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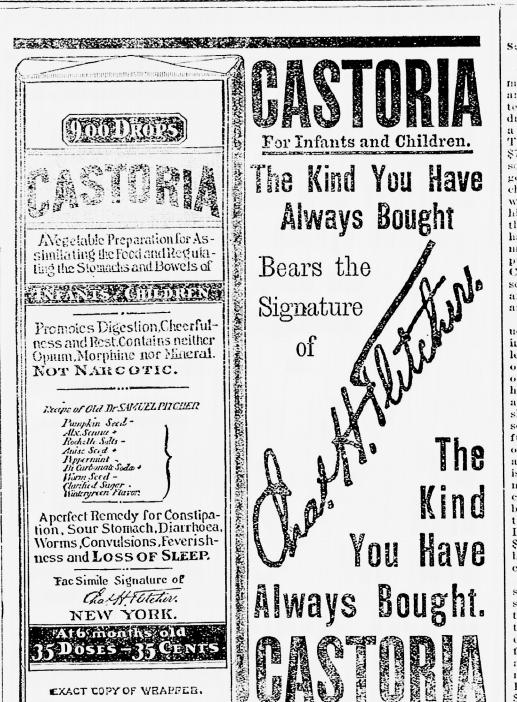
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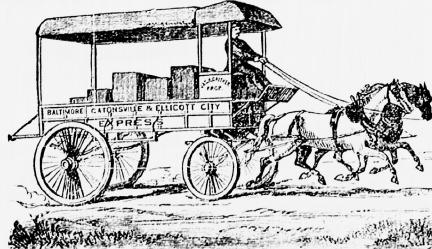
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Pikesville, Arlington, Walbrook, Calverton, Mt. Hope, Sudbrook Park, Meanwhile the cat emerged from a hole Howardville,

ALL KINDS OF HAULING IN THE CITY.

in the lumber pile where she had taken refuge and watched the three with evident interest.-Lewiston Journal.

INSIST ON THEIR DIVVY.

ervants Who Systematically Rob Their Rich Employers. The champion toll takers are the coachmen. Most of them are importations, and the government permits them to ener free of duty-an insult to our own drivers! Bah! But they come here with a purpose to "do" our Anglomaniaes. The head coachman receives from \$60 to \$75, and his assistant, the fellow who is sometimes called "tiger" and "flunk,"

gets about \$40. The hay may be pur chased of the most reputable firm in the world, but if Mr. Coachman does not get his "divvy" he reports to his employer that the horses are not doing well-the man on the Produce Exchange does not put something in the privy purse of Mr. Coachman, the horses have botts or something equally impossible—the oats are unsound. It is the same with corn and other provender. One of the leading firms on the Prod-

uce Exchange received from a millionaire in Fifth avenue last week an indignant letter calling attention to the very poor oats which they had sold him at an exorbitant price. They proved that they had given him the lot at the market price and introduced a dozen witnesses to show that the oats were the finest ever sold in this market. But the firm refused to tip the coachman! In the matter of harness—why, our fool millionaires are robbed to "beat the band." There is an alliance between the British harness dealers in New York and all the coachmen in the city. Nothing can be bought for a horse to wear unless through this dealer, who is liberal in his "divvy." I could name a millionaire who paid \$1,200 for a set of harness that I could buy anywhere for half that price. His coachman got the extra \$600. The style in carriages changes every

season, just to keep people buying and swapping. The coachman stands in with the more prominent carriage makers of this city-deny it who dares!--and if his employer, feeling a trifle behind the fashion, wants to exchange his cabriolet a year old for a new one he must pay nearly the original price. His imported British conchman makes usually \$200 to \$400 by an exchange. On horseshoeing, axle grease, harness oils, silver and gold polish, uniforms, etc.,

the men connected with the stables of the millionaire are expected to more than double their annual salaries. And these importations, duty free, never fall short of expectations. Down to the minutest detail of houseman and the serving women, and wee to as antiquity confers respectability horse the dealer-the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker-who refuses to see the extended palm of Major Domo and Abigail. The milkman pays his way before he deposits a bottle of water solu-

tion, the butter man agrees to a divide sefore he scents the pantry with a pound oleomargarine, the baker has no need f yeast in his business until he has fixed" the people below stairs, the icenan-Great Scott. The giant monopolist! Why, he freezes to the butler and the cook as liquefied air and can give short weight until eternity. Coal and wood? Every ton delivered in the millionaire's basement costs 50 per cent more than the common people pay and every cord 100 told this way: per cent.-New York Press.

