

HE GOT THE RENT.

Resourceful Italian Literally Grinds It Out of Delinquent Tenant.

Things Out His Discarded and Wheezy Head Organ and Plays Until He is Paid the Money.

Manuel Corallo is a retired organ grinder, and for years he was familiar about the streets of Louisville, Ky., with his little wheezy instrument and monkey.

Among the other houses Manuel owned was that occupied by one Michael Dort, who was a delinquent in the matter of rent to the extent of three months.

When Manuel is nothing if not a resourceful son of the land of glorious sunsets, and the other night, with a keen and satisfied glitter in his little black eyes, he hid himself to the home of Michael.

PLANS A POLO CRUISE.

Most Unique Sporting Venture Proposed by George Gould for the Summer Months.

George J. Gould proposes a sporting venture for the coming summer months that is unique. It might be called a polo cruise.

While it seems that Mr. Gould's plans are not yet definitely settled, the general outline of his summer campaign will be as follows:

He has formed a polo team, comprising himself, H. L. Herbert, the president of the polo association; P. F. Collier, and the latter's son, R. J. Collier.

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CALIFORNIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Destruction of Fruit Crops in Florida and Other States Will Be to Her Profit.

Secretary Filcher, of the state board of trade, says the demand for California fruit this year will overmeasure the quantity on hand.

"Florida has suffered disastrously from frosts, Georgia, which shipped 3,000 car loads of peaches last year, has scarcely anything to show this season.

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BIG ELECTRIC PLANT.

Plans Specified to Furnish City of San Francisco with Light, Heat and Power.

Claus Spreckels has decided to establish in this city, says the San Francisco Call, an electric plant that will be without a rival in the world and which will furnish to the people of San Francisco light, heat and power almost at cost.

Preparing for a Monster Convention. The Crystal Palace in London, where the first world's convention of Christian Endeavor will be held in 1900, can accommodate 100,000 persons.

IS IN BURLESQUE.

Niece of Henry Ward Beecher Appearing Before the Post-Rights in Tights.

From the choir loft of the extremely fashionable Plymouth church in Brooklyn to the position of leading burlesque queen of Phil Sheridan's "New City Sports Big Show" of Bowery fame, now playing in this city, epitomizes the career of Ruth Elizabeth Beecher.

Miss Beecher's organization played lately in Miner's Bowery theater. In large type she was billed as Miss Ruth Beecher, "America's Nightingale."

She also plays the part of Franchette, leading woman at the Theater Franchette's Visit, and also the character of Lord Chancellor in a funny extravaganza entitled "The Troubles of a King."

In the last-named opera the niece of Henry Ward Beecher appears in tights. Speaking of her relationship to the famous preacher, she said:

"I was born in Adrian, Mich., on Christmas day, 1875. My father's name was Edward Beecher. He was a lawyer in Rochester, N. Y., in which city he died in 1885. My mother, Mrs. Alice Beecher, is still living. She lives in Rutgers street, in Utica, N. Y."

"When papa died—I was then barely ten years old—mamma and I moved to Rome, N. Y., and from there to Utica. This was in 1886."

"Uncle Henry and mamma never got on well together, and while I frequently visited him in Brooklyn, mamma never accompanied me. Possibly this was on account of her religious creed, for she is a devout Catholic."

"When papa died he left but little money, and mamma has only enough to live on herself, and when Uncle Henry sent for me I went to Brooklyn. Although only a child, I was devotedly fond of singing, and frequently sang in the choir in Plymouth church."

LADY SACKVILLE COMING.

Report Mrs. George Gould is Angling for a Wife for Her Brother-in-Law Frank.

Within ten days Lady Mary Sackville will be in this country, crushed finger and all. The finger was not so badly hurt, and Lady Mary Sackville would not forego the trip to America and the stay at Lakewood for many reasons.

Mrs. George Gould is an inveterate matchmaker, and here preferences are all for the nobility. It was she who made the match between her sister-in-law, Anna, and Boni de Castellane.

Now she has a greater purpose in view. There is her brother-in-law, Frank, who has just celebrated his majority, and who has been introduced in society this winter.

Mrs. George has set her heart, it is said, on bringing about this match. Frank has a leaning toward country life and fox hunting, and the sports and pastimes of an English country gentleman.

