

LABORERS BECOME RICH.

Two Men at Lakewood, N. J., Find Their Prospects in Life Changed by Coming into Fortunes.

There must be some sort of jumble luck in the fiery furnace of the Lakewood, N. J., hotel's heating and lighting plant. Fortune has smiled benignly upon two coal-begrimed toilers in that establishment, and her fairy touch has metamorphosed them into young men of fashion, means and aspirations.

Estell expects to buy a farm in eastern New Jersey and settle down to the gentle life of a country squire.

Antonio Manges, the coal passer, though his windfall is not so large, has almost eclipsed Estell.

WEDS MOTHER'S HUSBAND.

Young Woman Visiting in California Makes Matrimonial Alliance Which Has Peculiar Features.

A strange romance in the lives of James H. Nichols and his wife, Amanda, has just been made known at Mount Gilend, O.

Believing Nichols dead, and having met another man with whom she fell in love, she was again married.

Just before Christmas Sarah became acquainted with James H. Nichols, her mother's former husband.

Knight in Toller's Garb.

There was a picture incident at the opening of the Bendigo (Australia) gold jubilee exhibition by the earl of Hopetoun, governor general of the new commonwealth.

Applied in the Wrong Place.

The Kaiser's favorite actress, Mile. Rose Boppe, provides an aftermath to M. Coquelin's recent triumph in Berlin by writing to a newspaper to explain an interview in which she is quoted as saying that M. Coquelin's productions turned out to be a fiasco.

January and May.

Notary Angelo Aliviti of Alatri in Sardinia, age 100, has just married a 26-year-old wife.

Telephone in San Francisco.

San Francisco leads the American cities in the matter of telephones, there being an instrument to every 16 persons.

Blood in the Human Body.

The amount of blood in the human body is 1-13 of the body weight.

SEEKING NEW IDEAS.

British Commission Coming to Study American Methods.

Industrial Conditions in the United States to Be Made a Matter of Thorough Investigation—Plan Extensive Tour.

Alfred Moseley, C. M. G., London, is arranging for a commission to visit the United States in the autumn to investigate American industrial methods from the British standpoint.

The whole of the elected delegates will accompany him at his expense. The delegates are in no way bound to any view and will go unbiased and willing to see and learn.

The delegates will tour for about a month, accompanied by newspaper and literary men.

Mr. Moseley declares that education is at the root of the difficulty. This labor commission is additional to the commission of experts, the cost of which he is to defray and whose object it is to inquire into the educational systems of the continent and of America.

FUGITIVE WINS A FORTUNE.

Escaped Indiana Convict Becomes Rich in South Africa and Comes Back to Serve Out Sentence.

The voluntary return of Chester Evans during the past week to the Indiana reformatory at Jeffersonville, after having served one year as a scout in the English army, furnished an unusual story, and now a more romantic chapter is to be added.

"When I ran away November 10, 1900," said Evans, "I did not have any money. I fled to Africa for safety from arrest, never thinking of the dangers I might encounter in battling with the Boers.

TO BE LARGEST ORE DOCK.

Capacity of Great Northern Property at Head of Lakes to Be Increased to 100,000 Gross Tons.

It is stated at Duluth, Minn., that the Eastern Minnesota Great Northern interest is to increase the length of its new ore dock on the Allouez Bay, Superior, 6,000 feet, adding 100 pockets, representing 30,000 gross tons.

New Rival of Santos-Dumont.

M. Santos-Dumont has another rival in the person of M. Girardot, winner of the international automobile coup and M. Charron's partner.

New Paris Police Regulations.

Americans going to Paris will be interested to know that fresh vexations are contemplated by a bill introduced in the chamber of deputies by M. Waldeck-Rousseau.

British Wesleyan Fund.

England's Wesleyan Methodists have failed to raise the sum of a million guineas they undertook to get in order to celebrate the twentieth century.

Prince Henry's Itinerary.

The itinerary for Prince Henry indicates, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that the gentlemen who fixed up the schedule think all that is worth seeing in the average American city can be seen in about 20 minutes.

TALK ABOUT CHINA.

American Trade Said to Be More Than Holding Its Own.

David G. Fairchild, Expert of Agricultural Department, Reports the Results of His Observations—Japan is Aggressive.

Secretary Wilson has received a report from David G. Fairchild, the expert of the department of agriculture, who with Mr. Lathrop, a wealthy New Yorker, is exploring the world for new plants for introduction into this country.

Mr. Fairchild went to Canton in search of the South Chinese peaches and plums, scions and trees of which he announces he has shipped here to the Germans.

