An Infant Phenomenon

A singular freak of nature was brought to town yesterday by a negro woman named Jane Carter, who has until recently been employed on a farm near here. The freak is her three-months-old baby, which will repeat almost anything said to it or spoken in its presence, a fact that cannot be explained by the phenomenon, and found the child to be a bright-eyed little pickaninny, with nothing remarkable in its appearance, except that one of its small fingers is peculiarly white.

It has been upon the mother, who has nothing remarkable in its appearance, though it possessed of so singular a power. It is a boy, about the usual size of an infant of its age, eating and sleeping in a most natural manner. Its speech is limited to repeating words and sentences which it hears, it imitating every word it hears, whether it be right or wrong, and has nothing of the lisping accent.

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Ask J. W. Booth, "where did you get that hat?"

Mr. T. S. Adamson, of 123 South Hawthorne street, is very sick with a complication
of la grippe, pneumonia, lung fever and congestion of the lungs.

Miss Lillie Meyers, of West Second street, was presented a
handsome gold watch and chain. Mrs. S. F. Kepler, also has car
ried a handsome gold watch since the holidays.

The funeral of Mr. Shaw, colored,
resident of the West Side, was very largely attended last Sunday by
colored societies of which he was a member.

Rev. W. M. Drury, of North Broadway, during the vacancy
occasioned by the resignation of
Rev. J. H. Whitistorf, of the U. B. Church at Miamisburg, is
swearing the congregation as a supply.

Mr. James Manning, who for
several days previous had been
stricken with paralysis, passed
away Wednesday noon, at the residence of his brother, Mr. Chadwick,
of West Third street. The
funeral took place from the Chadwick residence, Friday morning.

The managers of the base ball
park made a vain attempt to flood
the grounds for the purpose of
making a skating rink, Wednesday
night. They engaged the Dayton View hose house men to
throw on the water, but being
burned upon the hose grille, the
water sank faster than supplied.

A number of Dayton men, em
ployees of the Columbia Bridge Works, while at work on a bridge
in Warren county, were injured by the falling of the bridge. The
bolts were being tightened and the iron structure yet rested upon
pedestals, when it toppled over, severely injuring many of the work
men.

Mr. Ed. Weitz and Miss Linnie Good were married at the resi
dence of the groom's father, on
West First street, Thursday night.

After a long felt want the West Side may now boast of a clothing
and hat store, which will be another
attraction to business men to
the part of the city. Besides the
other enterprise which is adver
tised on our first page is just about
to take its start, in the manufacture of	ugene	is,

The socialites have been hold
ing a series of meetings for the past few days at the sponso
of a well known citizen of the West Side.

Yesterday the lady who has been conducting these meet
ings received a telegram (on the
card wire) informing her that
her mother was very sick and
would probably not live longer
than a week. In consequence she left for Cincinnati yesterday af
noon, and the seance that was to have taken place last night was
postponed for an indefinite period.

It is said that one of the experi
enced members of the bar attend
ed a seance a night or two ago and
became so impressed with the prophecies that he is thinking of
abandoning the practice of law to
commune with the world of spiri
tics. No retainer!—Journal.

A pancake machine has been in
vented to be placed on the table. Turning a handle grinds out the
batter between metal rollers that are kept hot by a lamp and depos
its the cakes brown and warm, as they are needed.

The dead Empress Augusta be
quested to Queen Victoria a splendid bracelet, bearing the word "Forever" set in gems.

Victoria has abandoned her con
templated visit to Florence. The semi-official reason given is the
death of Empress Augusta. The
treal reason is her own serious
condition of health.

Colonel Voelkof, of the Oar's
body-guard, and several other
military officers suspected of plot
ning against the life of the Emper
or, have committed suicide. It is
said that a brother of the Oar will shortly be banished from the
capital for meddling in political
affairs.

The Brazilian government has
issued a decree dividing the coun
try into three banking districts and
providing for three issue banks, with a capital of $25,000,000
in government stock, the cir
culation of each bank's notes to be
confined to its own district.

Ten per cent. of the earnings will be applied to the redemption of the
capital stock.

Within a short time the Star of
Bethlehem will be visible, making
its appearance in the sky of
December. It comes once in
315 years, and is a wondrous
brilliance for the space of three weeks; then it wanes and disappears after
seventeen months. It will be
the sixth star added to the five fixed
terrestrial constellations, Cassio
pea, which it remains in sight.

The Pope has issued an encyc
clical which sets forth the principles
which shall guide Catholics in
their relations toward the state, in
which, the encyclic says, Catholic
must obey when such a course does
not entail disobedience to the
divine laws. In countries where

LOCAL NEWS.

Ask for Brown's Tar Soap.
Go to Franck's for drugs.
Harry Fox, of Middle street, is
ill with quinsy of the throat.
Perry Mortdhead was laid up Mon
day and Tuesday with la grippe.
Mr. Johnson, of West Third, has
la grippe.

Ada Warner, of Germantown street,
toward the end of May, passed
into eternity. Walter Francisco, of South
Broadway, has the la grippe.

Mrs. Joshua Shank, of West Third street, is seriously ill.
If you want good groceries go to
Vance & Caylor's, South Broadway.

Mr. J. P. Landis, of West Sec
ond street, is seriously ill.
Mrs. Mollie Reed is still very ill
at the residence of Mr. D. A.
Hoffman, on West Third street.

Mr. Givens and family, of West
Third street, are suffering with la
grippe.