NEW STORY ABOUT PATTI. How She Convinced the Postal Clerk at Cannes of Her Identity.

Here is an amusing and characteristic story about Adelina Patti, who, as all the world knows, recently became the bride of Baron de Cederstrom. After her marriage she went from her Welsh home, Craig-y-Nos, to Cannes, and before leaving she gave instructions that all her mail was to be forwarded to the Cannes postoffice. When she arrived at Cannes, she went to the postoffice and asked the official if there were any letters for the Baroness Adelina de Cederstrom-Patti.

"Lots of them," was his reply. "In fact, they're coming in by every mail." "Then give them to me," she said eagerly, being naturally very anxious to receive news from home. "Have you any old letters by which I can identify you?" asked the official. "No," answered Mme. Patti. "I have nothing but my visiting card. Here it

"Oh, that's not enough, madame," was the cold reply. "Any one can get visiting cards of other people. If you want your mail, you will have to give me a better proof of your identity than that." Mme. Patti, however, was not to be baffled so easily. "You surely have seen Adelina Patti's photograph," she urged. "Well, look at

me. Don't you see that I am the same Even this argument did not convince the official, and a moment later he abruptly turned away, after throwing the coveted pile of letters into a drawer. A brilliant idea then struck Mme. Patti. It was quite early—only 8 o'clock-and there was no one in the postoffice except an old clerk, who was busy writing. A golden opportunity it

was, and the great artist availed herself She began to sing. A touching song she chose, the one beginning "A voice loving and tender," and never did she put more heart into the melody. And marvelous was the change as the brilliant music broke through the intense silence. In a few minutes the quiet postoffice was filled with people, and hardly had the singer concluded the first few lines of the ballad when the old clerk came forward and said, trembling with excitement: "It's Patti, Patti! There's no one but Adelina Patti who could sing "Well, are you satisfied now?" asked the madame of the official who had ex-

pressed doubts as to her identity and who now stood open mouthed in front of The only reply which he made was to go to the drawer and hand her the pile of letters.-New York Herald.

A Comedy of Errors. There was an accident on a Portland street the other day, and this is how it happened: A tramp walking up the street saw a benevolent looking wheelman riding down and started to head him off. where she would finish her musical edu-Just then a dog on the same side of the street noticed a cat on the opposite side and made for it. The dog didn't notice the tramp, and the wheelman took no account of the dog. The result was that the dog went between the legs of the tramp and rolled that individual over on his back. The wheelman struck dog and tramp and took a header over them. The wheelman struck frantically at the dog, bootblack" failed to appear.-New York and his blow landed on the nose of the tramp, while the dog made an assault on the tramp and, missing him, made life exciting for the wheelman. At last they untangled themselves, and the tramp and the wheelman trailed bad language one

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up and the other down the street, while

the dog stood and growled at both.

HORSESHOE MAGIC.

Existed Thousands of Years Before Horseshoes Were Known. Horseshoe magic is a subject which seems to be of perennial interest, says a writer in St. Paul's, mainly because it ouches that little substratum of superstitious beliefs which is inherent in most of us, though, being a materialistic people in a materialistic age and having put away from ourselves childish things, we none of us confess it. As a matter of fact, however, we are always, either literally or metaphorically, turning over our money when we see a new moon, or hay is not of good quality. If the oat picking up a rusty horseshoe as a harbinger of luck.

But the point that never seems to be reached in these discussions is the circumstance that, initially and intrinsically, horseshoe magic has nothing to do with horseshoes. It existed long before horses were ever shod, and it has left traces of its presence in places where horses have never been known. In comparatively modern times the horseshoe over the door-nailed to the lintel with the points uppermost, be it noted-has been chiefly regarded as a protection against witchcraft, a belief which has survived in its modified "luck bringing" form to the present day.

