

DOINGS AT THE CAPITAL

Congressmen Victims of Bunco Game

last month, and he's just died. I am removing the body to Kansas, and I don't lack just \$3.00 of the amount necessary for the trip. I am appealing to you as my congressman to accompany me with the small sum until I reach home. Then I will pay you back, and if you don't help me I'll have to leave the body here on your hands."

"You're trying to bunco me," said the suspicious Murdock. But he was ashamed of himself the next minute when he saw the look of pain come over the open countenance of the visitor, and reached for his checkbook.

"Make it an even \$10, Mr. Murdock, and the Lord bless you," the bishop ventured.

That was the last Murdock thought of the matter until he was lunching in the house restaurant the other day. Then he caught a snatch of conversation from an adjoining table.

"Needn't just \$14 to get his son's body home," Mr. Gardner of New Jersey was saying. "I thought it was a bunco game, but I didn't want to take chances on having a body consigned to my hotel, so I let him have the goods."

Murdock knew red about the ears. Then he picked up his hat and started out. In the corridor he met Mr. Currier of New Hampshire.

"Currier," he said, "did you ever happen to hear of a negro bishop who needed money to get his son's body home?"

"Shit!" Currier interrupted. "Don't say a word like that. He got his son's body home, and he's in the hospital in town," Murdock said, "have been contributing to that mortuary fund."

Negligee Costumes Becoming Popular

us collar or "choker," a la Elkins, or Clay or Charles Sumner tripping about the senate chamber in tan shoes, a la Lodge or Hilltops.

A blouse observer, looking over the variegated display of unconventional dress on the floor of the senate not long ago rendered the opinion that haberdashery had been as far advanced then as now the statement of that glorified period would have taken advantage of it. But it does knock school book meals to flinders, nevertheless, to view the recital of today. Convention as to attire is losing ground even faster than the traditions that are falling under the force of radical senators who recently have expressed the sentiment that the president Sherman appeared one day in a suit of blue Georgia cotton, the senators have been blossoming out in the merriest and most striking modes that spell for comfort and not warmth.

The southern senators are more prone to cling to the "boiled shirt." Collectively the senate resembles an aggregation of blank checks as a sartorial work in progress, a neglige. As yet, however, no statesman has removed his shoes, as a southern senator did his boots one sultry day a few years ago.

Senate Puzzled Over Roosevelt Busts

White Senator Wetmore, chairman of the library committee, has not committed himself in favor of either one, it is rumored that he and the other members of the committee are disposed to award the palm to strenuousness.

"I said they think the senate will feel more at home with that looking down on its deliberations. But the rub comes on account of the fact that Col. Roosevelt has himself expressed preference for his reposeful self."

Before he left the White House he was shown the work of Mr. Frazier and did not hesitate a moment in making his choice.

Of course, the committee recognizes that Col. Roosevelt ought to have something to say about his own bust, but the question is, will he say so much. The committee is inclined to think that the senate ought to have something to say about the matter, too.

It is truly a knotty problem, and one that is likely to cause the library committee much worry.

School of Instruction for Diplomats

for successful candidates for diplomatic positions by statute, which they have usually spent in receiving formal instruction from the department and "whiling away time."

The new school of instruction will be under the direction of Mr. John H. Gregory, Jr., United States minister to Nicaragua, who is now in Washington giving the matter careful attention. Mr. Wilson and the other members of the department will give lectures on appropriate subjects.

The course will last 30 days, beginning at the time of taking the oath of office, and the examinations will have a little extra strain, inasmuch as no one has yet been appointed. Before the men are appointed the course of instruction will be confined to the hearing, but after the appointments are made each appointee will be taken into the confidence of the department and instructed along certain lines.

PRACTICAL WATER SYSTEM FOR GENERAL FARM USE

Many Waters from Deep Wells, Which Are Otherwise Pure, Are Rendered Unfit for Use on Account of Iron.

In answering a query as to the best system for a practical water system for general farm use a writer in the country Gentleman gives the following interesting facts:

It is a well-known fact that many waters from deep wells which are otherwise pure are rendered unfit for domestic or for manufacturing purposes on account of the compounds of iron in solution in the water. Such water, alum or both would be required, which would add considerably to the expense.

