

### LOWER TAX ON SPITE HOUSE

Declares She Purposely Decreased Property Value in Revenge for Neighbor's Wall.

When a woman will do it, you may depend on it. And when she won't, and there's an end on't.

Chicago.—Mrs. A. Spiskel, of 536 Aldine avenue, asserted in the office of the board of review that she is the sort of woman who will; also she prophesied with some emphasis that the owner of a flat building next door to her apartment house at 447 North Paulina street will discover, to his financial sorrow, just what degree of will she possesses.

### HORSE KICKS UP 148 COINS

Money Discovered in Canada by Animal Believed Lost Eighty Years Ago.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.—A horse kicked a remarkable treasure trove into view on John McEwen's farm on the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence river.

By English law treasure trove goes to the crown, so the coins have been turned over to the police. They date from 1895 to 1828 and they were found buried in straight rows standing on edge, only three inches under ground.

### CHURCH CLOCKS AS TARGETS

London Steeplejack Says He Has Found Bullet Holes in Many of Them.

London.—With reference to the story telegraphed to the New York Times of the Irishmen of Strabane making a practice of shooting at the dial of the town clock, a well-known steeplejack named Larkins writes to the Daily Mail, pointing out that "sport" of this description is fairly common.

He says that in each of the following buildings he found, while repairing steeples, bullet holes either in the face of the clock or in the weather-cock overhead:

### MISER VICTIM OF POISON

Farmer, Worth \$200,000, Dies, and Housekeeper Made Ill From Drug Placed in Coffee.

Richmond, Va.—Strychnine was the poison placed in the coffee of George M. Nicholas, a wealthy Rockingham county farmer, who died suddenly.

### Footpads' Novel Methods

Warsaw.—Footpads who infest the suburbs of this town have hit on a novel way of robbing peasants' carts as they drive in laden with provisions.

When the peasant finally gets back his wife he finds he has been robbed of all but the cart. The trick is practiced with great success.

### PENGUIN OIL INDUSTRY

BIRDS ARE CAPTURED AND BRED FOR PROFIT.

Macquarie Island, Between Tasmania and the Antarctic Continent, is the Center of a Promising Commercial Enterprise.

What is probably the most southerly industry of the world is being carried on at Macquarie Island, about halfway between Tasmania and the Antarctic continent, in the capture of penguins for their oil.

There are probably 80,000,000 penguins on the island, so that the stock to be drawn from seems almost limitless. There are also a large number of sea elephants about the shores of this island.

### MADE HIM GOOD AMERICAN

Act of Wise Father That Kept His Boy In the Path of His Birth and Duty.

It is claiming rather a great deal to say that a child's whole future career may depend upon the hearing of a story! But, unquestionably, it is true.

His father, a loyal American, started at this question, read to the boy "A Man Without a Country."

### Giant Conflict

Two huge fish, a shark and a Jewish, fought to their death late the other afternoon, off the municipal pier at Santa Monica, Cal., while hundreds of fishermen looked on.

### Insane Man Garrick's Teacher

Garrick had been acquainted with an unfortunate man in Leman street, Goodman's Fields, who, playing one day at an upper window with his two-year-old child, accidentally let it spring from his arms and fall into a flagged area.

### The Bright Side

Algernon Daingerfield went back last summer to his old home in Kentucky on a visit. He had fished up considerably.

When a negro takes the hand of one of them to lead him off, some other fond creature clings to the hand of the latter one, and another one to his hand; thus a single negro may sometimes be seen carrying off a string of staggering monkeys.

A French newspaper refers to the members of the stock exchange singing "God share the king." "We must protest against this total misrepresentation of our national aspirations," observes Punch.

### GIVING THE PLUG HIS DUE

Steadygoing, Sensible Qualities Are Not Always Accorded the Recognition That They Deserve.

Don't make fun of the plug. He may be slow and awkward and never get to the stable until dark, but he is the fellow who in the end will bring home the coin, says a Kansas City writer.

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### SEA SERPENT REAL

Hiram Maxim Is Firm Believer in Monster.

Famous Scientist and Inventor Thinks Time Has Come When Monstrous Creatures Should Be Credited—Two Kinds Seen.

London.—Sir Hiram Maxim is a firm believer in the sea serpent. The other day he gave out this interview: "I think the time has arrived when we must submit that there are certain large animals living in the sea that are not described in any works on natural history."

### CHICAGO WOMEN NOW CHEW

Kansas City Girls Also Have Pasture Cigar Habit—Use Popular Brands.

