

### Late Gossip —of the— Round World.

The Russian Minister of Education has issued a decree forbidding the wearing of corsets by young women attending high schools, universities and music and art schools. They are to be encouraged to wear the national costume.

Lancaster was the capital of the United States from September 27th, 1777, to September 30th, 1777. The national capital has also been located for a time at Baltimore, York, Princeton, Annapolis, Trenton and New York. In 1800 the seat of government was transferred permanently from Philadelphia to Washington.

At the recent sale of the library of Charles L. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) a first edition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," with a manuscript poem by the author on the fly leaf, brought \$250; another copy, without the poem, sold for \$120, and "Through the Looking Glass" went for \$100.

The District Council of Holywell, Wales, and a religious body having great faith in the miraculous properties of St. Winifred's well, at that place, are at loggerheads over the ownership of the curative waters. The Council intends to sell the well to a manufacturer of soda water, who will trade on the reputation of the fount.

Bombay is said to be the most densely populated city in the world. In certain areas the number of inhabitants is 760 to the acre, and in these sections the street area only occupies one-fourth of the whole.

In the West Indies a lemon bath is almost a daily luxury. Three or four lemons are sliced into the water and allowed to lie for half an hour, in order that the juice may be extracted. A remarkable sense of freshness and cleanliness is given to the skin.

The amount of money at the credit of depositors in the state savings banks of France in 1896, when the latest statistics were taken, was \$680,000,000, upon which a 1-4 per cent. interest is paid annually. One out of every six inhabitants of the country have accounts at the banks and half of the depositors are women.

Miss Cisneros, the pretty Cuban girl who was married the other day to Lieut. Carbonel, entered into the matrimonial state more to be amiable than anything else. She frankly says she does not love her husband and anyway thinks the wedding might have been postponed till after Lieut. Carbonel's return from the war. But Mrs. Logan, her guardian, and the New York publisher who has paid her expenses since her arrival in America, favored the alliance, and so she consented.

The Iowa Health Bulletin publishes among many similar specimens of letters written by "doctors of medicine" in support of applications for pensions, the following:  
"February 30, 1897. Sir,  
"I certify I treated the said soldier from 1888 to Date \_\_\_\_\_ formerly his stumk tub was lined to his nervous system, but now it is repaired, of course grate expecting" and hard of breath. Your Obt. "servant" \_\_\_\_\_ M. D."

The testimony in a contest to annul the will of a deceased Maryland farmer has developed the fact that the eccentric old fellow was in the habit of digging holes on his farm for the purpose of filling them with the water of the Atlantic, so that he might empty the ocean and enable farmers to plant potatoes on its dry bottom.

Geronimo, the noted Apache chief, who has caused the U. S. Government so much trouble in his time, is 90 years old. He is still physically active, and his favorite amusement is hunting, in which pastime he indulges whenever he can get permission to leave the reservation.

With the sale of the Earl of Ashburnham's library, the most remarkable English book sale of the century has come to an end. The printed books brought a total of \$305,410 for 4,075 lots, and it took twenty days to sell them.

A report that wild dogs are creating havoc among cattle and sheep along the border of Arizona and New Mexico is receiving a good deal of attention. It is corroborated by the under sheriff of Navajo county, who lately returned from an extended trip through the mountains along the border.

The Johannesburg, South Africa, Waterworks Company has made a most fortunate strike, which, it is said, will go far to settle the water difficulty in the Rand. In the course of their borings they came across immense caverns full of water, which are expected to yield a daily supply ranging up to 15,000,000 gallons.

In making treaties with China each foreign country has chosen its own name. England is Ying Kwo, the flour-ishing country; France is Fa Kwo, the law-abiding country; the United States Mei Kwo, the beautiful country; Germany, Je Kwo, the virtuous country; Italy, I Kwo, the country of justice; Japan is Ji Kwo, the land of the sun,

but prefers to be called Ji Pen, the land of the rising sun.

