

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

AMERICAN ADVERTISING.—The neatest style of cheap advertising was produced recently at Terre Haute. A child of nine began to cry terrible at the corner of a street till the crowd grew larger and larger. Nothing would he say till it became larger still, when at last he cried out loudly, so that all might hear, that they might take him home to "19 Avenue road, at Smith, the bootmaker's, who had recently received a fresh importation of kid shoes from Paris, at from ten to fifteen dollars a pair."

DOCTOR'S CANES.—It was formerly the practice among physicians to carry a cane having a hollow head, the top of which was gold, pierced with holes like a pepper box. The top contained a small quantity of aromatic powder, or of snuff, and on entering a house or room where a disease supposed to be infectious prevailed, the doctor would strike his cane on the floor to agitate the powder, and then apply to his nose. Hence all the old prints of physicians represent them with canes to their noses.

A REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT.—A remarkable result has been obtained at the works of Brown and Co., Sheffield. A revolving disc, made for a rail saw, with all its teeth cut off, was mounted on a spindle and driven at nearly 3000 revolutions a minute; this was the disc being three feet in diameter—a circumferential velocity of over five miles per minute. Steel rails forced against the disc were most rapidly cut through, appearing to melt before the revolving disc, giving off an abundance of sparks, while after cutting five rails it was itself not sensibly warm.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND ROYALTY.—An anecdote about the present speaker of the House of Commons tells how Mr. Brand stands upon his dignity. Mr. Disraeli was engaged to dine with the Speaker at his official dinner. Shortly after his engagement he received a command to dine at Marlborough House the same evening. He consequently decided to make his excuses to the Speaker, but Mr. Brand intimated that he could not release the Premier on that plea as he could only recognise it in the case of an invitation from the sovereign. Mr. Disraeli at once bowed to this decision, and intimated to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that his allegiance to the first commoner of England prevented him from obeying the command in question.

A CAT AN HEIRESS.—One of the most exquisite musicians in her time was Mademoiselle Dupuy, of the French Opera. Her playing on the harp was the wonder of Paris. She was convinced, however, that she owed her artistic excellence to her favourite cat! and of this strange intimacy between a charming woman and her gaudruper favourite, Moncriff, her biographer, gives the following interesting particulars:—Of course, the lovely musician's practice at home was assiduous and constant. But, as soon as she sat down and began to prelude upon the instrument, she noticed that her cat assumed an attitude of intense attention. At the point of the instrument's arriving at any passage of peculiar beauty, the excited grimalkin went into intense feline ecstasy; and so well measured was this sensibility, according to the excellence of the playing, and the pathos of the composition, that Mademoiselle Dupuy was able to judge of the quality of the music by the manifest emotions of her cat! She became a devout *pussyste*, in fact, believing that the cat was an exact prophet, foretelling precisely how music would affect an audience, and she was grateful accordingly to the friend to whom she owed mainly her artistic success. In her last illness, at the approach of death, Mademoiselle Dupuy sent for a notary to make her will. She had accumulated a fortune by her profession, and the first clause of her testament was the giving of her town house and her country house to her cat! She added to this annuity sufficient for the comfortable support of the four-legged *musician* during its natural life; and to make sure that this, her last will and testament, should be respected, she gave several legacies to friends, on the express condition that they should see to the fulfillment of her wishes. It was also a condition that they should severally take turns during the week in going to see and keep company with the orphan puss! Moncriff adds that the relatives of Mademoiselle disputed the validity of the will, and a lawsuit was the consequence—*Grimalkin v. Dupuys*. But the cat gained the cause, and lived out her days, with genteel alteration, between her elegant town house and her charming country residence.

A FRESH-WATER SPRING IN THE SEA.—Lieut. R. D. Hitchcock, United States Navy, Assistant Coast Survey, commanding the coast survey steamer Endeavor, under date 11th March, reports to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey as follows relative to what is apparently a fresh-water spring in the sea: "We have found just above Matanzas Inlet, about two and half miles off shore, in latitude 29° 46' 8" north, longitude 81° 12' 15" west, what is apparently a fresh-water spring. The water at the surface is violently disturbed for a space of about thirty feet in diameter. The first day we crossed this place the water was coming up with such violence as to throw the ship from her course, and the second time, although it was smooth, the vessel could be kept on her course but a short time. The soundings in the centre of the spring gave twenty-three fathoms, and a specimen of the bottom of very clear, broken, small shells. The soundings from the centre to the limit of the disturbed water decreased to nine fathoms. The water at the surface is brackish." The Superintendent has directed a minute examination of the spring and its immediate locality to be made.

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THE 'SATURDAY ADVERTISER AND WEEKLY TIME TABLE.'

THE 'SATURDAY ADVERTISER AND WEEKLY TIME TABLE' is, as its name indicates, a candidate for public favor on special grounds. It will be started to supply an acknowledged want, namely, an advertising medium, which, by being circulated in the chief cities of the Colony, will afford to advertisers a general circulation of their advertisements, hitherto denied to them, except at the cost of advertising in half-a-dozen different newspapers. It will also confer a benefit on the travelling portion of the public by publishing the Time-table of the various railways now in operation, the steam boat lines, and the stage coaches, as well as the sailing days of the various ships engaged in the foreign and inter-colonial trade. Every effort will be made to render the time-tables reliable, and the cordial co-operation of the Government and the owners of coaches and shipping is confidently expected.

Party politics will be eschewed. It is intended that this sheet shall be generally useful and acceptable. Its columns will contain interesting extracts from recent publications, as well as original matter of a miscellaneous kind. Prominence will be given to every subject bearing on the prosperity or advancement of the Colony. Notes and queries will be added, a poet's corner allowed, and an opportunity offered for the development of native talent. The paper will thus prove a pleasant companion on a journey, and earn for itself the title of the New Zealand Literary Miscellany.

It has been remarked how little the inhabitants in one part of the Colony know of what goes on in other parts. This is specially the case as regards the knowledge of land for sale. Every encouragement will be given to the General and Local Government and land agents to enable them to diffuse information concerning land and other property for sale, so that this paper may be of great importance to vendors and investors by drawing the attention of the latter to investments all over the Colony, at present locally and limitedly advertised. It is our hope to be considered specially as a useful and reliable Weekly Land Circular.

Agriculture, horticulture, mining, and every department of local industry will receive marked attention. Notes on domestic architecture with relative plans will be furnished. Arrangements having been entered into with a special artist for the occasional illustration of the journal with choice wood-cuts of an interesting character. In short, no effort will be spared to make the paper a welcome guest at every fireside.

To advertisers, generally, the paper, from its wide circulation, will prove to be an efficient medium for their notices, especially those of particular interest to strangers, such as the leading hotels, the principal establishments for the sale of special lines of goods, places of amusements, and general advertisements which it may be desirable to bring under the attention of the travelling portion of the community.

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