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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 by a farmer here. The fact is her three-months-old baby, which will repeat almost any words and sentences it hears, is an extraordinarily developed power.

The house we had entered was occupied by a widow and her two daughters. As soon as we had alighted, the curate of the village, curious to see the foreign travelers, hastened to pay his respects to the priest for consolation, and the young divine availed himself of the opportunity of showing his superior wisdom.

"When I was a boy," he said, "I, too, was afraid of the thunder and lightning; but since that time I have studied philosophy"—a terrible clasp—"Ave Maria sanctissima!" and our professor has taught us that the heavenly bodies are too high up to fall down upon us." Another clasp—"Jesu Christe, mi mifior patrono!"

The next stroke drove the trembling padre into a dark room, until the women had taken refuge, and as long as the storm lasted we heard their loud and pious "Ora pro nobis!" but scarcely had it passed away, when the philosophical curate emerged from his place of concealment, followed by the widow and her daughters.

"Juan," called he to a boy who was passing by, "Go quickly to my mother and tell her she need not be frightened, there is no danger at all.

He Studied Economy.

A small, sandy-bearded man of marked Hebraic characteristics came into one of the railroad ticket offices on Union avenue. "Have a ticket to Springfield?" he asked. "I think so," responded the ticket broker. "Do you want one to Springfield, Mo., or Springfield, III.?" "It makes no difference," was the reply. "Give me one vich is the cheapest." The astonished ticket-vender sold him passage to the Missouri town.

It's Wait.

She was a young woman of an inquiring turn of mind on her way home from college, and during a delay at a station she walked up and down the platform calculating the ponderabilities.

"I wonder," she said to her papa, "what is the weight of this train?"

"Really, my dear, I couldn't say, but—"

"I know what it is," interrupted an ineptumen drummer, "it's about four hours and a half."

Then the girl went in and sat down to think awhile.—Washington Times.

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Mr. T. S. Adamson, of South Hawthorne street, is very sick with a complication of laryngitis, 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. Krupinski, also has carried a handsome gold watch since the holidays.

A colored man by the name of Clark was arrested Thursday on a charge of stealing a slip belonging to John Robinson, of Germantown street.

Mrs. Locinda Ellis, of West Fourth street, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Delilah McNutts, of West Sonora, who has been very poorly the past week.

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.

Peter Little, foreman in the pattern department of the Malleable Iron works had the second and third fingers of his right hand crushed while adjusting a jolly bolt yesterday. The injured fingers were amputated.

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

Mrs. James Manning, who for several days previous had been stricken with paralysis, passed away Wednesday noon, at the residence of her 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 turned upon the house gravel, the water sank faster than supplied.

A number of Dayton men, employees 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 the bridge, when it tumbled over, severing many of the workmen.

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

The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. R. Drury. After an elegant supper the newly married couple went to their home, fitted up for housekeeping on Dakota street.

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 patronize the city. Besides the other enterprise which is advertised on our first page is just about to take its start, in the manufacture of pleated gine. Still the thought of more advancement. Indeed, a furniture and carpet store might be made a profitable investment. It placed in the hands of an enterprising party.

The spiritualists have been holding a series of meetings for the past few days at the house of a well known citizen of the West Side. Yesterday the lady who has been conducting these meetings received a telegram (on the spiritual wire) informing her that her mother was very sick and probably not longer than a week. In consequence she left for Cincinnati yesterday afternoon, and the saence that was to have taken place last night was postponed for an indefinite period.

It is said that one of the experienced members of the bar attended a seance 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 spirits.

No retainer Journal.

City News.

G. C. Kel linger's dye house, situated on North St. Clair street, was the scene of a burglary, last Sunday night. Several suits of men's clothes were taken. Judging from the clothes left by the burglar, Mr. Kel linger supposes them to have been tramps.

