

FOREIGN NEWS

The bicycle has been introduced into Central Africa. Two Englishmen arrived at Tabora a few weeks ago with two of the latest improved bicycles...

Aluminum water bottles in the German army have failed on account of corrosion. They would stand water, but not brackish.

The sole personal effects of a man who died in Auburn, Me., recently, were a Bible and a pack of cards.

Bergen, Norway, has a church made of paper. It has a seating capacity for about 1,000 persons.

A large contract for steel rails has been placed in Belgium in connection with the new Turkish railway to Salonica.

The largest German sailing vessel is a four masted bark, built at Geestemunde. She measures 2,780 tons net and has a carrying capacity of 4,420 tons.

A single gold brick was recently shipped to San Francisco from Yuma, the value of which was estimated at from \$80,000 to 90,000.

It is said that, of the total working expenses of the railroads, over 60 per cent. goes in various ways to the wage earners.

Mail matter is now sent from Paris to Berlin in pneumatic tubes, and is sometimes delivered within thirty-five minutes.

Among the exports to England from Portland lately have been hundreds of sticks of yellow birch, fifteen to twenty feet long and from two to three feet square...

The largest hand-sawing machine in the world has recently been completed in England and sent to the United States.

The new regulations of the Suez Canal have necessitated the building of vessels for carrying oil in bulk.

Prof. Heim of Zurich says that the most agreeable death is by falling. He has talked with a great many people who have escaped death by falling by a hair's breadth only...

Baron Hirsch has ordered the sale of his estate of St. Johann and all his property in Austria-Hungary on account of his treatment by the Vienna Jockey Club.

During the last year the official reports from Russia show that 109,515 Russian Jews embarked at the ports of Stettin, Bremen, and Hamburg for the United States and South Africa.

A man was guillotined in Switzerland two weeks ago for assaulting and murdering a school teacher. It was the first execution in Switzerland for twenty-five years...

An epidemic of scarlet fever is causing great trouble and alarm in Palouse, Washington, and in an effort to cope with it the Mayor has issued an edict making it mandatory on all parents to keep their children close at home and off the public streets until further notice.

The physician who dissected the body of Schneider, the strangler executed in Vienna, reports the brain as abnormally developed, with evidence of having been affected from childhood with hydrocephalus...

In St. Petersburg the news from Mongolia that Bogdi Khan "will be deposed" will be succeeded by "Iranza, the immortal descendant of Zingis Khan," is interpreted to mean that the Emperor of China will be dethroned...

The work of installing the Jewish immigrants in the Argentine Republic is being actively carried on. A branch railway has been constructed in what is known as the Maurice Colony...

A new solution of the wage problem has been brought forward in Belfast, Me. A shopkeeper hired a clerk and paid him \$4 for the first week...

The Arabs who used to catch thousands of slaves in the Bah el Ghazal country, where Dr. Junker worked so long, extended their ravages hundreds of miles westward...

Two hardy women from Los Angeles appeared at the land office in Santa Fe, N. M., a couple of weeks ago, and filed upon homesteads which they had located.

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS.

The most remarkable experiment ever made in the way of municipal administration is now going on among the vast conglomeration of human beings which De Quincy called the "nation" of London.

The employment of plaster in the manipulation of wines is still quite general throughout the South of France. A recent law has decreed that the maximum amount of sulphate of potassium per litre in merchantable wines shall be 25 grams...

The Dinner Table.

Very few young housekeepers know how to economize. It is an easy thing to have a nice dinner when you have everything at hand; but just sending to the butchers for a roast and its accompanying vegetables...

Hash.—Take any cold meat, beef or mutton preferred, chop fine, first removing all bone, gristle, etc. To two cupsfuls of this meat add one cupful of mashed potatoes...

FRENCH DISH.—Take about two cupfuls each of chopped veal and ham; soak two cupfuls of bread crumbs in one cupful of boiling milk...

POTATO PIE.—Cut any cold meat in inch square pieces, lay in a pie dish with any cold gravy, or, if there is no gravy, add a sprinkle of corn starch and a little cold water...

BRANDED BEEF.—Take a piece of rump steak an inch thick; fry it slightly in butter until the sides are hot and seared...

DEVILLED MUTTON.—Melt in a clean frying pan two tablespoonfuls of butter, and one of red currant jelly...

TURKEY SCOLLOP.—(or chicken); pick the meat from the bones of cold turkey and chop fine; put a layer of bread crumbs on the bottom of a buttered dish...

FRIED SPRING CHICKEN.—Clean, joint and soak in salt and water for two hours; put in a frying pan equal quantities of lard and butter, in all equal to the chicken...

CHICKEN PATES.—Chop meat of cold chicken fine; season with salt; make a large cupful of rich drawn butter, and while on the fire add two hard-boiled eggs...

How Relics are Made.

Mr. Archibald Forbes, writing on the fall of Sedan, tells a curious little story which shows the dubious origin of historical relics.

HOUSEHOLD.

One of the joys of living, one of the gladder things. It is to see the sun come out and flood the earth with gold.

Then smile the sweet-breathed jonquil and jaunty daffodil. And drives the crown-imperial its leaves of glossy green.

When engaging a servant be careful to explain her work to her, and let her understand that the work must be done in your way and not in the way of any former mistress.

When you servants do well encourage them to do better by a few words of praise. Do not leave them to have visitors until after certain hours in the evening.

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THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD.

Great Timber Bridge Made Entirely of Wood—Its Dimensions. The Engineering News says that Two Medicine bridge, on the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba railway, is a structure which ranks among the very highest timber trestles ever erected...

The posts are made continuous from the foundation to the cap, packed at every story with plank 4 inches thick and 12 feet long. The structure is 75 feet in height so as to permit the use of 18-foot lengths in posts, and also to avoid using too long pieces in the longitudinal and sway bracing.

One other feature needs mention, and that is, why a wooden bridge was built instead of an iron one. The reason was that the probable delay of track laying would not permit of waiting for an iron structure.

The Order of Creation.

"Church Bells" (England) has the following:—"The best answer we have yet seen to Professor Huxley's in his attempt to show that the order of creative events, as related in Genesis, does not correspond with that laid down by science, is contained in an admirable letter, written a few days ago, by the Rev. Brownlow Maitland, who says:—"The inspired cosmogony, which is ideal and poetic, and the scientific cosmogony, which is actual and prosaic, need not have any relation of correspondence with each other."

The floor of this bridge is pretty solid, as it will be for such a structure; 6 by 8 inches laid flat and spaced 12 inches between centers or 4 inches in the clear, inside guard rails and outside guard timbers, well notched down and bolted, make a tolerably safe floor.

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About the Garden of Eden.

"Papa, where was the Garden of Eden?" "Well, Mand, it is supposed to have been somewhere in Asia."

Style Wanted.—Little Mabel was saying her prayers the other night, and had concluded the usual petitions for earthly blessings for herself and family, when she suddenly paused and looking up into her mother's face, said:—"There is one thing more I want to ask for, mamma; can I?"

Cheese-toasters are a part of the necessary equipment of midnight suppers and alfresco entertainments among families.