A remarkable exhibition of dolls was recently held at Neu Wied on the Rhine under the patronage of the Queen of Roumania. Dolls were sent from all parts of Europe to participate in the display, a large proportion of the collection having been contributed by the Queen of Italy, the Crown Princess of Sweden, the King of Serbia and other royal personages.

The laws of Mexico provide that a Mormon who wishes to take a second wife must present a certificate signed by his first helpmeet to the effect that she is willing, and he must also have the express consent of the second wife and her parents.

The orchid craze has struck Japan, and it threatens to unrival the famous tulip craze which prevailed in Holland several centuries ago. One variety of orchid, owned jointly by three gardeners, has but eleven leaves, and its cultivators demand the fabulous price of 10,000 yens (about \$5,000) per leaf for specimens. Other varieties of more frequent occurrence bring 500 yens per leaf, and sales at this figure are frequently recorded.

### The Three Famed Blacks

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#### Bradstreet's on Trade.

Canadian trade is of a seasonable volume. Toronto reports a better demand for dry goods, and that the recent frosts did little damage except to vegetables. Wool is rather flat, and prices show a declining tendency as a result of the absence of an outlet to the United States. Cotton and woolen mills are busy, and grain stocks are the smallest held in years. Cool weather has interfered slightly with the distribution of seasonable goods at Montreal. Teas are firm. Crop prospects are promising, and exports of dairy products continue heavy. Midsummer dulness is reported at Halifax, but the apple and hay crop prospects are very good. St. John, N. B., reports lumber shipments heavy, while Victoria and Vancouver report a good business doing. Business failures in the Dominion number 25 last week, against 16 the previous week, 38 in the corresponding week a year ago, 33 in 1896 and 29 in 1895. Canadian bank clearings aggregate \$27,641,627; a fraction of 1 per cent. larger than the previous week, and 21 per cent. larger than last year.

#### AGONIZING PAINS

Endured by Those Who Suffer From Sciatica—A Victim Tells How to Obtain Relief.

Probably no trouble that afflicts mankind causes more intense agony than sciatica. Frequently the victim is utterly helpless, the least movement causing the most agonizing pains. Those who are suffering from this malady the following statement from Mr. John Hayes, of Hayesville, York Co., N. B., will point the road to relief and cure. Mr. Hayes says: "For upward of twenty years I have suffered from weakness or pain in the back. Some four years ago my trouble was intensified by Sciatica settling in my right leg. What I suffered seems almost beyond description. I employed three doctors but all to no purpose: I had to give up work entirely, and almost despaired of life. This continued for two years—years filled with misery. At this time I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after using six boxes both the sciatica and the weakness in the back which had troubled me so long, were gone. I was again a well man and feeling fifteen years younger than before I began the pills. Nearly two years has passed since I discontinued the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in that time no symptom of the trouble has shown itself. Under God I thank Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for what they have done for me."

Mr. Hayes voluntarily testifies to the truth of the above statement before Edward Whosead, Esq., J. P., and his statements are further vouched for by Rev. J. N. Barnes, of Stanley, N. B.

#### Borax as a Washing Powder.

In Belgium and Holland, where the washwomen are famous for the snow-iness of their linen, borax is used a great deal. It is a natural salt, and is not injurious to the most delicate fabric. It should be used in the proportion of a handful to ten gallons of water.

#### A Seventh Rate European Power.

Since it costs so much to fight a seventh rate European power—we wonder what it would have cost two or three years ago to have fought Great Britain about their boundary line of a little piece of wild land away down in Venezuela, South America.—Our Dumb Animals, Boston.

No woman who thinks she is homely will consent to have her picture taken in a group.

### Men and Women Repaired.

A machine that is constantly and incessantly working needs repairs at certain intervals.

The human frame, worn by mental and physical toil and subjected to the worries and cares of our modern life, has need of repairs and building up. In the hot summer weather nervous energy is at a low ebb, and as a consequence, nervous debility, terrible headaches, dyspepsia and a run-down condition make life a burden for thousands.

