

Pungent Paragraphs.
When a man tells you that honesty is the best policy you may take it for granted that he has tried both.
Some men are so perverse as to die just the day after a bargain sale in mourning goods.
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"Take my old man. A kinder husband never drew breath; yet so sure as he touches a bit of pork he begins to worry himself about the doctrine of Election, till I say, 'I'd be ashamed to go troubling the minister with my doubts when an Ayer's Pill would set things straight again.'"
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To Produce Raw Silk.
The Chamber of Commerce of San Diego, California, is making an effort to establish the production of raw silk in the agricultural districts about that city. Steps have been taken to secure a large number of silk worms, and 5000 mulberry trees will shortly be planted. The climate of Southern California is deemed even preferable for this industry to that of France, the home of silk culture. The consumption of raw silk in this country is enormous, and the entire supply comes from foreign countries, principally from Japan, China and Italy. In 1899 the total imports of this material were valued at \$43,546,872.

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ACCUSED BY A SKELETON.

An Old Crime Unearthed With the Bones of Its Victim.

FARMER CHARGED WITH MURDER

A Startling Discovery Leads to the Arrest of Peter Austin, a Well-Known Farmer in Dutchess County, N. Y.—Charles Brower, With Whom He Had Quarrelled, Vanished Many Years Ago

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (Special).—Peter Austin, a prosperous farmer, living near Stormville, Dutchess County, married and the father of several children, was arrested, charged with murder in the first degree. He was taken into custody, and after Coroner Bevier had held an inquest in the case of Charles Brower, whose skeleton was found two weeks ago in an old well on a farm on which Austin formerly lived. Brower worked for Austin and disappeared fourteen years ago, and the Coroner decided that the evidence was sufficient to warrant his arrest.

When the skeleton was found it was recalled that one night fourteen years ago Austin and Brower left Austin's house together and started across the farm. The men had quarrelled and had had a personal altercation two months before in which Brower's leg was fractured. An examination of the bones found in the well revealed a fracture, and Coroner Bevier accepted this as conclusive evidence that the skeleton was that of Brower.

The body had been wrapped in a cloth. In the skull was found a fracture, evidently from a blow. Austin, before Brower's disappearance, had rented from Brower, it is said, the implements with which he worked his farm. He failed to pay for their use and Brower threatened to place a lien upon the farm. When they left the house on the night in question they were disputing about the matter. Brower never returned and Austin said that he could not tell where he was.

For twelve years afterward Austin passed the old well every day. From time to time logs and other debris were thrown into the well, until it was completely filled. Austin sold the farm two years ago, and the lack of water this summer led to the reopening of the well and the discovery of the skeleton.

Austin refused to talk when he was arrested. He is one of the best known farmers in the county and is considered well off.

FAVOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.
Alarming Increase of Crime in Colorado May Change the Laws.

Denver, Col. (Special).—The death of Lillian Bell, prominent in Denver musical circles, who was strangled by a highwayman two weeks ago, has aroused the advocates of capital punishment and there is a wave of sentiment that will probably result in the reinstatement of the hanging law by the next Legislature.

Three murders, four attempted murders, and a score of brutal assaults on women by robbers in Colorado within the past month is the record. Veteran detectives and police officials all declare that crime has rapidly increased since the abolishment of capital punishment two years ago. A table recently compiled shows that there were 136 homicides since 1898.

ROMANTIC TALE OF A PENSION.
Wife Finds a Husband Who She Thought Was Dead.

Norwalk, Conn. (Special).—Mrs. Sarah E. Lynes, of this city, will shortly start for Indiana to join her husband, who is an official in a soldiers' home in that State.

Mrs. Lynes separated from her husband several years ago, and each apparently lost trace of the other, and for a long time Mrs. Lynes thought she was a widow. Recently she applied to the United States Pension Bureau for a pension on account of her husband's services in the civil war. To her astonishment she learned that her husband was himself drawing a pension, and a letter soon proved his identity.

Whatever separated them long ago has now been forgotten, and husband and wife will soon be reunited.

