money will be spent for charitable purposes this winter. As an entering wedge, J. Pierpont Morgan has donated 1 cent to a Michigan church relief fund.

Some one says that the rich man drinks because he has nothing else to do, and the poor man because he has too much to do. And then there are a few or who drink just because they like it.

At a sale of bachelors which was held in connection with a Cleveland church's fair recently one young man was auctioned off for 8 cents. He probably looked like 30, though, when the hammer fell.

The superintendent of the Philadelphia public schools says that good spellers are born and not made, and the fact remains that the child who is taught to observe accurately seldom spells words wrong.

King Victor Emmanuel gave \$10,000 to charity in honor of this winter. And it was a girl baby, too. All the charitable institutions in Victor's realm are praying for a boy next time.

Perhaps when science has advanced a little further we shall be able to harness Mont Pelée and make it do the greater part of the world's work.

Michigan News Items

PROVIDES MARKET FOR GRAPES

Manufacture of Unfermented Juice

The manufacture of unfermented grape juice promises to become a great industry in Ben Hur county. One factory has crushed 600 tons of grapes last season. A representative of the company is now in Paw Paw making preliminary arrangements for the erection of a factory of 1,000,000 capacity, and they propose also to erect a factory at Mattawan. Kalamazoo capitalists have organized and propose to put up a similar institution at Lake Cora. When it is considered that from 8,000 to 10,000 tons of grapes are produced within ten miles of Paw Paw, it is evident that there will be no difficulty in supplying all these institutions with all the fruit they can use.

Cheap Chimney Cleaner

A Flint man has discovered a good cheap, easy way of cleaning chimneys, which have become clogged by soft coal soot. He puts a sky hook at the bottom of the chimney. After first wrapping some paper around the top to act as a seal. Then he lights the fire, replaces the sky hook at the chimney hole and in another minute the rocket has whizzed up the chimney and out, dislodging all the soot in its way. Then he repeats the process, which has all dropped to the bottom, and his chimney is clean.

Bare Outside Companies

The Littlefield common council has granted a franchise to a local company to establish a telephone exchange in the village and refused to allow any of the farmers' independent telephone lines in that vicinity entrance to the village. The latter might take a leaf out of the village (their) company's book and enter anyway, and the village fathers would find out that a telephone company doesn't need a local franchise to operate in a municipality.

Acetylene Gas Explodes

Warren R. Castorino, a prominent farmer of Essex township, Clinton county, was severely injured by an explosion of acetylene gas in the cellar of his house. He had taken the generator to pieces and supposed that it was impossible for any gas to escape, but when the next day he went into the cellar with a lighted lantern he received the cellar and cut Castorino's face in a terrible manner.

No Increase in Salary

In his annual report to the governor Dr. E. A. Christian, medical superintendent of the insane asylum at Pontiac, says that, contrary to reports in circulation, he does not believe the asylum is increasing. He says that more insane cases are being cared for than ever before, but that this is partly due to the fact that many are sent to asylums nowadays who were formerly cared for at home.

Minus an Arm

Albert Stalshus, born an arm at Harbor Beach, was recently killed by a bullet from behind. He was a native of Ann Arbor, a graduate of the University of Michigan and at present an assistant professor of pharmacognosy.

Fatal Accident

Gerrit Gundersen, a pioneer resident of Grand Haven, while chopping down dead peach trees struck and the handle of the ax slipped him in the head. He was instantly killed. He had lived in Grand Haven fifty years. He was in the mercantile business many years.

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Beaver Becoming Plentiful

In many of the streams of the upper peninsula, it is reported, the beaver are increasing every year, and the little animals are protected by law, they will be quite numerous.

Doctors Refuse Aid

Five doctors at Jackson refused to answer a call to attend a sick child, it is said, because the little one's parents were destitute and unable to pay. The child died as a result, and the matter will be investigated.

TEACHER USES ROD ON PUPIL

Judicial Officers Sustain the Pedagogue in His Action

The judicial officers of Gogebic county have not imbibed enough of the new-fangled foolishness in the running of the public schools to destroy their faith in the old saying about sparing the rod and spoiling the child. An ironwood boy teacher lashed a warm one where he thought they would do the most good. The boy's father had the teacher arrested, but a justice of the peace acquitted him. The case was taken to the Circuit court, where the teacher again won.

GIVES KNOWLEDGE TO WORLD

Details of Seven New Vegetable Poisons to Be Made Public

Julius O. Schlotterbeck, who is about to publish the details of his discovery of seven new poisons, three of which he found in the Allegheny vine, two in the calandine poppy and one in the mandarin orange.

Wants Better Carrier Service

Estimate men are complaining at inadequate mail delivery service and want a better carrier provided. It seems the part of town now without service has no one to deliver the mail, and the inspector refuses to recommend the appointment of another carrier on this account. It looks as if Escanaba might be the first to get the service.

Fights With Bear

Joseph Berg, living near Wausau, nearly lost his life in a fight with a bear. He found two cubs in the forest, and when he saw them, he fired the mother bear, who then fled from him. She clawed a hole in the side of his face, but he defended himself by swinging his gun, which he smashed on the animal's head. He then fled for his life and succeeded in getting away.

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Set Fire to Cat

Caro people are beginning to find out what a class of people they got when they imported a lot of Russians from Nebraska to work on their beet fields. Two children of this tribe got hold of a pet cat the other day, poured benzene oil over it and then set it on fire. The cat ran into it and it on fire and nearly set it on fire.

New Canning Factory

Dr. C. J. Kanehan, Hon. Perry Hannah and B. J. Morgan have formed a stock company to establish an extensive canning factory. The factory will be built with a capital of \$125,000. Building is to be built this winter in time for next season's crop. It is expected to employ 200 people during the season.

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State Happenings

Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

CONGRESS

There were not over 75 members of the house present Saturday at the last session before the holiday recess. The anti-foreign bill was adopted, and after it was enrolled and signed by the speaker, the house, at 12:25, adjourned until January 5, 1903. There were 27 senators in their seats when the senate was called to order Saturday morning.

Mr. Landon explained that the senate amendment takes a definite stand against the bill, and that the bill, as amended, would be referred to the committee on the part of the hands of the president. The senate conference had yielded to the house to the extent of allowing \$15 per day for the president's family, instead of \$10 as fixed by the senate.

The report was agreed to. Mr. Landon reported the Philippines currency bill and gave notice that he will call it up during the morning hour of the senate at the earliest moment. He expressed the opinion that the bill would not lead to prolonged debates.

Representative De Armond (Ma) has introduced a bill to amend the law relating to the grounds of bankruptcy now existing by law a first-class bill. It is believed that it will be committed to a committee on the part of the house and will not be subject to proceed.

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