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BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK, TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

PERSONAL.

Admiral George Dewey celebrated the seventy-third anniversary of his birth at his home in Washington.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers met at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind.

"Jack" Cudahy and his wife, according to friends in Kansas City, have become reconciled at Pasadena, Cal., and a remarriage is probable.

John D. Rockefeller gladdened the hearts of all the school teachers at the Pocantico Hills and Sleepy Hollow schools by sending them ten dollar gold pieces.

Charles Battell Loomis, the author and reader, is seriously ill at his home in Leonia, N. J., and has been compelled to postpone indefinitely all his engagements.

Carmi A. Thompson, secretary of state of Ohio, announces the acceptance of the office of assistant secretary of the interior. Thompson's term expires January 9.

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, who underwent a slight operation in New York on Wednesday for a growth on the right hand, will be able to leave the hospital in a day or two.

William Resor, known throughout the country as a stove manufacturer, died at his home in Cincinnati. He was seventy-three years old.

Capt. Robt. E. Peary, the arctic explorer, after months of persistent refusal on the ground of interference with contracts with publishers, has promised to furnish congress with the proofs upon which he relies to support his claim of attainment of the north pole.

Felix Swope of Midway, Ky., nephew of the late Colonel Swope of Kansas City, Mo., who threatened to bring suit against the estate left by his uncle, is said to have received $60,000 in settlement of his claim.

Baroness von Zedwitz, who was Elizabeth Caldwell of Louisville, Ky., and who, with her sister, Marquis Monsters Merinville, caused a sensation several years ago by renouncing the Catholic faith, died December 16 at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

GENERAL NEWS.

Three million people are slowly starving from famine in the Kiang-Su and An-Hui provinces, China. The international board of foreign missionaries in Shanghai made an appeal for $1,000,000 to aid the stricken people.

Prominent economists, sociologists, scientists, educators and labor leaders from all over the country gathered in St. Louis attending the convention of the American Economic association, American Association for Labor Legislation, American Statistical association, American Political Science association, American Sociological society and the American Home Economic association.

The American Historical association and allied societies began their annual meeting in Indianapolis.

The Cook House, Ann Arbor's (Mich.) famous hostelry, was almost completely destroyed by fire of an unknown origin. The few guests and employes escaped to the streets clad only in their night clothes. Loss, $40,000.

Crazed by the absinthe he had been drinking, Andrew Haggon, one of the proprietors of the Columbus hotel of Mount Vernon, N. Y., shot his partner, Joseph Dinarle, and Morris Rabulued, the porter, and then tried to end his own life. All three men are dangerously wounded.

A package believed to contain a $10,000 prize music score, addressed to George Chadwick, director of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, was stolen from an express wagon standing in front of a New York city uptown dwelling house.

The north wing of Richland hall, the male building of Richmond college at Richmond, Va., was gutted by fire of unknown origin. Loss, $60,000.

Fire at Toledo, which followed an explosion, destroyed the building occupied by the Toledo Biscuit company. The loss is placed at $225,000.

Two additional transcontinental railways are expected to be in operation by January, 1913, between Argentina and the Pacific coast.

Troops of the United States army are in readiness to be rushed to Cuba to maintain peace and protect American and other foreign interests. Officials of the war department at Washington look for a crisis in the affairs of the island republic by February.

Henry W. Morris, for whom search has been made on suspicion that he was the assailant of Mrs. Stella Dumas, who was shot in Montgomery, Ill., was arrested in the attic of his home in Piano. Morris admits he killed Mrs. Dumas but claims he shot her in self-defense.

Fourteen are dead, thirteen firemen and one policeman, forty injured and many still missing as a result of the fire in the R. Friedlander & Co. leather factory at Philadelphia. Several persons were drowned in the water-filled cellar. It is believed the fire may have been incendiary.

Train No. 113 of the Missouri Pacific was robbed just before entering Kansas City, Mo., by a lone masked robber. He lined up the passengers with a revolver held in one hand while he searched them with the other, taking watches and money. Twenty persons were robbed.

The Llewellyn iron works at Los Angeles, Cal., were partially wrecked by an explosion, presumably of dynamite. Who placed the supposed charge of dynamite is unknown, but it is believed to have been the outcome of the general labor troubles of Los Angeles, in which the Llewellyn company has been prominently involved.

Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train No. 16 of the Norfolk & Western railroad in tunnel No. 6, near Williamsson, W. Va.

Branding Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer as "a literary faker and muckraker who has stooped to the lowest depths to get publicity action," Dr. F. A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, has issued a statement in reply to Rasmussen's attack, published November 9, that neither he (Cook) nor Peary reached the north pole.

Mediation efforts of United States Labor Commissioner Charles F. Neill at Chicago succeeded in averting the threatened locomotive engineers' strike and bringing about a settlement on the basis of an increase of 10 1-3 per cent. in the wages of the men. A compromise peace proposition offered by Neill as a last resort was accepted by both sides.

Oscar Chitwood, a mountaineer, was killed by a mob in the heart of Hot Springs, Ark. Chitwood was awaiting trial for the murder, recently, of Jake Houpf, sheriff, in Hot Springs. As deputy sheriffs were attempting to take Chitwood from the county jail to the city prison officers and prisoner were attacked by 30 masked men, who riddled Chitwood's body with bullets.

Arch Hoxsey of Pasadena, Cal., flying a Wright biplane in the teeth of a gale of wind blowing at the rate of 30 miles an hour, established a new world's altitude record at Los Angeles, Cal., by ascending 11,474 feet above the surface of the earth.

President Taft has approved the report of United States army engineers recommending a new apportionment of the new $20,000,000 fund provided by congress. The $20,000,000 is to be spent within the next five years and the interest on the loan is to be charged against the projects.

Fearing the outbreak of another revolution in Honduras, Secretary Meyer ordered the gunboat Yorktown, stationed at Corinto, Nicaaragua, to proceed to Amapala, Honduras.

Dave Smith, middleweight champion of Australia, Monday scored a decisive victory at Sidney, N. S. W., over Billy Murdock, champion of the middleweight championship of the world. The fight was given to Smith in the tenth round on a foul.

Troops have been dispatched from Santo Domingo to the Dominican-Haitian frontier, following reports of a battle fought there in which many are said to have been killed. General Firman is said to have raised the standard of revolt.

Twenty people were injured when a bomb was exploded in the Buenos Aires (Argentina) fire department building. The fire and police headquarters were wrecked.

The Sunnyside whisky distillery near Pittsburg, Pa., was destroyed by fire, together with 1,000 barrels of whisky. The burning liquor enveloped the firefighters and they were forced to jump into the Monongahela river to save their lives.

Jack Burns, the California heavyweight fighter, was so badly beaten up by Bill Lang of Australia, at London, that the referee stopped the battle to save the former from further punishment.

The first producing oil well in Clinton county, Illinois, has been struck two miles northwest of Carlyle by Pittsburg oil men.

Twenty-four js the number of dead in the stockyards fire, with the recovery of all bodies from the ruins of the beef house of Morris & Co. The flames were under control after a battle lasting 12 hours.

No news has come of the fate of Cecil S. Grace, the American-born aviator who disappeared in the fog while attempting a return flight from Calais, France, to Dover. It is feared that he fell into the North sea.

After a stormy night session the Spanish chamber of deputies passed the government's "padlock bill" by a vote of 108 to 20. The bill prohibits the creation of further religious establishments in the country for two years.

Leigh Rhodus, charged with the murder of Dr. William H. Michaelis, a dentist, and Anton Helbig, a contractor at Chicago, was given five life sentences when he pleaded guilty to both murders and three charges of highway robbery.

The combined salmon packs of Alaska, British Columbia and Puget sound for the season of 1910 show an aggregate output of 3,690,586 cases, the largest "lean" year on record.

Mrs. Carrie Kerh, charged with murder in connection with the death of W. A. Johnson, whose body was found in a trunk, was found guilty of manslaughter at Portland, Ore.

Italians of Newburg, N. Y., have received circulars from Erie, Pa., in which they are invited to buy special territory for the distribution of counterfeit $1, $5 and $10 notes.

The supply of skilled and unskilled labor on the Panama canal at present is in excess of the demand, except in the case of boilermakers. This situation has caused the Isthmian canal commission to issue a warning.

