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PRINTER'S PI.

We met with quite an accident
just as we went to press
The foreman dropped a lot of type,
and made a fearful mess
He can't afford to fix it up
And so we didn't try,
but send our readers one and all
A piece of printer's pi.

Some folks who do not understand
The mistakes of the trade
Are apt to raise a fuss,
If a mistake is made
Compositors are not surprised
When an author's awry
They all know how it is themselves
To make a printer's pi.

AN UNEXPECTED LETTER FROM ICELAND.

Miss Nana Pratt, who is still with Miss Shaffner in Iceland, says by letter dated August 3:

"We have just come in from a most delightful five days' trip on horse back and find that a boat (an ocean tramp) leaves at six o'clock to-morrow morning for Scotland, and so I hastily scribble a few lines.

We have ridden 38 miles to-day and it is now half past nine o'clock, and we must put our letters in the post-office very soon.

We are having such a good time, and this deliciously pure air makes us feel that we are taking in strength at every breath.

The days have generally been very mild and full of sunshine.

The people are so cordial and hospitable and are constantly doing something for us, so that Iceland has quite won our hearts.

Then it is so good to be able to talk with many of the people in English, for they are well read and are very thoughtful.

Since I sent my last letter to you we have spent ten days in the saddle, and you can know how happy I have been in that time.

We have had two trips of five days each, riding over very good roads a part of the time, then on narrow paths over the beautiful lava beds and moss-covered plains or steep mountain sides.

The first trip we made to a small town 72 miles from here on the ocean coast where Miss Ackerman held a meeting, and then on our way back to Reykjavik, some of the Good Templars met us and we went to the top of one of the high mountains and planted a temperance banner.

Now we have just returned from the usual trip tourists make when they come to Iceland.

We have been to Thingvalla, where for a thousand years the Althing or Parliament of Iceland met on a grassy mound between two great chasms.

It is a wonderfully beautiful place, and is a magnificent display of the volcanic in nature.

From Thingvalla, we went to the Geyser, where from many openings in the earth great clouds of steam were rising and sending out strong, sulphuric odors.

We had provided ourselves with twenty pounds of washing-soap, and this we cut up and threw into the great geyser, and after waiting four hours in a small tent pitched near, we heard a great rumbling noise, and we scrambled and tumbled over one another in getting out of the tent to see the eruption.

It was a glorious sight to witness the sheets of steaming water thrown up into the air. At each spouting, and there were twenty, we shouted with delight.

Mr. Einarrson, one of our pleasant companions, exclaimed afterwards:

'Oh, I was quite as a mad man; I did feel so glad.'

And I must confess that I danced and shouted too, quite as a mad woman.

After this enthusiastic scene we rode on to Gullfoss, the largest waterfall of Iceland, and second in beauty to Niagara.

Here a mighty river comes rushing down from the mountain or glacier, through two high and broad chasms.

The mist from the waterfall is thrown high

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Pennington Powell, who went home recently, says he feels lonely without the HELPER. He has been working ever since his return.

Miss Ida LaChapelle, Class '95, has been transferred from the school at Santee Agency, which was burned recently, to the one at Fort Totten, N. Dak., which reminds her very much of Carlisle.

From a recent issue of the *Alaskan*, we clip the following:

Henry Philips has received the appointment of interpreter and assistant teacher at the new town of Saxmam and will enter on his duties as soon as the building is ready.

In a recent letter, Miss Isabella Cornelius speaks of the delightful summer spent at Carlisle, and says she has again settled down to work in her practice school at South Manchester, Conn., with a regular attendance of twenty-five children. She mentions having had a call from "Mother Irvine," now Mrs. Fairlee, of Newark, N. J., and says she is looking well.

THE INDIAN HELPER, published and printed by the Indian students at the Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa., will assist any interested person to know the red man's children as they are, and not as they are supposed to be by reading sensational items sent to the newspapers, only ten cents a year, send a dime for a year's subscription or stamp for a sample copy.—[*Krumb's*, Aarwood, Mich.]