Mrs. Dunhinho, of West Third street, had a severe attack of
la grippe.

Lillian Bertsle, the baby daugh
ter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bertels,
had the measles this week.

Miss Lillie Shelby, who has been ill for several weeks, is pig
again.

Rev. G. M. Mathews is now near
Cincinnati holding revival services.

Mrs. John Caylor, of South
Broadway, died with Consumption,
Wednesday night.

Rev. Mr. Bowers, P. E., preached
Wednesday evening at the Broad
way Methodist Church.

Rev. Mr. Dill, pastor of Trinity
M. E. Church preached at the
Church at Broadway Church,
Thursday night.

Mrs. Minnie Ellis, formerly of South Broadway, now music teach
er at Mr. Timber, Montanas, is visit
ng friends on the West Side.

Mr. L. M. Brown, of South Wil
liams street, spent several days in
Indianapolis, on business, the first
of the week.

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Mrs. Chas. Williams, of North
Williams street, who has been quite sick for the past six weeks, is slowly recovering.
the state opposes Catholicism, Catholics must combat the enemy, but must not tie the church to any political party.

Sister Rose Gertrude, of the Roman Catholic Order of St. Dominic, is a lady who intends following in Father Damien's footsteps and devoting her life to lepers. Her real name is Amy Fowler, and she is a native of Bath. She has worked under Pasteur for the relief of the dog-bitten of Enugu. She takes out with her to the Pacific a large contribution of comforts and necessaries from charitable persons for the lepers of Moloki. She embarked on the Bothnia, at London, Saturday afternoon, for New York, on her way out.

One of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature in Putnam county is circulating printed ballots as a means of instructing his friends in the mysteries of the Australian ballot system. Each ticket has a device at the head of it for the illiterate who take their politics straight. The prohibition ticket is distinguished by an open hand and an egg resting in the palm. The third-party voters are disposed to resent the embellishment as an advertisement of the seductive egg-nog or an invitation to "take something."

The "Fulkerson" gas-well, in Blackford county, Indiana, came in Wednesday, and proved to be the largest gusher in the State. It belongs to the Salamonie Gas Company, of Fort Wayne, and its capacity is over twelve million feet a day. The famous Granger well, at Noblesville, was the next biggest in the state. It had a capacity of eleven million feet, but is now full of water and worthless. The Blackford county wells are showing a wonderful flow of gas, and are nearly equal in capacity to the Ohio field. This latest discovery will probably impart a new boom to the natural-gas industry of the state.

Caused by an Oilless Lamp.

The Recent Accident on the C. H. & D. Railroad Due to a Defective Lantern.

Various statements in regard to the cause of the accident on the C. H. & D. road, at Spring Grove Cemetery, on Friday night, have been given to the public, but the one which receives the most credence, and the one which was verified, is the following:

The C. H. & D. has the block system along its entire route. The stations concerned in this disaster were Carthage and Winton Place. The accommodation train left Carthage for Winton Place, and operator Brunson, of the former place, at once fixed the red signal, which meant to any train coming toward Carthage from the north that the section of the road between Carthage and Winton Place was blocked. He heard the Monon express coming, and at once called up Winton Place and asked if the accommodation had passed. The operator answered back that it had not, and that the block was still on. Brunson calculated that the express could not overtake the accommodation, as the latter must be about to leave Winton Place. So he took the red slip from the block light, making it announce to the engineer of the coming express that the track was clear. Then he picked up his green lantern and walked out of the station trying to light it.

The green lantern is used in the freight service in connection with the block system. When the block signal is white and the station agent swings a green lantern, the engineer of the coming train knows that the block is only partially raised, and that he can go ahead, only he must go slowly. The use of the green lantern is of great service in hurrying freight trains, but the company does not allow it to be used in hurrying passenger trains, on account of the element of risk—a small element of great importance, as was shown that night.

Operator Brunson walked out, lighting his green lantern. The strong engine, with its enormous speed, came thundering on. Then Brunson discovered there was no oil in his lantern, and while he was tending with it the express thundered by. The engineer saw the white light, and supposing that all was well, opened the throttle, and the train began to sweep around the curve of Chester Park. The curve was turned, the engine glanced along the track, saw the red block signal at Winton Place, and touched the lever to slacken speed. Then he saw the red lights on the rear coach of the accommodation train, which was just leaving the Winton Place station. He jerked back the lever, and the great engine began to slacken. But an engine weighing ninety-five tons and its load of Pullman coaches, weighing fifteen tons each, are not stopped in a moment.

The strong engine dashed on, crashed into the rear coach of the accommodation just the other side of the culvert in Spring Grove Cemetery. The crash loosened both engines from their couplings, and the great monster, pushing on behind, shoved the cars in front of it across the culvert and down to the extreme end of Spring Grove before it was finally stopped and stood panting and steaming over the burning wreck.

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A season of reckless extravagance ensued, and the gold of the diggings was spent with wild profusion and was spent even more quickly than it had been amassed.

Every conceivable folly was perpetrated by the rough men with the unclean hands. With them there was seen a woman decked out in the richest and brightest of silks and satins, below which, and which not infrequently peeped bare, red feet, while long, tawny locks hung ungroomed over their shoulders. The utter incongruity of their conduct with their appearance defies description; they seemed uneasy till all their quick-legged horses were galloping toward the diggings.

No material however elegant, however costly, however rich in price, was then unsalable, for the niggardly diggers purchased nothing; and the tradesmen had to sell at any price or not at all; their wares, however, were unsaleable.

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