MONSTER MAMMOTH FOUND.

Huge Prehistoric Beast Which Was in a Perfect State of Preservation.

The finding of big gold nuggets and fabulously rich claims are not the only stories coming out of the Klondike. Here is the latest find, and it presents a golden opportunity to some enterprising meat canning concerns.

The huge monster had apparently been caught in a glacial slide. It weighs between 25 and 30 tons, with a length over all of 44 feet and 6 inches. Its right trunk is broken, but the left is in a perfect state of preservation, measuring 14 feet 3 inches in length and 88 inches in circumference.

HYPNOTIC SPELL ENDURING.

New York Farmer Unable to Revive the Man He Put to Sleep.

At Canandaigua, N. Y., which town obtained its name from the Indian word "Kanandarque," or "Sleeping Beauty," Harry Wilkinson, a young farmer, tried the art of hypnotism on a neighbor named Perkins and found it an easy matter to place him under the spell, but when he tried to awaken him it was beyond his means.

Prussia's Income Through Lotteries. The Prussian government earns \$20,000,000 a year through lotteries; the Italian government \$12,000,000.

Theaters in Spain. In Spain the theaters do not issue programmes.

PHILIPPINE FARMING.

Chance for Settlement of American Farmers on Public Land There.

Report of Dr. S. A. Knapp, Government Commissioner, Sent as Agricultural Explorer to Japan, China and Philippines.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, who was sent by the department of agriculture to Japan, China and the Philippines as an agricultural explorer, has returned to Washington and reported to Secretary Wilson the results of his labors.

"All fear of competition from Japan along agricultural lines may be dismissed. On the contrary, it must become a large consumer of farm products drawn from the United States. Under favorable treaty regulations Japan will import from the United States nearly all her flour, butter, cheese and meat, three-fourths of the raw cotton required, and from the Philippines nearly their entire surplus output of sugar."

Regarding China, he says radical changes in agricultural methods or products must be made very slowly, if at all, because the food supply cannot be materially reduced or even changed with safety.

From China Dr. Knapp proceeded to the Philippines, passing through the rice section to the east and north of Manila on to the sugar lands to the north. The Filipinos, as far as he observed, do not give as much attention to the production of nitrogenous foods as the Japanese, hence are less muscular.

WOMEN FIGHT IN THE STREET.

Philadelphia Cyclist Receives a Slighting Remark and Starts a Rough-and-Tumble Battle.

"You look like 25 cents!" called out one of a party of three women who were walking down Bond street, Philadelphia, the other night.

This remark was addressed to a young woman riding on a bicycle, and wearing a decidedly abbreviated skirt. Without a moment's hesitation the cyclist jumped from her wheel and rushed over to the woman that made the remark and planted a straight right on her face.

Things were getting warm for the lone rider when Special Officer Phelan reached the scene. He offered to arrest all hands, but after explanations had been made he decided to let them all go free.

BURNED BY ROENTGEN RAYS.

Paris Physician's Patient Aids 5,000 Francs Damages for Injuries Received.

Some time ago a Paris doctor, who was treating Mme. Mochert, a young woman, for an affection of the thigh joint, attempted to photograph the seat of the trouble with the Roentgen rays.

The third exposure lasted over an hour, and it was subsequently noticed that the skin was apparently burned. This burn resulted in a wound that caused long illness. Mme. Mochert sued the doctor for 5,000 francs' damage.

Everything depended on the patient's physical condition. He maintained that if the doctors were made responsible for such accidents they would be obliged to renounce the use of the rays.

MISS HANNA'S HUNTING FEAT.

Senator's Daughter Catches a Wildcat During a Morning Ride.

Miss Ruth Hanna, daughter of the Ohio senator, and her cousin, Howard Hanna, took a daylight start from Melrose plantation, at Thomasville, Ga., the other morning with a view of catching a wildcat which had been seen on Mr. Hanna's extensive game preserves.

The cat was a very large one and its capture by Miss Hanna and her young cousin was a feat of which veteran sportsmen might be proud.

The River Nile. The Nile has a fall of only six inches in 1,000 miles.

THE ORIGIN OF GRINGO.

It is the Name Given by Mexicans to Americans Because of a Song.

All the way from California comes a little story of the origin of "gringo," the name given by the Mexicans to all English and Americans.

