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About the Last of the Popular New "Soo" Towns for This Year.

7--Exceptional Opportunities--7

C. A. CAMPBELL, Townsite Agent "Soo" Line, Minneapolis.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Aug. 19 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk of District Court at Cooperstown, N. D., on Oct. 9, 1905, viz:

FREDERICK H. WILLIAMS
 H. E. No. 20066 for the lot 4 of section 6 in township 145 N of range 58 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

August Steinborn, Fred Steinborn, Charles Houghton and John Watne, of Cooperstown, N. D.

C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

BIDS WANTED.

Bids for furnishings Lignite coal to supply the Village School for the school year, will be received by the clerk up to October 3rd, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m. Bids to be in writing and state price on the track at Cooperstown, and also price delivered at school building. By order of Board of Education.

OSCAR D. PURINTON, Clerk.
 Dated at Cooperstown, N. D., Sept. 5th, 1905.

THE SWELLING TOAD.

Curious Points About This Oddity Among Animals.

The wonder of the genus batrachia and the greatest natural history oddity to be found along the Atlantic coast of the United States is the swelling toad, a semiaquatic creature known to naturalists as bufonachalata. It is occasionally met with from New York city to Jacksonville, Fla., but is most common along the coasts of Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. When in its natural state the "swell toad" is about the size of a large bullfrog, but looks more like a fish than it does like either a frog or a toad. It is about six inches in length and has the curious faculty of being able to swell to the size of a football, in which state its legs, tail and head are scarcely visible.

Irritation appears to be the chief factor in causing these curious creatures to inhale air until they swell almost to bursting. The bellies of both the males and females are nearly pure white and are covered with spines which give that portion of their anatomy the appearance of a well ripened jimson bur. Persons who understand the "swell toad" and know what an irritable little rascal it is catch it and rub the spines on its belly, when it swells up until it is utterly helpless. Another curious point about the creature is that as long as it is kept on its back it is unable to expel the air so as to reduce the swelling.

HUMAN QUALITIES.

According to This Writer, Women Are More Civilized Than Men.

Havelock Ellis in his study of "the most interesting beings in the world"—namely, men and women—formulates the conclusions that there is hardly an organ of the body or quality of any kind that is not unlike in the sexes. A man is a man even to his thumbs, and a woman is a woman down to her little toes. Let man, with his vaunted superiority in everything, cultivate a proper feeling of his real standing in view of Mr. Ellis' statement that women "are unquestionably superior in general tactile sensibility and probably superior in the discrimination of tastes," with (to be perfectly impartial) no advantage either way in the other senses, but they have better memories, read more rapidly, bear pain better, recover better from wounds and serious illnesses, are less changed by old age, live longer and have relatively larger brains, especially in the frontal regions. Women, to put it in a few words, are more civilized than men. On the other hand, Mr. Ellis finds men are slower in mind, with greater strength of body (they are two, three and four times as strong as women), quicker in movement, with much greater lung capacity, more blood corpuscles and excrete twice as much carbon dioxide, but these last qualities are rather drawbacks than otherwise, since men are less able to endure confinement and bad air.

Be Kind Today.

Less spent on the dead and more spent on the living would bring about many happy results. Hearts are breaking, loved ones wait and tears flow all because of the withholding of kind words unspoken and letters never sent. The aged father and mother far off in the country would often be cheered did the son or daughter more frequently send them a letter. Behold the sad mistakes of others, their remorse, and profit by the same before it is too late. Today, now, speak the loving word, send the tender message, write the letter you put off day by day, and don't wait until you forget it or until bitter

THE DIAMOND TREE.

A Plant Wherein It is Alleged the Precious Stones Grow.

"I haven't a diamond tree," said the jeweler. "Smith, over the way there, has one, though. At least, so I've been told."

"What is a diamond tree?"

"It is a tree where diamonds grow, of course."

"No; seriously. What is it?"

The jeweler smiled.

"Well," he said, "a diamond tree is a swindle, a very profitable swindle, and one that can be carried on forever with mighty little risk of detection. I'll explain it to you."

"I am a jeweler and you bring me a diamond ring for repairs. I take the diamond out of your ring and put back in its place a smaller diamond that is a little, a very little, smaller. You naturally don't discover the trick that has been played on you."

"The same day a brooch is brought to me, and since the central stone of the brooch is a little larger than your diamond, I get rid of yours and keep the bigger gem. In this way, four or five times in one day, I make diamond exchanges, keeping always a better stone than I part with."

"On good diamond trees diamonds as small as pin heads have been known to grow to the size of peas in two days. A good tree, too, won't have only one diamond growing on it at a time. A dozen stones or more will be simultaneously increasing in size and value as the days pass."—Chicago Chronicle.

Revised Version.

"It's curious that women are never great poets or great musicians," said Mr. Meeker.

"What did you say?" asked his wife belligerently.

"I was merely remarking that women are too sensible to squander their energies on poetry and music to the extent that some men do."

His Terrible Accident.

Admiring Young Listner—And how did you lose your leg? Old Salt—Well, young man, one night in the dog watch, while I was carryin' the baby jib, I stepped on a starboard tack, and blood plain ensued.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Permanent.

Jokoe—Charlie told me she made a regular fool of him two years ago. Jinks—Well, here is thorough workmanship, for the job seems to be permanent.

The Monkey's Role.