The Mauretania has broken the journey to New York and return to England, having accomplished that undertaking in a race against time in 12 days.

Pontiac Clothilde de Kol II., a Holstein-Friesian cow owned by Stevens Bros. of Liverpool, N. Y., has broken the world's seven-day butter record, producing 37.28 pounds.

Acting on the recommendation of the Indiana state board of pardons, Governor Marshall refused to extend clemency to William E. Hinshaw, the preacher convict, serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife.

THREE MILLIONS ARE STARVING

ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED THAT IS THE NUMBER AFFECTED BY FAMINE IN CHINA.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THEIR AID, SAY THE CABLES.

Chinese Government and People Are Generously Contributing to Relief of Sufferers.

Private advices received in Washington state that the famine in China already reported in the news dispatches from there is far more far affected 3,000,000 persons, and that $1,000,000 is urgently needed for their aid.

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee on reference and counsel, representing the boards and societies of foreign missions in the United States and Canada, made public the following cable message from the inter-denominational committee of foreign missionaries in Shanghai:

"Famine to a great extent over northern part of Kiangsu and Anhui province. Three million people affected. Chinese government had people generously contributing relief. According to report of missionaries in the district affected, relief is insufficient. International committee organized in Shanghai proposes that missionaries co-operate with generous Chinese to make funds and in distribution. A million dollars is needed. Help must be carried on until May. Please communicate this to missionary societies, church papers, and Christian Herald, urgently requesting contributions.

"FERGUSON.

"Chairman."

The combined population of the two provinces named in the cable is 37,650,549.

Tax Lands Sold.

According to the annual report of the state land commissioner the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1910, has been the most successful in the history of the department.

At the close of the fiscal year in 1909 the state was in the possession of 604,172 acres of land. Since that time the auditor-general has deeded to the state, under the provisions of the tax homestead law, 215,565 acres and there reverted to the state in compliance with the homestead law and from other sources, 2,900 acres, making a total of 826,639 acres.

The report shows that the amount collected for trespass upon agricultural college, primary school tax, Homestead and state tax lands for the year ending June 30, 1910, was $3,888.71 and the receipts of the office $188,197.32. From the 62,310 acres of land returned to the state for taxes the payment of taxes the state has realized $108,899.92, or an average of $1.75 per acre. Most of this land formerly sold at the rate of $1.25 per acre with standing timber upon it, and $1.75 is considered the highest price the state has ever realized from such a source. Not alone in land value has the land department done a thriving business, as it has disposed of a few city and village lots, which have netted $48,169. Actual settlers have made homestead entry upon 17,534 acres and according to indications all of this land will be converted into farms by the homesteaders.

Hemans Will Be B. R. Commissioner.

Lawton T. Hemans has received the formal tender of a place on the railroad commission from Gov.-elect Osborn and, while he refuses to discuss the proposition at all, it is known that he will accept the offer of the new governor.

Toledo Has $225,000 Fire.

Fire which followed an explosion of unknown origin destroyed the building occupied by the Toledo Biscuit Co. The loss is placed at $225,000. The company, which is an independent concern, will rebuild at once.

Henry Neidering, 25, married, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Garland, Ind. He aimed to shoot a rabbit when the shotgun was accidentally discharged and he received the charge in his shoulder.

American workmen at Stineville, Ind., who were on strike, attacked the house in which 15 Sicilians were quartered. The foreigners were so badly frightened that they refused to take the places of the strikers and left town.

When Patrick O'Connor pleaded guilty to drunkenness in Battle Creek and smilingly awaited sentence to the county jail, meaning free food and lodging for the winter, he did not suspect what Justice H. H. Battdorf had up his sleeve. Battdorf, tired of having tramps work their way into the county jail, sentenced O'Connor to hard labor in the city jail. The police will have O'Connor's work to outline. The sentence is new to Battle Creek, and is designed to keep tramps away from the community.

The Standard Oil company is planning to spend millions of dollars in developing new oil fields and gas fields in Ohio. Between 200,000 and 300,000 acres are under lease by the Standard and independent producers.

A radical enlargement of the scope of the nursery stock bill by the house committee on agriculture is probable. The committee has already ordered a favorable report on the bill, which authorizes the secretary of agriculture to quarantine against any country or any part of a country where dangerous diseases of nursery stock exist.