The American occupation of Manila has led to a remarkable increase in prices of labor, hotel accommodations and food product in China.

"Smooth" nickels must be accepted at their face value, according to a decision rendered the other day by Judge Ryan in the circuit court in the case of John F. Ruth, who was awarded \$2,000 against the St. Louis Transit company for being ejected from a car, arrested and locked up over night because he tendered a worn coin.

POT OF GOLD IS FOUND.

Treasure Hidden by an Eccentric Michigan Man Discovered by Following His Directions.

A pot containing \$5,000 in gold buried by the late Franklin H. Donaldson, who lived near Niles, Mich., was dug up by a party of men who found the spot through instructions left in an old safe by Donaldson.

Donaldson for 50 years lived on a farm near Olivet. He was a retired lawyer and noted for his eccentric ways. He was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, and to the income derived from his farm was added a liberal pension.

Will Paint Mrs. Roosevelt.

Cecilia Beaux, a well-known woman portrait painter, of Philadelphia, has received a commission to paint a portrait of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

An Authority of Lace.

Mme. L. Daimeries-Petitjean, the greatest authority on lace in Belgium, died recently in Brussels. She was the official expert of the Belgian government, of the city of Brussels, of the cathedral of Sainte Gudeule, and of many business corporations.

A Good Name for Politics.

A Kansas man named Gansoway wants to form a new political party, says the Chicago Record-Herald, and adds, he seems to have one of the necessary equipments for the job if there is anything in a name.

One Man's Two Silver Weddings.

A Kansas man has celebrated two silver weddings, having lived 23 years with each of his two wives.

Tuberculosis in Glasgow.

The death rate in Glasgow from tuberculosis is still 20 per 1,000.

THE "LAST SUPPER HYMN."

Possibility That One Sung by Our Lord and Disciples Has Come Down to Present Time.

On that climacteric evening, when our Lord and His disciples sat at their last supper, after He had blessed the bread and given it to them as His body, and the wine as His blood, and declared: "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom!"

Here, you observe, as far back as the beginning of our era, says Sidney Lanier, in Lippincott's Magazine, we find the world in possession of a stock of tunes. There can be little doubt that the melodies which the disciples sang with Christ in person were handed down and formed the body of those collections which Bishop Ambrose, and after him Pope Gregory, brought together, and it is possible enough that the hymn which Christ and His apostles sang was sung last Sunday in some church of America, for we have tunes in our Psalmody—not to speak of the Gregorian tunes still surviving as plain chant in the Catholic churches—which have come down from quite immemorial times, and the path of church music, as I have shown, leads directly back to this hymn which was sung on the evening of the last supper.

SMOOTH NICKELS ARE GOOD.

Judge at St. Louis Rules That Street Railways Must Accept Them at Face Value.

"Smooth" nickels must be accepted at their face value, according to a decision rendered the other day by Judge Ryan in the circuit court in the case of John F. Ruth, who was awarded \$2,000 against the St. Louis Transit company for being ejected from a car, arrested and locked up over night because he tendered a worn coin.

"There is no such thing, as assumed by the defendant, as a nickel of less than full face value. A gold coin may be worth less than its face value because of abrasion or loss of weight, but this is not true of a nickel. I think the carrier should be held to the rule that if it ejects a passenger who tenders a good coin in payment, it does so at its peril. It is better that the conductor, if in doubt, should be held to the rule that if it ejects a passenger who tenders a good coin in payment, it does so at its peril. It is better that the conductor, if in doubt, should receive the coin than to establish a rule of law which would permit him to eject a passenger who tenders a good coin and then plead as an excuse that he thought it was bad.

VALUABLE RELICS FOUND.

Remains of Ancient Sarmatians Discovered on Rosi River, Province of Kiev, Russia.

The most interesting remains of the ancient Sarmatians ever discovered have been unearthed on the banks of the Rosi river, province of Kiev, Russia. At a depth of two meters were found traces of ancient incineration, and near several charred bones was picked up a smooth, thick ornament of golden wire, on which was represented a scene, with a number of typical figures.

A Straggling Student.

There was a wild scene at Buda-Pesth university a few days ago, says the Buda-Pesth correspondence of the London Chronicle. Twenty students had undergone oral examinations, and 18 had been badly "pucked," owing, as they thought, to the unreasonable severity of the text.

Wanted Solid Reading.

