

ODD BITS OF NEWS.

The Maine bear is fast becoming a tradition. There is talk of abolishing the \$5 bounty on bears.

A Philadelphia woman has sued her husband for divorce because he has forbidden her to eat pie.

Banking, the capital of the world, is a floating city, with 70,000 houses, each of which floats on a raft of bamboo.

A pearl that was afterwards sold to a jeweler for \$75 was found in the gizzard of a turkey in London recently.

The London school board rules forbidding collections in schools was suspended in order to allow subscriptions to the Indian famine fund.

It is said that a Missouri dealer who recently shipped several hundred miles to Johannesburg, South Africa, realized \$250 to \$300 extra on them.

Denmark's foreign export trade has grown to tremendous size, mainly in England. Twenty years ago the annual Danish export was \$100,000,000,000, now it is reckoned at \$1,100,000,000,000.

Paris is making the venture of laying down a new railway, the Rue Lafayette has been pulled up and replaced with a new one.

The car has caused the formation of three committees to receive contributions of money for the relief of the Russian famine.

On Time. That which any one should be in treating one's self for the kidneys and bladder.

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL AID.

A New Way for the Humble But Profitable Water Plant.

Very few, probably, are aware that the fur, or vegetable, down of the cat-tail is a marketable article, superior to feathers or cotton for many purposes.

It is not quite so valuable or useful as eiderdown, but it approaches it very closely, and it changes with any of the three.

As a matter of fact, great many people are to-day using articles covered with cat-tail products who have no idea where the material comes from.

It is a vast extent of country, comparatively speaking, from which the cat-tail is gathered. It comes from the swamps along the numerous creeks that cut through the Delaware bay, from Morris River to Cape May.

The average amount gathered in the season is in a ton a day. The work of gathering and transporting it, and then weaving it into the many forms which it must take before becoming usable, constitutes a considerable industry.

One of the most elaborate units to which this material is put is that of covering sofas. Very many of the supposed plush-covered divans are really covered with cat-tail down.

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TARIFF BILL BEFORE HOUSE.

THE GREAT DEBATE IN FORMALLY OPENED IN CONGRESS.

BILL IS INTRODUCED BY DINGLEY.

The measure is a lengthy one and was read in full by Chairman Dingley.

What will go down in history as the tariff debate of 1897 began in the house at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

By the terms of the rule under which the bill is introduced, the speaker immediately resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Those who expected the debate to begin immediately were disappointed.

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THE TYPERWIT'S RECORD.

"During a recent session of parliament, Sir William Harcourt found himself, as a writer in the Leeds Mercury, 'unexpectedly in view of an important speech, and having no notes, went into the stenographer's room to prepare some.' He proceeded to the typist, and dictated to her for some time. As he wound up a glowing peroration, the lady typist suddenly stopped, and burst into a fit of hysterics. 'What is that again?' he asked plaintively. 'I've forgotten to put any paper in the machine!'"

In Death. A certain minister, who is not always so careful as he ought to be in making his teaching and his practice correspond, was lately telling some friends a story of adventure. It was a pretty 'tall' story, and the minister's ten-year-old little girl was cleared to be listening to it very intently. When he finished she fastened her wide-open eyes upon her father's face, and said very gravely, "Is that true, or are you preaching now, papa?"—Household Words.

Not An Unusual Case. Sageman—"I suppose you have heard about your neighbor, Goldfish?" He is very seriously sick as a result of overwork."

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