Trustees of the state asylum at Ionia say that $91,000 will be needed to make repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds of the institution.

Seymour Borrer saved the life of eight-year-old Paul Martin, who was drowning in the Scioto river at Columbus, O. Borrer, an employe of the street car company, was taking an interburban car to the barn and when he approached the Town street bridge and saw the boy in the river, Borrer cut the trolley rope, lassoed the drowning boy, and dragged him to shore. The lad was unconscious but quickly recovered.

One From the Cashier.

The harmless customer leaned across the cigar counter and smiled engagingly at the new cashier. As he handed across the amount his dinner check called for he ventured a bit of sizeless converse, for he was of that sort.

"Funny," said he, "how easy it is to spend money."

"Well," snapped the cashier as she fed his fare to the register, "if money was intended for you to hold on to the mint would be tirning out coins with handles on 'em."

Lo, the Rich Indian.

The per capita wealth of the Indian is approximately $2,130, that for other Americans is only a little more than $1,200. The lands owned by the Indians are rich in oil, timber and other natural resources of all kinds. Some of the best timber land in the United States is owned by Indians.

The value of their agricultural lands runs up in the millions. The ranges which they possess support about 500,000 sheep and cattle, owned by lessees, bringing in a revenue of more than $272,000 to the various tribes besides providing feed for more than 1,500,000 head of horses, cattle, sheep and goats belonging to the Indians themselves. Practically the only asphalt deposits in the United States are on Indian lands.—Red Man.

Our Voices.

I think our conversational soprano, as sometimes overheard in the cars, arising from a group of young persons who have taken the train at one of our great industrial centers, for instance, young persons of the female sex, we will say, who have bustled in full dressed, engaged in loud, strident speech, and who, after free discussion, have fixed on two or more double seats, which having secured, they proceed to eat up such hard round daguerreotypes—I say, I think the conversational soprano, heard under these circumstances, would not be among the allurements the old enemy would put in requisition were he getting up a new temptation of St. Anthony.

There are sweet voices among us, we all know, and voices not musical, it may be, to those who hear them for the first time, yet sweeter to us than any we shall hear until we listen to some warbling angel in the overture to that eternity of blissful harmonies we hope to enjoy. But why should I tell lies? If my friends love me, it is because I try to tell the truth. I never heard but two voices in my life that frightened me by their sweetness.—Holmes.

Add to Cost of Living.

The American Magazine reprints a letter which was sent to the Massachusetts cost of living commission. It goes as follows:

"It seems to me that the elimination of waste is nearly impossible in households where there are numerous servants; at least, I have found it so, with only one, and the waste rises in geometrical progression with the number employed. I have now been doing my own cooking for nearly a year and I feed my family twice as well on about two-thirds the cost. A large part of the saving comes in the economical use of meat. I make a delicious dinner with a few scraps of meat that a cook would give to the dog.

"Then I depend a good deal on soups, which I invent to suit my larder. A few cold baked beans, with a little tomato and a bit of meat on a bone, or a little left over gravy, make a soup that all use with much pleasure and it is so nourishing that it goes far to make the dinner. Most people do not understand how different a soup is when it has simmered a good many hours. The soup that has been boiled for a couple of hours will taste flat and uninteresting, while the same soup five hours later will have such a delicious blend of flavors that all you know is that it is nice without being able to distinguish the ingredients. Again it is time that counts. Cooks waste the coffee and tea horribly. Mix the coffee with cold water the night before with an eggshell and bring it to a boil in the morning and you do not need a great deal for a good cup of coffee. The tea in the kitchen is made in the teapot and thrown out with but little of the goodness extracted. Another frightful waste is the coal. I use less than half as much as any girl I ever had and my stove bakes better. I never complain of the draught, as she does or did after burning all the goodness out of her coal in the first hour after lighting."

Thanks to Rural Carrier.

"Gosh! But the colored race is a-comin' to the front fast!" whispered Innocent Uncle Hiram, at the vaudeville show, as the black-face comedian was boisterously applauded.

"Yes, indeed," smilled the city man; "anyone can see that that fellow is a self-made negro."

A Medical Compromise.

"You had two doctors in consultation last night, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"What did they say?"