Mrs. Ida Johnson Allen, of the Perris, California, Indian School, has this to say of the school where she and husband are employed: "We have a pretty little school here, and although our appropriation is so inconveniently small we feel that we are not working in vain. We have an excellent class of pupils and can get more than we can accommodate. However, we hope to be able to take 200 children next year. Our school is fortunately situated for those having lung trouble—in a dry climate. In some respects, though, most any other locality would have been better. I don't think Southern California begins to compare with the Indian Territory."

DON'T.

67. Don't say "Charles and me are going to town." The proper form is "Charles and I."

68. Don't say "Between you and I." Say "Between you and ME."

69. Don't say *lay* for *lie*. "I will *lie* down," is correct. "I will *lay* IT down."

Miss Fisher thinks she is going to like Genoa very much. She raves over the pretty country, and there are good roads for the bicycle which she enjoys. Before leaving Albuquerque she visited Acoma, and enjoyed the novelty of it all very much. She says: "I went up the ladder and up the stone steps and visited Annie Thomas' mother. I saw Juana. The view from that rock is wonderful. My heart went out to those bright-eyed merry little children who followed us about. I would have liked to bring away at least two dozen of them. Did you realize the liquid clearness of that New Mexico atmosphere and the exquisite coloring of the distant landscape?"

Dr. Montezuma, who is now at Omaha Agency after pupils, writes: "I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of one of our Carlisle boys, Harvey Warner, to Miss Lovejoy, Genoa pupil, last night in the Presbyterian Mission Church by Rev. Gault. Very few returned pupils are strong enough to come out from among their tribal customs in marriage; but Harvey should have the credit and it speaks for Carlisle. When Carlisle pupils diverge from their ignorant parents' customs, it means a change."

Albert Hensley is helping Dr. Montezuma at the Omaha and Winnebago Agency. He feels that those Indians are in a discouraging condition. Many of them drink and are worse off than if they did not have money. He believes that if the Indians are given land, they should be compelled to till the soil themselves instead of leasing and living on the interest of the money. It is and will be the ruination of the Omahas and Winnebagoes. Not only men and women but also the children are seen intoxicated.

The people who visited the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show which exhibited in this vicinity recently, and saw the Indian at his worst, should visit this school and see him at his best. If they have the war-paint idea, their views would certainly be revised. Those who are unable to come, should send for a copy of the new souvenir. Its 61 views will tell better than language, the possibilities of the Indian for civilization. We will send you a copy post-paid for 25 cents; or it will be sent as a premium for ten subscriptions to the HELPER.

The nameless but beautiful colt that wanders about the grounds has the very best time of any creature hereabouts. The other day he went into the blacksmith-shop, on into the paint-shop and through to the harness-shop as if on a tour of inspection, and more than once he has gotten into the hall of the large boys' quarters. He is quiet, gentle and a great pet of all; but alas! no name.

Another hot wave.

The school pianos have been returned.

The cistern near the hospital is being cleaned.

Robert Block, Haskell 95, has entered the school.

Mr. Claudy returned from his vacation on Monday.

Henry Red Kettle spent Monday at the Hiltons'.

"Just the kind of rain that was needed," on Friday last.

Jacob Jamison has returned from a visit to his home in New York.

The blacksmiths are working on a new style of wagon—the side spring.

Miss Jennie Johnson, who brought in the Sac and Fox party, is now in Philadelphia.

Since our last issue eight pupils have returned from the country and one has been placed out.

At the gymnasium, the cornice is now on, the floors are being laid and the building is being wired for electric lights.

Mrs. Fletcher and the Misses Blair of town and Miss Leeds of Washington, D. C., took a look at the school last Monday.

Mrs. Sawyer, of Norwalk, Conn., arrived at the school on Monday evening. She will have charge of the instrumental music.