A third method consists in the treatment of the water with ozone, which has been largely developed by the large German firm of Siemens & Halske, but which has not passed the experimental stage in this country. The claim is made for this last method that it not only purifies the water

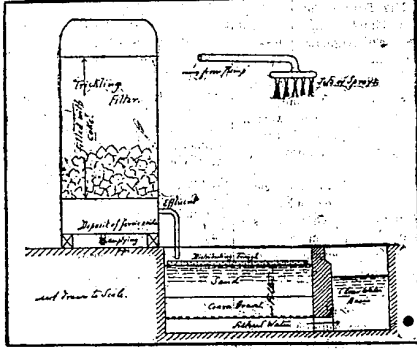


Fig. 1. Rough Sketch of Aeration System.

after being exposed to the air or discharged through sprays or jets, a very strong becomes cloudy and shows a reddish brown precipitate, which is ferric oxide, formed from a chemical combination of the carbonate of iron with the oxygen in the air. This ferric oxide can be removed by filtration and then the water usually becomes clear and wholesome and of excellent quality and loses its objectionable iron taste entirely.

In practice the removal of the iron is accomplished in various ways. We do not advise "putting the water stand" in order to aerate it. A much better way is to let the water fall a

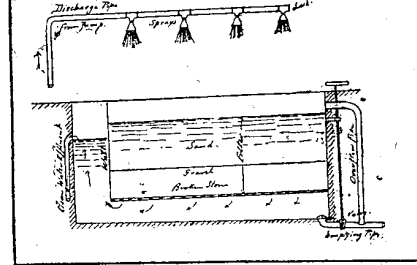


Fig. 2. A Percolating or Trickling Filter or Aerator.

height of several feet from duches or sprays on a sand filter bed, which in turn removes from the water the iron precipitate. It is still better to arrange a percolating or trickling filter or aerator, from seven to eight feet high, filled with coke or other porous substances. The water to be purified is discharged over this filter in fine sprays and trickles down through the filter, and the effluent should then be made to pass through a sand filter. Fig. 1 shows a rough sketch of the first method, while Fig. 2 shows the second. It is fortunate that this form of filter, in your well water is in the form of carbonate, because if it were sulphate of iron a chemical treatment by adding milk of lime or

GOOD, CHEAP FRAME LUMBER

Cedar Trees Can Be Used in Making Farm Buildings.

At the present time lumber is so high that it is out of the question for the poor or common class of farmers to build all the buildings they need and so they have to do without. Of course, they have the sawmill lumber is always cheap; but for the benefit of those that do not have these advantages I will tell how I framed several buildings on our farm.

We got some straight cedar trees and straightened them as follows: 3/16 and plates on three sides, the four timbers on one side. When ready to lay in place we hewed the top ends of the timbers, whereas they were to rest on the sill, then hewed the butts, which will be much larger, down to the same thickness, but do not hew any more than was necessary to get the ends all of a thickness, and the tops will be as level as any joint. If any one is a little lower than the rest just put a single under the end, the posts we hewed on two sides just to get a better corner. The standing and rafter we hewed on one side just enough to get a straight line to nail to. We peeled all the bark off, as the frame is then much lighter and looks all the better. We hewed the frame together, which saves lots of time, and is just as strong.

SURPRISED AT THE SCHEDULE

Colored Man Fell He Was Being Railroaded into the Class of "High Financiers."

A colored man was tried the other day before the Charleston court for stealing some clothes from a young white man. A pretty clear case was made out against the colored man and he confessed.

"I reckon I didn't got nothin' to say, white folks," he said with humility, "ceptin' hit's 'jah lak it is."

"Well, since you admit your guilt," said the judge, "I will try to make it light for you. But first we will have to get an estimate of the value of the clothing." "Mr. Plaintiff, what do you value these articles at?"

"The dress suit cost me \$80, your honor," replied the young man, "the overcoat \$76 and the silk \$40."

"Mr. Judge," broke in the accused, "I'd lak ter say des one word beto you good any foddin' it at once before 'All right, go ahead."

"I submit dat I tuk dem clothes, boss man, but at no sich prices ar dem!"

NOT THE BUTCHER'S FAULT.

"Mrs. Customer—That lamb you sent me, Mr. Stintwalle, was the largest and toughest I ever saw. Mr. Stintwalle—That, too, it's that boy been loitering again, I assure you, when that joint left the shop it was the sweetest little leg of lamb you could set eyes on, and I gave him strict orders to deliver it at once because you wanted it young."

New England English. Complaint was made to a local man by one of his employees that boys who were swimming in a pond were causing quite a nuisance. The owner of the property gave the man the privilege of putting up a sign as he had asked permission to do it. The notice reads as follows:

"No Loathing or Swimming on Thesea Law Will be Forc'd."—Berksire Courier.

One Cause of Neck Boils. Neck boils come with the sweaty season. Many people have large hair pores on the back of the neck. The sweaty, starched collar rim is good culture soil for both and carbuncles which get rubbed into the large hair follicles or sacks, producing a painful, sometimes dangerous spreading crop.

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"What do you mean?"

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