

OF SUCH ARE PROOFREADERS

Little Miss Has Painful Struggle During Spelling Lesson Conducted by Her Father.

Ralph Royston, who is a salesman for one of the big printing machines...

ASIATICS ON BRITISH SHIPS

Growing Preference for Chinese Seamen Over Britons for Service Under Red Ensign.

One of the principal grievances complained of by the union, we believe, is the alleged growing preference of ship owners for Asiatic seamen...

The Astronomer's Cat.

The Rev. T. E. Espin, who recently achieved considerable fame by discovering a new star, possesses a tabby cat...

The story of Mr. Espin's cat in his own words is this: "Last February, returning from church on a cold night...

Damning Evidence.

"Madam," says the agent of the black hand, "we have a photograph of you and Count de Gaylegh riding in an automobile..."

"What care I?" haughtily says the lady. "The Count is a gentleman in every way and, besides, he is going to marry my daughter..."

Optim in Barrel Staves.

Through some clever work on the part of the customs secret service, men 199 cans of opium hidden in the staves of barrels containing lamp blacking were seized recently...

Then He Struck.

A few days ago a second-class stoker was paraded before the commanding officer of the Devonport naval barracks on a charge of insubordination...

Lace From St. Helena.

It is pleasant to read that the work of the St. Helena government lace school has met with the approval of her majesty the queen...

BLACK CATS IN BIG DEMAND

Fur is Used in Making Ladies' Cloaks, Hats, Muffs, Capes and Other Articles.

The market value of black cats is rising rapidly, owing to the fact that their fur is greatly in demand for the making of ladies' cloaks, hats, muffs, capes and other articles of dress...

LATEST MODEL WORKABOUT

Farmer Creates Some Excitement by Appearing on Streets With Rig of Own Invention.

Walter Lanfair, a farmer living on Dewey street, Tatham, created some excitement by riding through the town in a "workabout" of his own invention...

A Dignified Function.

George Ade was out walking with a guide in Kioto, Japan, when he observed a great procession approaching...

Bitterly Disappointed.

Here is a story in the week's annals of Maine merchants, this time from Portland. A Portland tradesman was visited by a friend from the country...

Vacations for Cattle.

In western Australia one farmer may be heard to inquire of another whether he has as yet sent his cattle on their vacation...

Father of His Country Had the Grip.

As the Father of His Country had the grip it is not surprising that it should run through all the family...

Loose From St. Helena.

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ALEXANDRA DEFIES OLD AGE

Secret of Dowager Queen's Youthful Appearance Lies Mostly in Her Diet.

The secret of Queen Alexandra's wonderful youthful appearance never ceases to interest feminine England and some details of her diet have been imparted to the curious...

LEARNING AMONG THE SCOTS

Many a Man Who Never Had Any "Schooling" Gets Surprisingly Good Education.

Many a man who never had any "schooling" gets an education, and often a surprisingly good one. A traveler in Scotland once met a farmer whose ground rent was about £30 a year...

The Bending of Big Guns.

Among the problems with which army and navy engineers have to deal nowadays is that of the drooping of the muzzles of excessively long guns under the stress of their own weight...

Injury in Innovation.

Humanity, in ages of experience, has learned that any radical change or decided innovation may mean some great injury to the whole tribe or race...

When Codfish Use Ballast.

A Gloucester fisherman, one of the protesters against the fish clause in the Canadian Reciprocity bill, was talking about fish in Washington...

Dick in a Crowd.

When a certain mild-mannered representative from a middle western state went to congress he left behind a body of constituents who fancied that great personal benefits would come to them through their powerful statesman...

SHIRT-BUTTONS FOR TEETH

Ingenuous Old Woman Tries Her Hand at a Little Home Dentistry.

Shoe-button eyes are frequently seen on the woolly dogs, cats and other animals sold for toys, penwipers and pincushions, but shirt button teeth worn by a human being are a decided novelty...

STYLE IN ENGLISH NECKWEAR

Broad-Ended Tie Has Been Rage for Half Decade and is Likely to Continue.

For the last half decade the broad-ended tie made from the piece has been the rage in England, and haberdashers will not look at anything else...

Solace on Strike.

Legislation in the Isle of Man, off the shore of England, is at a standstill because the house of keys has gone on strike...

Lepers Colony of Molokai.

The leper colony in Hawaii has not grown any the last several years, said O. B. Thomas of Honolulu...

Dosed by Deceit by Arithmetic.

Before wireless telegraphy was thought of, and the patient could communicate with the shore doctor, the captain was the ship's doctor...

The Galaxy of Double Stars.

Coburg, Lane county, a village of 300 people, boasts two pairs of twins born within the last six weeks...

IN FEAR OF HONORARY TITLE

Baron Steuben Alarmed Lest He Should Meet Mishap That Befel Lafayette.

Some men have shunned honorary titles almost as earnestly as others have coveted them. After Lafayette had been made a doctor of laws by a New Jersey college shortly before the close of the Revolutionary war...

MYRIAD FOES OF THE OAK

Most Afflicted of Trees is the Prey of Over Fifteen Hundred Kinds of Insects.

Along the Hudson river, from Spuyten Duyvil to Ossining, according to reports of foresters, thousands of elm trees have been saved from destruction since last fall...

Complex American Legal Problems.

No country has such complex and varied problems to cope with as the United States. Conditions arising by reason of the heavy tide of immigration from all countries, including gentiles, Jews, Greeks, Turks, Mohammedans...

A War on Wild Pigeons.

A great slaughter of wild pigeons took place all over the Isle of Wight this week and it is estimated that quite a thousand guns were enrolled for the campaign...

Origin of Dollar Sign.

"Pieces of eight" mean the Spanish peso duro, or hard dollar, bearing the numeral eight and being the value of eight reals...

What She Forgot.

A lady who had given a workman engaged on some work at her house a glass of beer, afterwards asked him if he liked it...

The Crying Need.

An irate old lady, the wife of a prosperous farmer on the outskirts of Philadelphia, stepped off a train in Broad street station the other day with a face like a thunder cloud...

A Trunk-Packing Hint.

One girl who is something of a traveler has for her trunk a large sheet of blue muslin. This is put in the bottom of the trunk before the packing is started...

NAVY BUILDING IN EUROPE

Austro-Hungary and France Plan Extensive Operations for the Shipbuilders.

The Hungarian delegations have approved the Austro-Hungarian naval program, which calls for an expenditure of \$65,000,000 in building four Dreadnoughts, three fast cruisers and a number of torpedo boats in the next six years...

PASSING OF TUATARA LIZARD

Is One of Most Ancient Forms of Animal Life Now Found on Earth.

The tuatara lizard, found in New Zealand, is one of the most ancient forms of animal life now found on earth. Originally this lizard possessed four eyes, but in the course of the ages it has lost one pair and must now get along with two...

An Officer's Ready Wit.

An ancestor of Tolstoy's, an army officer, was an excellent mimic. One day he was mimicking the Emperor Paul to a group of his friends when Paul himself entered and for some moments looked on unperceived at the antics of the young man...

Tell It to Rostand.

"Did you ever notice," inquired the woman who has just moved to the country, "that when you hear a rooster crow early in the morning it always sounds a long way off? I used to observe that when I took my vacations in the country, even when staying at a place that had a barnyard full of chickens, I never heard a rooster crow close by...