"Well, one recommended one thing and the other recommended something else."

"A deadlock, eh?"

"No, they finally told me to mix 'em!"

The "Country Churchyard."

Those who recall Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" will remember that the peaceful spot where "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep" is identified with St. Giles', Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. In the pro sale pages of a recent issue of the Gazette there appears an order in council providing that ordinary interments are henceforth forbidden in the churchyard.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND.

If you'll make up your mind to be
Contented with your lot
And with the optimists agree
That trouble's soon forgot,

You'll be surprised to find, I guess,
Despite misfortune's darts,
What constant springs of happiness
Lie hid in human hearts;

What sunny gleams and golden dreams
The passing years afford,
How soft and warm the lovelight beams
When you are growing old.

Home Thought.

"It must have been frightful," said Mrs. Bossim to her husband, who was in the earthquake. "Tell me what was your first thought when you awakened in your room at the hotel and heard the alarm."

"My first thought was of you," answered Mr. Bossim.

"How noble!"

"Yes. First thing I knew, a vase off the mantel caught me on the ear; then a chair whirled in my direction, and when I jumped to the middle of the room four or five books and a framed picture struck me all at once."

Ever after saying that, he affected to wonder what made her so angry for the remainder of the evening.—Mack's National Monthly.

No Slang for Her.

"Slip me a brace of cackles!" ordered the sheepish young man with a bored air, as he perched on the first stool in the lunchroom.

"What?" asked the waitress, as she placed a glass of water before him.

"Adam and Eve flat on their backs! A pair of sunnysiders!" said the young man in an exasperated tone.

"You got me, kid," returned the waitress. "Watcha want?"

"Eggs up," said the young man. "Eggs, the kind that come before the hen or after. You know which."

"Why didn't you say so in the first place?" asked the waitress. "You'd a had 'em by this time."

"Well, of all things——" said the young man.

"I know what he was drivin' at all the time," began the waitress as the young man departed. "But he's one of them fellers that thinks they can get by with anything. He don't know that they're using plain English now in restaurants."

All Need the Earth.

"There is an Antaeus in every one of us and in the whole of us which needs the earth," says Henry Demarest Lloyd in his posthumous book. "A grandmother was spreading before the video of a beloved child a picture of the beauties of heaven with its gates of pearl and its pavements of gold. 'What,' said the scornful boy, unpactivated, 'no mud.' There spoke the real philosopher. We are earthanimals, and we need contact with all the aspects of nature, human nature, and other nature. They who feed wholly on white bread and the tenderloin and the sweetness and light of the best people, art for the art's sake, cannot get phosphates enough and soon develop the rickets. The man I heard say he liked to eat with the common people once in a while, the woman you heard say that she thought it was her duty to associate with the middle class, confess the approach of extinction. They are losing touch with the source of all personal and social power."

Moslem Traditions.

Ramadan, the month exalted by Moslems above all others, in that month the Koran—according to Moslem traditions—was brought down by Gabriel from heaven and delivered to man in small sections. In that month Mohammed was accustomed to retire from Mecca to the cave of Hera, for prayer and meditation. In that month Abraham, Moses and other prophets received their divine revelations. In that month the "doors of heaven are always open, the passages to hell are shut, and the devils are chained." So run the traditions.—The Christian Herald.

The League of Politeness.

The League of Politeness has been formed in Berlin. It aims at inculcating better manners among the people of Berlin. It was founded upon the initiative of Fraulein Cecelie Meyer, who was inspired by an existing organization in Rome. In deference to the parent organization the Berlin league has chosen the Italian motto, "Pro gentilezza." This will be emblazoned upon an attractive little medal worn where Germans are accustomed to wear the insignia of orders. The idea is that a glance at the "talisman" will annihilate any inclination to indulge in bad temper or discourteous language. "Any polite person" is eligible for membership.

Why He Laughed.

Miss Mattie belonged to the old south, and she was entertaining a guest of distinction.

On the morning following his arrival she told Tillie, the little colored maid, to take a pitcher of fresh water to Mr. Firman's room, and to say that Miss Mattie sent him her compliments, and that if he wanted a bath, the bathroom was at his service.

When Tillie returned she said:

"I tol' him, Miss Mattie, en' he laughed fit to bus' hisself."