An English bishop says that recently he came upon a Highlander in Scotland who is several miles from neighbors and must spend the winter months alone. The bishop offered to send him some magazines, but he replied: "I have no wish for light stuff such as that; but, sir, could you get me a copy of the sermons of Jonathan Edwards?"

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS.

New Idea for a Winter Evening Entertainment—Lots of Fun for a Cent.

Here's another party for you to give during the winter evenings. This one is especially delightful for half-grown boys and girls, as well as grown-up folks, says the Detroit Free Press.

The cards upon which the invitation are written should be decorated with copper-colored ribbon to which pierced pennies are attached.

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THE PEERAGE IN FICTION.

Duchesses Use Bad Grammar, Countesses Are Beautiful and Untitled Folks Are Smart.

"When I go back to England in the spring," said the long expatriated one, "I shall be presented."

"Perceiving what she interpreted as a sneer on the face of her American friend, she went on: "O, perhaps you think I haven't friends to present me. Well, I've lots of 'em, even if I am a nobody over in this untitled country!"

"Not at all, said the American, politely. "It is not a question of birth, breeding or beauty. But I happen to know that to be presented you must wear three ostrich feathers in your hair, there's only one in your hat and you'll never save the money to buy two more."

"That's so," mused the English girl. "Perhaps I can borrow Aunt Ellen's. Do you always have to wear three feathers at court?"

"I don't know," said her friend, "but if Aunt Ellen hasn't a coronet she will have to wear feathers, I guess. It's one or the other, or perhaps both."

"What a lot you know about the British aristocracy!"

"My ideas are derived solely from current fiction, I frankly confess; but I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of its portrayal of the titled of the earth. For instance, should I meet a duchess I should at once scatter what little grammar I have to the four winds. Duchesses like that."

"Do they?" queried the English girl. "Why?"

"Why? Haven't you read fiction. Is there ever a duchess nowadays in fiction who has any grammar? No, indeed. Their manners are always of the most cheerfully unconventional sort."

"Two of the last five novels I've read have had a duchess in them, and they were both the gayest kind of old parties. The first said 'zal' and dropped every 'g' and talked at the top of her lungs, and the second dug up her own garden and quarreled with the gardener."

"They were both the kindest of women—all duchesses are, if you only talk after their own fashion. I want to meet a duchess badly."

"Lady Towers was a duchess' sister," suggested the English girl. "You knew her?"

"Precisely. And could her manners have been worse? No, you admit that they couldn't. Of course she was a spiteful cat, too, which just proves my theory. She was only half a duchess, as you might say, and she had only half the attributes of one. Now countesses are always beautiful. Did you ever read of a countess who wasn't lovely to behold?"

"I don't remember."

"No, of course not. You never did. Now, the ladies this or that are a more numerous tribe; but it is safe to say that if a woman is going to be rapid she is married to a lord. It is always the lords, of course, who live by their wits, so there is some little excuse for the ladies."

"Smart women, if not Lady Somebody, are plain Mrs. Anything. Untitled people in a society novel have to be smart, of course, or they can't be admitted."

"What you say is really quite true," observed the English girl, meditatively. "You ought to go over to England and see all these people you know so much about."

"I am going some day," said the American, "to look for duchesses. I will have my duchess. Since they are all so unconventional, I have reason to believe that the duchess in Alice in Wonderland was drawn from life. I am going over to look for her."

Sailing Over a Mountain Range.

Modern exploration of the ocean bottom has shown that the sea has its mountains as well as the land, even including those that are of a volcanic character. Ships sail over these mountains of the sea as eagles pass above the Alps, but owing to the darkness that reigns in the ocean depths, we cannot look down and see their peaks, slopes and ranges lying far beneath the keels of our vessels. But we can discover them by feeling, as it were, that is to say, by means of soundings that reveal their outlines. One of the remarkable chains of submarine mountains discovered in this manner lies about 100 miles east of the coast of Australia. It was found in surveying a track for a cable to Norfolk Island. The sea over the top of its highest summits is about 1,500 feet deep, but around them the plummet sinks to a depth of two or three miles.—Youth's Companion.

An Evilily-Disposed Roof.

The Tartar general of Canton has been troubled by an evil influence in his yamen which in one month caused the death of his wife and daughter, as well as of a former Tartar general. A fang shui professor was finally called in. He looked over the city, and decided the evil influence was the roof of the library of the government school for foreign languages. The roof, which was a peaked one, was at once removed and is now being replaced by a flat one.—Hong-Kong Press.

With a Reservation.

Whenever a man admits that he doesn't know a thing, he still makes a mental reservation.—Washington (La.) Democrat.