A monkey is not fortunately a common gift, but one was brought, nevertheless, to a New York young woman by a friend returning from a voyage in the tropics. From the moment of his entrance into the house the monkey showed that he would be a strenuous pet to look after, and for the next hour the family was kept busy trying to repair the damage he did. The monkey made his way to the kitchen and in the temporary absence of the cook snatched part of a chicken which lay on the table. Coming in presently, the cook missed the chicken and looked about in surprise to see what had become of it. Suddenly she gave a wild shriek of terror, and, rushing upstairs, she burst into the family sitting room, crying:

"Oh, ma'am, the old boy himself is downstairs, sittin' on the washbub, pickin' the chicken!"—New York Tribune.

The Old National Road.

When the panic of 1837 swept over the country the national road was barely halfway through Illinois. No work was done on it after 1841. Two years before, however, a line of stages and post routes had been started from Cumberland, in Maryland, to Terre Haute, in Indiana, from which latter place there was a triweekly service for passengers and mail to Springfield, Ill. This marked the first overland travel from east to west. Passengers and mail bags were jolted along in cumbersome coaches, each with four strong horses. On account of the high rates travel was confined mainly to merchants and lawyers. The passenger, with an allowance of fifty pounds of baggage, paid at the rate of 10 cents a mile. It is noted that Clay and Lincoln were among the frequent passengers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Evolution of the Canary.

The evolution of the canary of today from its ancestor—or should it be ancestors?—of some centuries ago is as wonderful as the bringing of our present queen of the garden from its humble progenitor, the wild rose of our hedgerows. There surely could hardly be a contrast more striking, says a writer in *Cage Birds*, than that 'twixt the modern crested canary, with its wonderful head feather, or the giant Lancashire and the greenish yellow little creatures who fluttered and sang in the orange groves of the sunny islands whence they take their name. The writer sees no reason why canaries may not become the size of the song thrush.

THE KISS IN THE TUNNEL.

The Way a Man Had Revenge For an Act of Discourtesy.

"Courtesy always pays; discourtesy never does," said a famous Frenchwoman. "Let me tell you a story of an actual happening."

"Two women occupied a compartment in a railway carriage with one man, a stranger. They were extremely rude to this man. In whispers that he could overhear they criticised his costume, his figure and his manner. He, to be revenged, did a singular thing."

"The blackness of a tunnel enveloped the car, and under cover of the darkness the man kissed the back of his hand loudly and repeatedly. Then when the train entered the light again he looked from one woman to the other with a significant smile."

"They exchanged glances of suspicion."

"Was it you he kissed?"

"No; of course not. Was it you?"

"And neither lady would believe the other's denial, and each in her inmost heart believed the other had encouraged the kiss. The man looked cool and complacent. When finally he rose to go he said, lifting his hat with a jocular air:

"Have no fear, ladies. I shall never tell which of you it was."

CHINESE MUSIC.

What Dr. Whewell, Master of Trinity, Knew About It.

The remarkable extent of the knowledge possessed by Dr. William Whewell, at one time master of Trinity, Cambridge, is well illustrated by the following story, taken from the "Life and Work of Dr. Momerle."

Two of the younger dons, growing rather jealous of the master's reputation for omniscience, determined that they would discover something of which he knew nothing. They pitched upon the subject of Chinese music. How should he know anything about it? They did not, so they went to an encyclopedia and read the subject up.

The next time they met Whewell at a dinner party they led the conversation gradually in the direction of music, when they began to discourse upon the music of the Chinese and gave out all their recently acquired information. Whewell was silent, much to their satisfaction. Evidently he knew nothing about the matter. But just as they were beginning to rejoice in their triumph he said:

"Might I ask, gentlemen, where you got your information?"

"Oh, yes," they replied. "We picked it up out of such and such an encyclopedia."

"Ah," said Whewell, "I was thinking so. I wrote that article thirty years ago, and it's full of mistakes."

THE ELECTRICITY HABIT.

There is One Thing in Its Favor—it is Usually Beneficial.

"Of all the habits the one that sticks closest to a fellow is the electricity habit," said a young doctor. "The drink habit and the cocaine habit are mere summer fancies compared with it. But there is one thing to be said in its favor—it is usually beneficial. The electricity habit is contracted just like any other habit. A few currents are administered during an illness. They strengthen and stimulate, and the first thing the patient knows he finds the tonic indispensable. Even after he gets well he craves the treatment. I know one young woman who makes a fair living by calling at the homes of electricity victims and dosing them with a few shocks from a galvanic battery. Most slaves to the habit have their own batteries, but they are afraid to apply the treatment to themselves. That is practically a groundless fear, for there isn't one chance in a thousand of a person giving himself an overdose. Still they prefer an experienced hand to manage the current. Not all the electricity sends are invalids by any means. Many of them are now as well as they ever were, yet they have become so addicted to the habit that they require the weekly, semiweekly or possibly daily electric thrills to tone them up."—New York Post.

The Sago Plant.

Sago is a nutritive, farinaceous substance obtained from the pith of several species of palms growing in such hot countries as Java and Sumatra. The stem, about fifteen to twenty feet long, is cut into pieces and the pith dug out and placed in a vessel having a sieve bottom. Water poured into the sieves washes the flour thus exposed into a second vessel. When the water is poured off and the residue becomes dry it is known as sago flour. The pith left behind forms what is known as common brown sago.

The worst men often give the best advice. Our thoughts are better sometimes than our deeds.—Bailley.

A brave man is sometimes a desperado, but a bully is always a coward.—Burlington.

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