St. Louis.—Kansas City and Chicago women who have taken up the cigar smoking habit are novices in the nicotine line, according to local tobaccoists.

### PUT ON ICE; ASKS \$15,000

Boy Says He Contracted St. Vitus Dance on Being Forcibly Confined in Icebox.

Louisville, Ky.—Morris Brown, under fourteen years of age, alleging that he has contracted St. Vitus dance as a result of being forcibly confined at numerous times in an icebox, filed suit against Joseph Weissberger for \$15,000 damages.

### HIGH COURT GETS \$4 SUIT

Telephone Company Appeals Service Case to Supreme Court of United States.

Little Rock, Ark.—Having lost once in the circuit court and twice in the Arkansas supreme court, the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company has appealed to the Supreme court of the United States in a suit originally involving only four dollars.

It was for rent for two months' telephone service. The case presents some unique features, having been in the local courts for the last four years.

Business School for Girls. New York.—In accordance with the will of Miss Rosine M. Parmentier of Brooklyn, who left the Parmentier mansion and \$5,000 in cash to the Catholic sisters of St. Joseph, the sisterhood is about to erect on the property a building for the higher training of Catholic girls for business life.

### IMMIGRANT IS 7 FT. 2 INCHES

Ship Has to Provide a Special Berth for Giant Pole, Twenty-Two Years Old.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Ignatius Ziemanus, who arrived here with 514 other immigrants on the Prinz Adalbert of the Hamburg-American line, from Hamburg, came to the United States to grow up with the country.

### BOY PROVES GOOD SLEEPER

He Does Not Awaken When Thrown From Wagon into an Automobile.

Columbus, Ohio.—Ye wild-eyed victims of insomnia, who woo the soothing goddess sleep by all the means which fertile minds suggest, read this unadorned tale of an every-day event and wonder.

### TRUANT GOLDFISH IN RIVER

Pair 10 Years Old and 17 Inches Long Escape From Garden Lunge As a Flood.

London.—For five months now two monster Truickehams goldfish have had a lease of freedom in the Thames. They are the property of George Beale and his brother Stoneydeep house, who, since their disappearance, have offered £2 reward for the return of either of them.

### INDIANS ADOPT BRIDAL PAIR

Journalist and Wife Are Remarried by Blackfoot Chief in Glacier National Park.

St. Paul, Minn.—Robert Heint, correspondent of Leslie's Weekly, and his bride of a few days, formerly Miss Helen Corbin of Indiana, were remarried again by Chief Three Bears of the Blackfoot Indians while the couple were honeymooning in Glacier National Park.

### IS TORTURE FOR OYSTERS

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Hereafter Will Kill His Bivalves as Quickly as Possible.

Washington.—"Oysters on the half shell suffer untold agony when eaten," said Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

### Matter of Doubt

"What's the matter with Podd-sleigh? He looks as if he had lost his last friend."

### Blames Insane Wife

New York.—Complaining that his wife, who is now in an insane asylum at Middletown, got him to marry her through fraud, Alfred Koppetre is now asking for a divorce.

### 'HE'S ME BRUDDER!'

Pathos in the Self-Denial of Small, Neglected Waif.

Act of Officious Clerk, However, Resulted in Securing for Both of Them a Few Brief Moments of Pleasure.

Piercing walls were the rather unusual sounds in the toy apartment of one of the large city stores. "He stole this, didn't he?" asked a clerk who held the older of two future Americans citizens firmly by the collar of a remnant of a coat, indicating, as he spoke, a poor little painted toy held tightly against the breast of the smaller of the children, and whose walls were caused by a vague fear that he was about to lose his treasure.

"He paid for it," quietly responded the lady of the toys. The officious one's grasp upon the elder ragamuffin relaxed, while the latter promptly delivered a kick upon his captor's shins at one and the same instant. The clerk, looking a bit sheepish, drifted away.

### Water-Shoes

A German cabinetmaker has constructed a pair of water-shoes, with the help of which he walks upon the water. He has already crossed Lake Ammer in Bavaria, 12,000 feet wide, in two hours.

### How to Tag Your Trunk

A vacation crowd was sitting on the porch of a hotel and the discussion turned to the subject of baggage. Several had told of their annoyance at having trunks come a day or a week late and how hard it was to get baggage through on time.

### Wanted Information

For three solid hours the captain had been lecturing his men on "the duties of a soldier," and he thought it was time to see how much they had understood of his discourse. Casting his eyes round the room, he fixed on Private Murphy as his first victim.

### Matter of Doubt

"I haven't been able to find out whether his depression is due to the fact that he became the father of twins last week or to the poor showing of the home team."