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#### THE TIGER ENJOYED IT

How a Fearless Cossack Sponged a Fierce Animal.

A Cossack, ignorant of the French language and equally ignorant of fear, was recently hired at Moscow by the lion tamer Pezon to clean the cages of his wild beasts. Says La France Du Nord: Their understanding, or misunderstanding, was arranged by means of gestures and dumb show, and Pezon thought that the man thoroughly understood what he had to do. The next morning the Tartar began his new duties by entering with bucket, sponge and broom, not the cage of the tame beast, as his master had done, but of a splendid untamed tiger, which lay asleep on the floor. The fierce animal awoke and fixed his eyes upon the man, who calmly proceeded to wet his large sponge, and, untrifled, to rub down the tiger as if he had been a horse or a dog; while the tiger, apparently delighted by the application of cold water, rolled over on its back, stretched out its paws, and, purring, offered every part of its body to the Cossack, who washed it as completely as a mother bathes her infant. Then he left the cage, and would have repeated the hazardous experiment upon another savage beast from the desert had not Pezon drawn him off with difficulty.

Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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#### Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

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#### Washington Widows.

There is one widow to every sixteen and a half of the population of Washington, D. C.; the whole number of widows, it appears by the recent census report, is 15,000. The excessive proportion is accounted for by the fact that employment in many branches of the Government service has been found for the widows of soldiers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

#### TEA AND INSANITY.

When Badly Brewed the Beverage is Very Harmful.

A report upon insanity in Ireland, which has recently been issued, enumerates, among the causes of mental failure, the innutritious dietary of the poorer population, tending to produce anaemia and constitutional weakness, which favor the development of scrofulous and neurotic disease, and the immoderate use of certain nervous stimulants, particularly tea and tobacco.

While the moderate use of properly prepared tea, the report adds, "is regarded as innocuous, or even beneficial in its action on the nervous system, its ill-effects when decocted or over-infused, on persons who make it their staple article of dietary are dwelt on by almost all the resident medical superintendents in their several reports. Undoubtedly the method of preparation adopted, and the excessive use of this article of diet, now so general among our poorer population, tends to the production of dyspepsia, which in its turn leads to states of mental depression highly favorable to the production of various forms of neurotic disturbance. The excessive use of tobacco, also, especially among the young, whether by smoking or chewing, in the opinion of certain of our medical superintendents, acts, though perhaps in a minor degree, injuriously on the nervous centres."

In many parts of Ireland it has been found that bread and tea have been substituted for porridge and milk, and for potatoes also; that the tea used is generally of an inferior quality, and the method of preparation is to put a quantity in the teapot early in the morning and to allow it to stew during the day, water being added as required.—Invention.

#### LURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

The Curative Broun Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

#### A Privileged Peer.

Lord Forester, who has, says the Leeds Express, just restored at his own expense the historic church of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, whose foundation dates so far back as 690, is one of the two peers who have the privilege of wearing their hats in the presence of the Sovereign. His Lordship is rector of a quiet little parish in Nottinghamshire, and is chancellor and canon residentiary of York Minster.

#### Have You Neuralgia?

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#### The Fly in the Ointment.

Author (to his wife)—Rejoice, oh! wife of my bosom! I have gained a prize of 500 marks for my latest effort.

Wife—What article was it?  
Author—Oh! that essay of mine, "The Defects of a Wife; a Study From Nature."

#### Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Havana cigars nowadays don't seem to Havana tobacco in them.

#### A FORTUNE IN OLD STAMPS.

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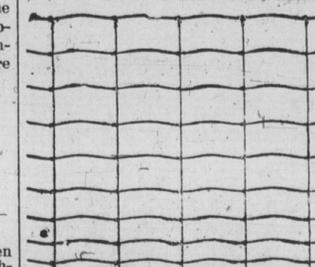
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