"Why did he laugh, Tillie?"

"I dunno."

"What did you tell him?"

"Jus' what you tol' me to."

"Tillie, tell me exactly what you said."

"I banged de doah, and I said, 'Mr. Firman, Miss Mattie sends you her lub, and she says, 'Now you can get up and wash yo'self!'"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Exaggeration.

On her arrival in New York Mme. Sara Bernhardt, replying to a compliment on her youthful appearance, said: "The secret of my youth? It is the good God—and then, you know, I work all the time. But I am a great-grandmother," she continued, thoughtfully, "so how can these many compliments be true? I am afraid my friends are exaggerating."

Mme. Bernhardt's laugh, spontaneous as a girl's, prompted a chorus of "No, no!"

"Yes," said the actress, "unconscious exaggeration, like the French nurse on the boulevard. Our boulevards are much more crowded than your streets, you know, and, although we have numerous accidents, things aren't quite as bad as the nurse suggested.

"Her little charge, a boy of six, begged her to stop a while in a crowd, surrounding an automobile accident. 'Please wait,' the little boy said, 'Want to see the man who was run over.' 'No, hurry,' the nurse answered. 'There will be plenty more to see further on.'"

Had Money in Lumps.

Charles H. Rosenberg of Bavaria had lumps on his knees, elbows, and hips when he arrived here from Hamburg on the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. In fact, there was a series of smaller lumps along his spine, much like a mountain range, as it is presented on a hair-relief map.

The lumps were about the size of good Oregon apples, and as Rosenberg passed before the immigration doctor for observation, the doctor said softly to himself, "See that lump." Then he asked Mr. Rosenberg to step aside.

"You seem like a healthy man," said the doctor, "but I cannot pass your until I know the origin of those lumps on your body." "Ah, it is not a sickness," laughed the man from Bavaria. "Those swellings is money."

Taking off his coat he broke open a sample lump and showed that it contained $500 in American bank notes. He informed the doctor that he had $11,000 in all, with which he was going to purchase an apple orchard in Oregon.

He was admitted to the country.—New York Tribune.

Economy in Art.

"Of course," said Mr. Sirius Barker, "I want my daughter to have some sort of an artistic education. I think I'll have her study shading."

"Why not art or literature?"

"Art spoils canvas and paint and literature wastes reams of paper. Singing merely produces a temporary disturbance of the atmosphere.

Economy.

The late former Governor Allen D. Candler of Georgia was famous in the south for his quaint humor.

"Governor Candler," said a Gainesville man, "once abandoned cigars for a pipe at the beginning of the year. He stuck to his resolve till the year's end. Then he was heard to say:

"By actual calculation, I have saved by smoking a pipe instead of cigars this year $286. But where is it?"

Hard on the Mare.

Twice, as the bus slowly wended its way up the steep Cumberland Gap, the door at the rear opened and slammed. At first those inside paid little heed; but the third time demanded to know why they should be disturbed in this fashion.

"Whist," cautioned the driver, don't spake so loud; she'll overhear us."

"Who?"

"The mare. Spake low! Shure, O'm desavin th' crayture. Every toime she 'ears th' door close, she thinks 'tis on' o' 'yes is gettin' down ter walk up th' hill, an' that sort o' raises her sperrits."—Success Magazine.

Where He Was Queer.

The negro, on occasions, displays a fine discrimination in the choice of words.

"Who's the best white-washer in town?" inquired the new resident.

"Ale Hall am a bo'd a'tist with a whitewash brush, sah," answered the colored patriarch eloquently.

"Well, tell him to come and whitewash my chicken house tomorrow."

Uncle Jacob shook his head dubiously.

"Ah don' believe, sah, ah'd engage Ale Hall to whitewash a chicken house, sah."

"Why, didn't you say he was a good whitewasher?"

"Yes, sah, a powerful good white washer, sah; but mighty queer about a chicken house, sah, mighty queer!"—Mack's National Monthly.

New Process of Staining Glass.

The art of coloring glass has been lost and refound, jealously guarded and maliciously stolen so many times in the history of civilization that it seems almost impossible to say anything new on glass staining. Yet a process has been discovered for making the stained glass used in windows which is a departure from anything known at the present time. What the Venetians and the Phoenicians knew of it we cannot tell.