"While in Guaymas I met a sea captain by the name of Bruce, then commander of the schooner La Union. He asked me if I would like to take a trip with him to a small seaport village called Ajijarampo, 65 miles down the Gulf of California, near the mouth of both the Mayo and Yaqui rivers.

"We were then introduced to the heads of the families, and were politely told to make ourselves at home. I drifted away from the captain and sat down by an old lady, whose name I learned was Fabiana Murrieta de Farrel. She stated that she was 94 years old and had been married to a 'gringo' 32 years.

"About the year '10 (meaning 1810), she began, a great many of us, then, of course, girls, were surprised to see a great crowd coming ashore in some boats from a buque (meaning a ship) in the port of Guaymas and singing a song that my husband taught me to pronounce. That was 'Green Grow the Meadows.'"

CROW WINTER RESORT.

Greedy Missouri Birds Break Timber by Their Weight and Try to Devour Drove of Hogs.

Southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas is the most popular winter resort in the world, according to the residents of that part of the country. What becomes of the greedy birds in the summer no one knows.

If all the crows that winter in this part of the country were to stay here during the planting season they would devour every tender shoot of corn as fast as it appeared.

The biggest crow roost in the United States was near Bois d'Arc, Mo., this winter. It was like a pigeon roost, in the respect that the weight of the crows broke the timber over acres of woodland.

During one of the heavy storms this winter some stock shippers had a singular experience with the crows at Ash Grove, Mo. The trains were delayed, on account of the snow, and a lot of hogs could not be shipped for several days.

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CHARACTER IN THE TONGUE.

A Parisian Mademoiselle Has Introduced This Novel Art, and Calls It Glosomancie.

Glosomancie is a new "science," introduced by a Miss Erbere No, of Paris, consisting of reading the character by the form and size of the tongue.

The guiding principles are as follows: If the tongue is long it is an indication of frankness; if it is short, of dissimulation; if it is broad, of expansiveness; if narrow, of concentration.

When the tongue is both long and large it implies that the possessor is a great gossip, frank to disagreeableness, and thoughtless.

If short and narrow it indicates deep cunning and lying; impenetrability and prudence. This tongue belongs to those persons always ready to make mistakes, but eager to inspire confidence.

So, then, not the physician alone is to be guided by the tongue, but before you become intimate with anyone, ask him or her to put out his or her tongue, that you may be certain whether they are to be trusted or not.

Premium on Widows in China. According to the laws of good society in China, young widows should not remarry. Widowhood is therefore held in the highest esteem, and the older the widow grows the more agreeable her position becomes.

Hoped to Be Mrs. Them. The professor was explaining to the class of young women the theory according to which the human frame is completely renewed every seven years.

PRINCE BONAPARTE'S PAROLE.

His Challenge to Count Falkenstein in Connection Therewith Was Not Accepted.

One of the incidents of the career of the late Prince Charles Bonaparte about which there is much obscurity is his imprisonment in Germany and release on parole, says the Paris Messenger.

The prince distinguished himself in the Franco-Prussian war by his bravery at the battles of Boony, Bezonville and Gravelotte, where he was decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor on the battlefield.

"During their captivity, however, the prisoners were treated with very little consideration, and at the beginning of February, 1891, Prince Bonaparte wrote a letter to Gen. Von Werder in which he declared that he had no wish for liberty dishonored by insult, and demanded to be put in a cell. No notice having been taken of this letter, Prince Bonaparte wrote a second time, taking back his word of honor not to escape.

Ants' Eggs Trade. How the Collectors of These Tiny Articles Go About Their Strange Work.

Ants' eggs are the base of a rapidly-increasing business in the British isles. Hundreds of weight of the tiny spoils are imported yearly by the bird fanciers, who feed them to young pheasants, canaries and aquarium fish.

They are collected for the most part in a certain district in the south of Russia, where many thousands of peasants make a living by them. A collector, going out upon a sunny day to some hills he has in mind, piles upon them little twigs and sticks. Then he rudely disturbs the ants in their busy home.

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TAKLA-MAKAN.

A Dead City of Forgotten People Buried in the Forests of Central Asia.

Interest is being revived in the buried city of Takla-Makan and the dead forests around it by Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, in the desert of Gobi, Central Asia, at an elevation of between 16,000 and 18,000 feet above sea level.

