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A man says woman is a creature with long hair and short ideas. There are now 65,000 postoffices in the country—the highest number ever reached.

A New York woman at the opera wears a necklace of ten dollar gold pieces. Worry is a fruitful source of misery and the prime cause of premature breakdowns.

The combined debts of all the nations in the world amount to more than \$300,000,000.

Formerly in Dallas county, Ala., makes a delicious wine from the juice of water-melons. Coalbrookdale bridge, England, is the first cast iron bridge ever built. It was constructed in 1779.

The family that is anxious to move out of a house finds another family that is just as anxious to move in.

Over \$1,000 worth of gold was recently extracted from the foot of the chimney of the royal mint at Berlin.

In 1814 the tomb of a giant was opened at St. Germain who must have been at least thirty feet high during life.

One of the large winter hotels in the Engeline is so constructed electrically by power derived from the Niagara river.

It is said to be unlucky to move a cat. The small boy who didn't believe in the superstition had his eye scratched out.

Fort Worth, Tex., has the largest flowing well in existence. It is 1,025 feet deep and flows at the rate of 600 gallons per minute.

The Rialto bridge, Venice, is said to have been built from designs furnished by Michael Angelo. It is a single marble arch of 987 feet.

Thieves have stolen the book of ordinances of the city of Pasco, Wash., Cal., and the people there are wondering what they did it for.

Instead of the alloy of zinc and silver which was first chosen for the production of "Arcas plating," one containing aluminum is now preferred.

Strange Features of a Comet. On Monday morning, April 4, through haze and clouds, I secured a striking photograph of Swift's comet with the Willard lens of the observatory fixed on to the 6-inch equatorial at the Lick observatory. This photograph reveals a remarkable state of affairs. Spreading out from the head is shown a complicated system of tails. Of these there are three principal ones, the southern of which is the most distinct.

These tails are again subdivided into a great number of others, the entire appearance being that of a fan of many branches. At least a dozen distinct branches can be counted on the photograph, some of which present remarkable features. This complicated structure was not visible in the telescope on the preceding morning and gives evidence of rapid changes.

On Monday morning there were two distinct and divergent branches of tail extending from the head, both clearly visible in the glass. The telescopic view on Tuesday morning exhibited the fact that in less than twenty-four hours a third tail had formed to the extent of about 10,000,000 miles, while the northern tail, which had been very bright the previous morning, had nearly disappeared.

On Wednesday, April 6, still more remarkable phenomena had presented themselves, and portions of the tail were seen to form abrupt angles with their original source.

On April 8, another photograph was obtained with great difficulty in moonlight and clouds. Another violent change had recorded itself. A number of new tails, like fine threads of light, had made their appearance, and a singular and unique phenomenon was present on the southern side of the tail, about 3 degrees from the head. A large projecting mass issued from the tail at a large angle and from this a new tail shot forth parallel with the main tail. Professor Barnard in San Francisco Examiner.

The Fire of a New Purpose. The great steamer Indiana, sailed on Feb. 22 from the port of Philadelphia for Russia, loaded with fuel for the starving peasantry. All classes, from the millionaires to the poor, gave their hands and hearts to poor newshy with his dime, contributed in this gift.

A teacher in a large Quaker school said, as the steamer left the dock: "My boys were drearily reciting a lesson in algebra one day last week. They were tired and inattentive, they slyly whispered and played truant, and another teacher thought I was not looking. When the lesson was over I brought out and read to them the account of the horrors of starvation sent home by the American minister.

"They listened breathlessly. No more whispering, no more horseplay. When I then finished that school for the day, I directed into a committee to canvass the school. They were eager, on fire with zeal to do something. It was a curious transformation. A great purpose had made men out of silly boys."

Many of our readers may have been present in a concert or assembly room before the lights are turned on, and have seen the sudden leap of the dancer, the gleam of her and its shadowy audience into brilliancy and warmth and a happy, smiling company, when by the pressure of a knob the electric current enters the room.

Just such a change takes place in every human life when some great purpose comes into it.—Youth's Companion.

A Frenchwoman's Remarkable Age. Mme. Amstutz Reaux, a Frenchwoman, has died at the age of 118 years, near Kishman, or Kichney, a town of Bessarabia. The venerable dame, who had so long weathered the world and the climate of Russia, had been for many years superannuated and confined to her bed by the infirmities of the nobility, and retired with a pension from her post at the age of ninety-two. She had entered the school as a teacher when it was founded during the reign of Alexander I. For the past twenty-five years Mme. Reaux was in a home for the aged, and enjoyed excellent health despite the advanced and exceptional age.—London News.

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