There are now on the school rolls at the present writing 440 boys and 228 girls, 222 boys and 109 girls being present at the school.

Messrs. Standing and Norman returned Monday from Atlanta, where they have been arranging the Indian Exhibit for the Exposition.

Joseph Adams and Sieni Nori are in from the country, looking in good shape for another term at the Dickinson Preparatory School.

Miss Cummins has been transferred from Carlisle to the school at Grand Junction, Colo. She is spending some time at her home in Washington before starting for her new field of labor.

Johnnie Given returned Saturday from Kansas, where he has been spending the summer. Mr. James came with him as far as Allentown, going from there to Lehigh University.

The talks at the morning exercises of the school department this year cover a wider range of subjects than usual. The subjects and speakers this week were as follows: the Founding of Rome by Miss Carter, Life and Customs of the Koreans by Miss Bourassa, the Natural Bridge of Virginia by Miss Silcott, and the Invention of the Gatling Gun by Miss Cochran.

Saturday night's meeting was a most excellent one. Capt. Pratt gave a strong talk, explaining first the purposes of the English speaking and the Rule for tobacco. He said that if the Indians would be clean, honorable citizens, such citizens as other people would respect, they must move out from the past, take hold of the good things, compel the respect of their neighbors and thus bring about a kindly, brotherly feeling for themselves.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: The fall of the year.

Miss Wind in getting along nicely on the bicycle, if she did run over the pump.

The football boys are making good use of the time between supper and study hour.

Who was the patriotic teacher, who had never heard of the Defender or the Valkyrie?

Rev. Mr. Wile's address Sunday afternoon was full of inspiring thoughts and greatly impressed his hearers.

Miss Burgess started Wednesday evening for Wisconsin, where she will gather up pupils desiring to enter the school.

Miss Barr is thinking seriously of wearing bloomers since her dress caught in the wheel and wrecked both bicycle and dress.

The Large Boys' Quarters will soon be full to overflowing and Mr. Thompson is contemplating an addition if they keep coming in.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Martha Antonio, Pima. She was buried last Friday, Dr. Norcross preaching the funeral sermon.

The Invincibles hold their first meeting tonight. They have arranged quite a musical and literary program with which to start the ball rolling.

The reading room at the Large Boys' quarters has been turned into sleeping rooms. The papers have been temporarily placed in the Assembly Room until the completion of the gymnasium.

The exodus from the farms will take place to-day when the girls come in and to-morrow when the boys return. The educational train with its crowded cars will then begin its long winter journey.

Capt. and Mrs. Pratt and Miss Richenda, Misses Bourassa, Wind and Eva Johnson, Timothy Henry, Delos Lonewolf, Jos. Black Bear and David McFarland were in attendance at the Presbyterian Reunion at Mont Alto yesterday.

Dickinson Preparatory School opened yesterday and four of our pupils are in attendance. They are Joseph Adams, Sieni Nori, Thomas Marshall and Edward Spott. Howard Gansworth and George Suis will continue their studies there on their return from their homes.

The Standard Debating Society was the first to hold a meeting this year. It was held last Friday evening, and before the speeches and music, they elected the following officers: President, Elmer Simon; Vice President, Frank Cayou; Recording Secretary, Leander Gansworth; Corresponding Secretary, Albert Nash; Treasurer, Clarence White Thunder; Reporter, Stewart Hazlett; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ralph Armstrong; Critic, Prof. Kinnear.

New pupils are coming in quite rapidly. On Sunday we received 22 boys and 7 girls. Miss Jennie Johnson brought in a party of 11 from the Sac and Fox Agency, Nebr., and Mr. LaChapelle a party of 5 Chippewas from White Earth. Dr. sent in a party of 13 from the Omaha and Winnebago Agency in charge of Frank Mott. On Sunday, Miss Mosher brought in 4 boys and 4 girls from Cheyenne Agency, Okla. Yesterday 9 boys and 4 girls, Chippewas, arrived from Hayward, Wis.