Dr. Hedin considers that the site of this city now exceeds in dreariness and desolation all the other desert parts of the earth, and yet under the sand drifts he found undeniable evidence of the existence of a great and populous city, mostly built of poplar wood, whose inhabitants were far advanced in arts, religion and industry.

The find has even rivaled, from the philological standpoint, those which in Mashonaland would appear to have revealed the habitat of a very ancient civilization who have been lost sight of since early Biblical times.

A POSSIBILITY. The Railroad Man's Guess Why Tickets Were Selling at Bargain Counter Prices.

She was a portly lady with a lot of bundles—and it may be noted at this point that it is almost always the case that the larger the lady is, the larger and more numerous are the bundles she carries—and when she entered the railroad station she was puffing so that a drowsy man on the front seat jumped up suddenly, thinking it was the engine of the train he was waiting for.

"Is the train for Jungleville gone yet?" she inquired.

"No, ma'am," responded the clerk.

AN AMUSING LEGEND.

One That Is Related of a Sanitarium in the Adirondacks—May Not Be True.

A sanitarium for consumptives in the Adirondacks, which is now a well-known institution, is almost as well provided with legends as patrons, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

The best of these legends is that they are true. The hospital, which is scientifically equipped in every particular, although in the wilderness, was built through the untiring efforts of the sisters of mercy, who went about pleading the cause of the poor who died because the expensive hotels and sanitariums of the "big woods" were beyond their means.

After months of praying and begging and working, the land was secured (Paul Smith's gift) and sufficient money on hand to begin building. Then it was discovered that in order to have water from the lake expensive engineering would be necessary.

They promised the blessed virgin to build a shrine on the mountain if she would intercede for them. Just how the engineers settled it is not in the province of this column, but they did. And the shrine was built on the crest of one of the loveliest "hills" of the range overlooking the sapphire lake and sanitarium.

A PLEASANT PROSPECT.

Astronomers Say the Moon Is Getting Ready to Fall Onto the Earth.

It is not likely to happen just yet awhile, but many astronomers are prepared for the fall of the moon at a distant date, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is probable that eventually the moon will be drawn well within the sphere of attraction of the earth. At present she is just far enough off to be kept in tow, so to speak, and to whirl round and round us as well as spin herself.

But when the inevitable time comes, and she is drawn far into the attraction radius, she is likely to be pulled right down and fall onto the earth, for her attraction is, of course, much weaker than ours. She is in no more danger of this at one time than another, and the danger is increasing gradually but surely.

It may be 10,000 or 15,000 years yet, but when she does fall there will certainly be a terrific bump, and the whole system of the earth will be badly jolted.

It is calculated that, taking the most dangerous epoch of the year into consideration and her consequent position, she is likely to fall on the northeastern part of Europe, and will entirely wipe Russia and Germany from the map.

Tidal waves and all sorts of horrors will occur, and the fallen moon will probably break up. The entire climate of the world will be altered, and England will probably be more or less improved, according to the scientists.

MATCHMAKING IN JAPAN.

The Nakoda, or Midwoman, Often Employed to Awaken the Tender Passion.

There exists in Japan, among some of the classes, a certain custom of hiring a midwoman, nakoda, or professional matchmaker, in order to make an engagement between a couple, writes Onoto Watanna in the April Ladies' Home Journal. It often happens that a family will desire an alliance with another family with whom they are not intimately acquainted.

Then are the services of the professional matchmaker invaluable. To be successful in such a profession one must never be known as such to the family she desires to court. Very often nakodas and midwomen follow this profession for years and yet are not known as such save to those who have employed them.

Most of the matchmakers are very honest, and it is their duty to discover all the good and bad points of the couple and point them out to the parents; they give good advice and do everything possible to promote the happiness of the pair.

A Japanese Girl's Wedding. Marriage in Japan is only a civil contract, and not in any way a religious one, writes Onoto Watanna in Ladies' Home Journal. It is protected by law and social obligations. The church and state do not concern themselves at all in marital affairs.

A sign hung in the partially depleted store of a New York funeral director who had moved further uptown caused many a smile among passers-by the other day. It read: "Have gone to a better place above. Here a fine stock of coffins, caskets, and so forth will be found, with all the latest designs in funeral furnishings."