The store of Mr. C. A. Cushman, No. 8 East Fifth street, was entered and robbed of about $14, which was obtained from the money drawer, last Saturday night. The burglary was discovered only the next morning, when Mr. Cushman upon entering the store, found things in a disordered state and the above named sum missing from the drawer.

Tuesday afternoon, while picking coal along the tracks at the Wayne street crossing, an elderly lady barely escaped death, being run down by a switch engine. While in a stooping posture her arm which was blown by a sudden gust of wind, caught in the teeth of a passing switch engine. She was thrown toward the track, narrowly missing the outer rail. The engine was immediately stopped.

When picked up the lady was found to have suffered a deep gash in her lower limb. She was taken to her home on Barr street in a semi-conscious state.

Thursday afternoon, about two o'clock, Max Gabriel, aged fourteen years, and residing with his widowed mother on Xenia avenue, met with a sad and distressing accident in the Pan Handle yards. The accident occurred on the main track between Clinton and Detroit streets, near McSherry & Co., and the boy being unknown or knows exactly how the accident happened, but it is supposed that the boy was walking along the track and was starting to cross them or had too nearly approached the tracks when the switch engine, with a projecting iron in extending about a foot on each side, as most switch engines are made, came along and knocked the boy from his feet. In falling one foot came under the drive wheels of the engine and the other entangled in them, and were so badly injured that both had to be taken to the hospital.

General News.

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

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

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

Colonel Voicefield, of the Ozar's body-guard, and several other military officers suspected of plotting against the life of the Emperor, have committed suicide. It is said that a brother of the Ozar will shortly be banished from the capital for meddling in political affairs.

The Brazilian government has issued a decree dividing the country into three banking districts and providing for three issue banks, with a capital of $250,000,000 in government stock, the circulation 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 annual appearance since the birth of Christ. It shines in 315 years, and is of wondrous brilliancy for the space of three weeks; then it wanes and disappears after seventeen months. It will be a sixth star added to the five fixed stars in the constellation Cassiopeia when it remains in sight.

The Pope has issued an encyclical which sets forth the principles which shall guide Catholics in their relations toward the state, in which the encyclical says: "The faithful must obey when such a course does not entail disobedience to the divine laws. In countries where
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 Euope, 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 Europe.

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 "Pulkerson" 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. R. & 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 is 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—an element of great importance, as was shown that night.

Operator Brunson walked out, lighting his green lantern. The great Strong engine, with its enormous speed, came thundering on. Then Brunson discovered there was no oil in his lanterns and while he was tinkering with them 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 engineer 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 screaming 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 unwashed faces, who paraded the streets arrayed in the finest of broadcloth and with huge rings glittering on their dingly, tooi-worn hands.

With them might be seen women decked out in the richest and brightest of silks and satins, below which not unfrequently peeped bare, red feet, while long, tawny locks hung uncombed over their shoulders. The utter irregularity of their conduct with their appearance defies description; they seemed uneasy till all their quickly won wealth had been dissipated.  

No material, however elegant, won their favor unless it had the additional merit of being most costly; and the shopkeepers, finding that articles of a moderate price were almost unsaleable, profited by such folly and raised their war to extravagant prices to suit the taste of the purchasers. With this prodigality was connected an unthinking lavishness; they gave to others as heedlessly as they spent on themselves.

Among well-authenticated anecdotes of such liberality is one of which the daughter of an English gentleman of rank in one of the colonies was the object.

This young lady entered a shop and asked the price of a valuable shawl, which, on being informed of the cost, she regretted to find beyond her means. A stalwart digger was standing near and overheard the colloquy between the young lady and the shopman.

He immediately purchased the shawl, and advancing toward her with his purse in hand, he held it out ascendant to her and said: "Here, my pretty lady, ye shan’t be disappointed of your shawl; I can afford to pay for it if ye can’t bless you!"

The young lady, who loved finesse, beyond the limits of her purse and who was not troubled with scruples of delicacy or propriety, smiled, bowed, thanked him, and accepted the handsome gift.

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