But the horseshoe shaped mark has been a mystic symbol from immemorial days, and all that modern superstition has done has been to fit it to the horseshoe. I have seen the mark, a metimes painted and sometimes cut, on ancient shrines and temples in the interior of China. It has been in use for many centuries in India. It is to be found in the Aztec ruins and on the stonework of buried cities discovered recently by Dr Schlichter in the region now known as Rhodesia. It has been found incised on the sacred Churinga stones of the tribes of central Australia and painted on the bodies of such of the tribesmen as have gone through the religious mysteries peculiar to these aboriginal survivors. Messrs. Spencer and Gillen tried last year to induce the tribal priests to expound the horseshoe mystery to them, but it was either too sacred or too ob scure, and they learned nothing save that the mark was an indispensable part of

their mystic rites. The horseshoe mark is found also in British Guiana, In the religion of the Amazon, in Georgia and Illinois, in Zululand, in the temple of the goddess Mut in upper Egypt and on innumerable dolmens, kists and bowlders in the British isles, but always with the points uppermost. In so far, therefore, shoe magic is pre-eminently respectable. The only awkward thing about it is that we do not know what terrible mysteries it may have originally signified or to what pagan rites we may be unwittingly committing ourselves when we nail the rusty symbol over our lintels.

A family out in West Philadelphia lately imported a colored boy from their former home in the wilds of westers North Carolina, and though the lad ha been in Philadelphia not yet quite two weeks he has already learned something which he will not soon forget. It wa Of all the manifold chores that fell to

his lot none gave him half the delight of the hose which he was wont to use as the sun went down to water the bit of green in front of the house and to sprinkle the street. This was a modern invention which had not penetrated to his mountain home, and its wonderful possibilities as a weapon against the teasings of the boys in the neighborhood impressed him greatly. The other evening he was engaged in his favorite occupation of sprinkling the yard, when some urchin began, from the other side of the street, to bombard him with a volley of sticks and stones. Here was an opportunity not to be lost.

Elevating the nozzle, he directed the stream point blank at the offenders, but, unfortunately, before it reached the other side of the street it came in contact with a trolley wire, and in an instant the ebon importation was executing a series of back somersaults that finally landed him up against the house. As he recovered from the effects of the electric shock he was heard to murmur, 'Speck dat must er 'most broke dat mule's leg, he kicked so hard."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Got a Kissing Bug's Stinger.

A gentleman was sitting in his room

on Columbus avenue the other evening reading a paper. He was reading about the "kissing bugs," when his attention was suddenly diverted by the buzzing of an insect. He looked up and saw a large fly alight on his bureau. It did not resemble a horsefly, though it was some three times as large as the ordinary house fly. It was rather narrow and more delicately constructed than a house fly, looking like a giant black fly. Naturally the gentleman immediately wondered if this could be the "kissing bug," like those he was reading about, and he at once started to make investi gations. He began by holding his hand out toward the insect, but he got no farther, for it straightway flew at him, striking him between the second and third fingers and Ladly stinging his hand. He hit at it gently as the fly struck, but as the sting was so sharp he hit harder, killing the "bug." Although the sting had struck the man's hand only for the single nstant, it was firmly imbedded and the wound was very painful. The hand swelled rapidly. The sting was extracted and the wound cleaned and bathed, but when the sting was subsequently examined i was found to be as hard as flint. It was about one thirty-second of an inch long and consisted of a black base with a white end, branching into two prongs. The prongs evidently spread out after penetrating the skin, this causing the sharp pain.-Boston Herald.

A Fair Swindler. A good looking young woman who said she was the daughter of a western broker who had failed in business sold tickets in Alleghany City recently at 10 cents each entitling the bearers to have their shoe shined by this bright and fashionably dressed young woman. She appealed for patronage on the ground that she was thus working her way to New York, cation. It was promised that she would ertain barber shop. The maiden fair i estimated to have sold about \$50 worth of bogus pasteboards in Alleghany, as some of the victims confessed to buying 20 and 30 of the promises. For several days an interested crowd of Alleghanians went to the barber shop, but the "lady Tribune.

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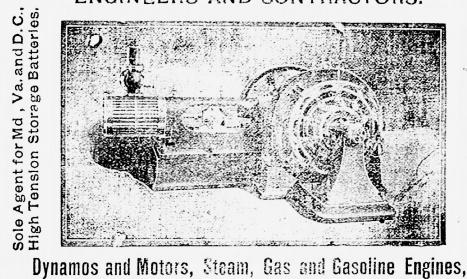
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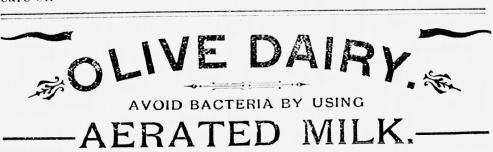
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