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An Alligator's Mouth.

An observer down South says an alligator's mouth is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in his open mouth goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat, he lets his victuals hunt for him. That is, he lies with his great mouth open, "Are you going to eat anything?" and when a bug or mosquito or a few gnats, and a colony of mosquitoes, the alligator says, "All right, then." He swallows a dozen mosquitoes. The alligator doesn't close his mouth yet. He is waiting for a whole covey of pigeons. A lizard will cool himself under the shade of his upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitoes. Finally a whole colony of insects and reptiles settle down for an afternoon picnic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls, the alligator blinks one eye, gulps down the entire menagerie, and opens his great front door again for more visitors.

Professional Inventors.

Under the heading of "A Hint to Inventors," the facetious editor of Texas Siritings gives the following dialogue, which is, in a measure, characteristic of a class of inventors.

First Yankee: "What puts you in such a good humor this morning?" Second Yankee: "I've just got my patent for my new patent ink eraser. I wouldn't take fifty thousand dollars for it." "Did you get a patent last year for inventing an indelible ink?" "I did, and sold it for eighty thousand dollars, and now I have invented an eraser that will even remove writing done with my own indelible ink." "What are you going at next?" "I'm going to invent another indelible ink that can't be erased by my new ink eraser. I tell you, there is money in this patent business, if you manage it right."

Toothpicks.

"Are you aware of the extent of the toothpick business in Maine?" Mr. J. C. Bridgman, who represents the National Toothpick Association, asked a representative of the Portland (Maine) Press the other day. "That seems to be a pretty big name for small business, I suppose you think," he continued. "But you will be surprised when I tell you that our association has contracted for enough toothpicks to be made in Maine the coming year to load a train of fifty cars with nothing but toothpicks. We shall take out of Maine before next June five thousand million toothpicks. A pretty fair sized lot, you see, will be sittin' up to go into the mouths and vest pockets of millions of Americans. Maine furnishes a larger portion of all the toothpicks used in this country."

"What is the worst thing about riches?" asked a Sunday-school teacher. "That they take to themselves wings and fly away," promptly replied the boy at the foot of the class. — Cincinnati Saturday Night.
No doubt some of the candidates for the various city offices will be April fooled.

We believe in protection for American labor. Natural gas will force the drivers of our ash-carts to leave the business. Can not something be done to prevent it?

If a man really has something to sell, he is anxious to let people know it. The merchant who is enterprising enough to advertise will be found enterprising enough to keep a nice line of new goods to show to his customers when they call.

Now that so many of the prominent editors of the United States are about to leave the country, to represent our government at foreign courts, it will be a good time to work up the circulation of the News.

Murat Halstead, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, is appointed Minister to Germany. Pres. Harrison evidently thinks it will be an easy matter to administer the government, if he can only induce a few of our leading editors to leave the country.

If the treatment Murat Halstead is receiving, is an indication of the manner in which certain Senators intend to use Ohio editors hereafter, we want them to understand that it will be useless for them to come whining around the News office, asking our support for the presidency four years hence.

John Bright.

John Bright, the English statesman, who has just died, was one of the noblest men his country has produced. He first became prominent in public life about the year 1840. The same year that witnessed the “Tippecanoe and Tyler, too” campaign in America, found Cobden and Bright starting their Anti-Corn-Law agitation in England. After a struggle of many years the movement was successful, and Great Britain adopted its present policy of free trade. Whatever may be said as to the probable effect of free trade in America, it can not be doubted that the adoption of this measure resulted in placing England at the head of the commercial world.

In all the political movements in his country, during the past fifty years, the name of John Bright has occupied a very prominent place. He usually based his opinion on what he considered the rightness or wrongness of the measure rather than on its expediency, so that, in the end, he rarely found himself on the wrong side of a question. He has acted with the Liberal party in most of its undertakings, but when the party divided on the question of Home Rule he left the party of Gladstone and acted with the Liberal Unionists.

For many years past his health has been very poor, and now at the age of seventy-eight years, he closes his long career, holding a place in the hearts of his countrymen equalled only by that of Mr. Gladstone.

LOCAL NEWS.

Did you ever see such fine weather in March?

Noah Bish is building an addition to his house on West Third Street.

Howard Horn spent a day this week at his home near Lewisburg, Ohio.

Miss Winnie Billheimer of Xenia is spending her week of vacation in this city, the guest of the Misses Stokes of South Williams Street.

Dan High is building a new pigeon house on Broadway.

The City election will be held Monday, April 1st. Vote early and often.

Mr. Thomas J. Sines of S. Hawthorne St. has been confined to his home by a sore throat for several days.

The people living on Hawthorne Street like to have plenty of light. They already have electric light and artificial gas. If they can only get a twenty-foot flame of natural gas at each end of the street, they will be satisfied.

Prof. C. L. Loos will give a Shakespearean reading at the Central High School next Friday evening for the benefit of the Philomathean Society. Admission ten cents. Let everybody go and receive a treat.

The annual anniversary of the Womans' Missionary Society of the Summit Street U. B. Church will be held April 7th. The members of the Womans' Society, Young Ladies' Association, and Gleaners Band will participate in the exercises of the evening.

About one o'clock Thursday afternoon, Officer Siler was informed by Mr. Jenks of Broadway, that there was some jewelry lying in the river at the Fifth Street bridge. Officer Siler informed Chief Shoemaker, who sent Detectives Kellar and Funk to investigate the matter. They fished out a number of necklaces, napkin-rings, and breast-pins. The jewelry was the property of A. G. Snyder of Piqua, Ohio, whose residence had been burglarized the night before. They evidently had been thrown from the bridge, as they were strewn from one side of the river to the other, and almost under the bridge. There still remains some which they were unable to get.

WANTED A boy between 13 and 15 years of age to work in a printing office. No experience required. Apply at 7 Hawthorne Street.
GENERAL NEWS.

There are fourteen Indians in the Kansas penitentiary.

Japan is rapidly becoming Americanized in ideas. Base ball has been adopted as the national game.

There is still a heavy demand for Mrs. Cleveland's photographs.

Ex-Secretary Endicott and wife will spend the summer in England.

Grover Cleveland has been adopted as one of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. This distinction has been conferred on but two other men.

David B. Hill, governor of New York, is really engaged to be married, despite his numerous denials. the bride-elect is a Miss. Hotchkiss, of Elmira.

Cornell's new library, which is now under construction, will cost $225,000, and will have room for 475,000 volumes.

Mrs. Harrison, who is suffering from the over-work and excitement of the last few weeks, expects, soon, to go to Old Point Comfort.

Mr. James Laurenceson, who administered the oath of office to Mr. Wanamaker, is the oldest postal clerk in the service of the government, and has sworn in 24 postmaster-generals.

The news from the venerable Pope Leo XIII is not favorable to any expectation that his life will be greatly prolonged.

After April 22nd, the Oklahoma boomers may boom the territory all they please. President Harrison has issued a proclamation opening the land for settlement.

It is reported that Russian detectives have learned of a gigantic conspiracy of Nihilists, spreading through all parts of Russia. The plots include a new and formidable series of attempts upon the life of the Czar. Numerous arrests have been made in Moscow, Rief, Odesa, and southern Russia, in consequence of the unearthing of the conspiracy.
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