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in the air and then trickles down the sides of the stone wall of the opposite chasm in little streams.

We clambered over rocks, and stood almost under the falls and felt the spray from the torrent.

The days speed along very quickly and I will soon be at home with you all. What a happy re-union we shall have!

I feel that I have gathered strength for much hard work and inspiration for better living, as all these beautiful sights and new experiences give one."

Miss Shaffner adds:

"We have travelled 168 miles and feel fresh enough tonight to continue the journey five days more. The trip has been ideal pleasure in all ways.

We have stopped at nights with the farmers, all of whom gave us their best rooms and beds which at best are quite poor.

They are simple-hearted, honest, kindly folk and I love to meet them.

Last week I gave a lecture on China for the benefit of the temperance work here.

About the 13th of August we start for the northern capital, a distance of 200 miles. I am sure we shall have pleasure and profit from the trip."

AN INTERVIEW WITH A STUDENT
RECENTLY RETURNED FROM
CROW AGENCY,
MONTANA.

"Did you see any of our old boys and girls while at home on vacation?" asked the Man-on-the-band-stand of William Leighton who had just arrived from the Crow Agency, Montana.

"Yes," he responded. "Quite a number."

"How are they doing?"

"O, as is always the case with students generally, white, black or red, many are doing well, a few are of no account."

"Did you see anything of Carl Leider?"

"Yes? He is working hard, and has a responsible position as time keeper for the ditch force. He receives excellent pay."

"What do you mean by the ditch force?"

"The government is putting irrigating ditches through our reservation. That is, the Indians have set aside a certain sum to be devoted to that purpose."

"How much?"

"About \$400,000, I believe."

"And the Indians themselves are doing the work?"

"Most of it. Of course there are white men to do the surveying and general superintending."

"Why don't the Indians do that too?"

"Not capable. At least so considered."

"I see," said the M. O. T. B. S. "They have not the education and experience necessary, and never can get on the reservation. Are there other Carlisle students on the ditch?"

"No doubt there are. I did not see or hear of all the returned students. Dick Wallace is there, and making money. He is investing his money in cattle as fast as he gets it, and is going to be well off."

"Did you see George Suis and Frank Shively?"

"They have just commenced to work on the ditch, are managing teams."

"Well what of the others that you learned about?"

"David Hodgson is working for Joe Stewart. Albert Henderson has a most excellent reputation. He is working at the agency and saving. I was told that William Steel was also doing very well. George Thomas has made a fair reputation and some mistakes. John Wesley is working for the Government and doing nicely. John Morrison is working. James Hill is with his uncle working for good wages."

"Did you learn anything of the girls?"

"A very few of them. They are mostly living with their people. Laura Shoots-the-lodge has married a white man—a Mr. Green, the clerk of the ditching operations. I heard that Liz-zie Bear-gets-up had a sad life. She was living in the missionary's family. There she was content and happy until her people from the camp began to work every scheme known to Indians to get her back to the camp. They threatened to forsake her. They told her that the minister would not always stay on the reservation, and when he left she would have no home to go to if she did not go with them at once to camp. She was sorely distressed. Finally they worried her so that she yielded. She went to camp, put on Indian dress and soon after died of a broken heart. She was not well in the first place, but the home life with the minister and family would in all probability have lengthened her days many years."

Penny Puzzle.

Take a copper penny and examine it carefully and find on it these things:

1. Union of youth and old age; 2. A flower; 3. A fruit; 4. A part of a hill; 5. An animal; 6. A serpent; 7. A messenger; 8. A weapon of defense; 9. A weapon of war; 10. A body of water; 11. A beverage; 12. A gallant.

There are other things to be seen on a penny. Who can find them?

Conundrum.

A man met three beggars. He gave ten cents to the first, ten cents to the second and five cents to the third. What time was it?