NEW CENTRE OF THE NATION.
The Census Shows It to Be Near Indianapolis, Ind.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The 1900 census shows approximately that the United States has a population of about 75,578,000 in 1900, as against 62,322,250 in 1890, an increase of 12,955,750, or more than twenty per cent., and that the centre of population will be near Indianapolis, Ind.

In cities so far counted Illinois leads in increase, two of its cities having 51.93 per cent. Two in Indiana show 46.08 per cent., five in New York 35.15 per cent., five in Ohio 32.59 per cent., four in New Jersey, 30.77 per cent., four in New England 27.65 per cent., and four in Pennsylvania 24.67 per cent.

Plot Against the Sultan's Life.
Abdul Hamid's enjoyment of the Jubilee festivities which began on the completion of his twenty-fifth year as head of the Ottoman Empire has been spoiled by the discovery of a plot against his life. One hundred and eighteen arrests, including several high officials, have already been made and a secret inquiry is proceeding.

Trust Will Wash Clothes.
Twenty-two of the largest laundries in Chicago have combined, and prices have been raised all along the line. The capitalization of the combine is \$2,000,000.

Thirteen Dead in an Explosion.
The boiler of the Danubian steamer Negotin exploded near Kladovo, Austria, and the captain and twelve of the crew perished.

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"A new gospel ship has recently been put into commission for service in the Japan Inland Sea," says the Congregationalist. "Mrs. Allan, a Presbyterian of the family which maintains the Allan Line of steamers, on a visit to Kobe became interested in the work of the Rev. R. A. Thompson, representing the American Baptist Missionary Union at that important commercial centre. Mr. Thompson's sympathies had been stirred by the needs of the Lin Chin Islands and of the sailors in the Inland Sea. Mrs. Allan, moved by his appealing story and contagious zeal, proposed to the Missionary Union to equip a ship to carry out his plans. Upon the death of Mrs. Allan, Robert S. Allan took up his mother's project and has brought it to a promising beginning in the equipping of the Faku Maru, or Ship of Good News."

Chief of Detectives.—"Have you found that missing 12-year-old girl?" Detective Slentpup—"No, I'm completely baffled. I've been to every ice cream saloon and soda fountain in the city."

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Virginia State Firemen's Association, Richmond, Va., September 20th, 27th and 28th—Reduced Railroad Fares For the Event.

The Virginia State Firemen's Association is booked to meet in Richmond, Va., and the citizens of Richmond have raised a big fund with which to entertain the visitors, and so anxious are the firemen to take part in this year's convention, it is believed almost every volunteer fire company, with very few exceptions, in the State of Virginia, together with great numbers from North Carolina, South Carolina, some from West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, will attend, judging from the invitations that have been accepted up to August 1st.

The programme of entertainment has been made so attractive, every railroad entering into Richmond will give reduced rates to all visitors for those dates, and some few days before and after. Prizes amounting to over a thousand dollars have been offered for competition among the fire companies, and these contests of hose carriages, hook and ladder trucks, fire engines, races and drills will attract thousands of visitors to Richmond. There is nothing so thrilling as these firemen's displays, and as cash prizes are offered to the best uniformed companies, many of the visiting companies have bought new uniforms for the occasion.

On Thursday, September 27th, a parade of all the visiting fire companies from the six States will take place, accompanied by 15 bands or more. Some of these companies will parade with pieces of fire apparatus of both antique and modern make, and is this is the largest show of its kind ever held in the South, it will be a sight never before seen by a great many Southern people.

Richmond is famous for its own paid fire department, which is undoubtedly

the finest in any city of its size in the world, and as an attraction the annual inspection of its fire department will take place during the convention time. With the view of bringing as many bands as possible to Richmond during this time, prizes have been put up, and there will be a band contest to which all visiting bands are entitled to enter and play their best. This will occur in one of its city parks. Coming at the time when it is so easy to leave home, and being held in a city so full of historic interest, to say nothing of the fact of the programme of entertainments provided by the citizens of Richmond, this year's Firemen's convention will be as attractive to outsiders as to firemen, and around, September 26th, 27th and 28th, one must expect to hear the old cry renewed, "On to Richmond!"

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