The glass first receives its design in mineral colors and the whole is then fired in a heat so intense that the coloring matter and the glass are indissolubly fused. The most attractive feature of this method is that the surface acquires a peculiar pebbled character in the heat, so that when the glass is in place the lights are delightfully soft and mellow.

In making a large window in many shades each panel is separately moulded and heated and the sections are assembled in a metal frame.

Fidelity to Parole.

Judge Crain of the Court of General Sessions has just held a reception more worthy of note than any ball, banquet or other high function of the season. It was held in his courtroom at night. In response to its summons came 117 men and women, some old, some young every one of whom was a victor over some form of temptation; an example of what human faith can do to help human weakness to redeem itself and be strong.

Each of the company had been convicted of some first offense against the law, and each had been permitted to go out on parole of future good behavior. Each had kept the faith. The word was as good as a bond. Those who might have gone down in the struggle had found a way to rise and fight again. They were all able to report good work done and bright prospects ahead.

Time was when no one was trusted on his word save men of high degree. Fidelity to parole was deemed a princely virtue. Perhaps it is. There was nothing in Judge Crain's reception to disprove it.

What About Brain Food?

This Question Came Up in the Recent Trial for Libel.

A "Weekly" printed some criticisms of the claims made for our foods. It evidently did not fancy our reply printed in various newspapers, and brought suit for libel. At the trial some interesting facts came out.

Some of the chemical and medical experts differed widely.

The following facts, however, were quite clearly established:

Analysis of brain by an unquestionable authority, Geoghegan, shows of Mineral Salts, Phosphoric Acid and Potash Combined (Phosphate of Potash), 2.91 per cent of the total, 5.33 of all Mineral Salts.

This is over one-half.

Beaunis, another authority, shows Phosphoric Acid combined and Potash 72.44 per cent from a total of 101.07.

Considerable more than one-half of Phosphate of Potash.

Analysis of Grape-Nuts shows: Potassium and Phosphorus, (which join and make Phosphate of Potash), is considerable more than one-half of all the mineral salts in the food.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey, an authority on the constituent elements of the body, says: "The gray matter of the brain is controlled entirely by the inorganic cell-salt, Potassium Phosphate (Phosphate of Potash). This salt unites with albumen and by the addition of oxygen creates nerve fluid or the gray matter of the brain. Of course, there is a trace of other salts and other organic matter in nerve fluid, but Potassium Phosphate is the chief factor, and has the power within itself to attract, by its own law of affinity, all things needed to manufacture the elixir of life."

Further on he says: "The beginning and end of the matter is to supply the lacking principle, and in molecular form, exactly as nature furnishes it in vegetables, fruits and grain. To supply deficiencies—this is the only law of cure."

The natural conclusion is that if Phosphate of Potash is the needed mineral element in brain and you use food which does not contain it, you have brain fag because its daily loss is not supplied.

On the contrary, if you eat food known to be rich in this element, you place before the life forces that which nature demands for brain-building.

In the trial a sneer was uttered because Mr. Post announced that he had made years of research in this country, and some clinics of Europe, regarding the effect of the mind on digestion of food.

But we must be patient with those who sneer at facts they know nothing about.

Mind does not work well on a brain that is broken down by lack of nourishment.

A peaceful and evenly poised mind is necessary to good digestion.

Worry, anxiety, fear, hate, &c., &c., directly interfere with or stop the flow of Ptyalin, the digestive juice of the mouth, and also interfere with the flow of the digestive juices of stomach and pancreas.

Therefore, the mental state of the individual has much to do (more than suspected) with digestion.

This trial has demonstrated:

That Brain is made of Phosphate of Potash as the principal Mineral Salt, added to albumen and water.

That Grape-Nuts, contains that element in more than one-half of all its mineral salts.

A healthy brain is important, if one would "do things" in this world.

A man who sneers at "Mind" sneers at the best and least understood part of himself. That part which some folks believe links us to the Infinite.

Mind asks for a healthy brain upon which to act, and Nature has defined a way to make a healthy brain and renew it day by day as it is used up from work of the previous day.

Nature's way to rebuild is by the use of food which supplies the things required.

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