

Miscellaneous.

A NEW CAVE DISCOVERED IN KENTUCKY.

Another wonderful cave has recently been discovered near Glasgow Junction, Ky. It has already been explored for a distance of twenty-three miles in one direction, called the long route and sixteen miles in another direction, called the short route. The avenues are very wide; a span of horses can easily be driven through for a distance of eleven miles. Three rivers, wide and very deep, are encountered on the long route. One of these is navigable for fourteen miles, until the passages become too narrow to admit a boat. This forms the third or river route which has to be explored in many directions. The cave is wonderful beyond description, and far surpasses in grandeur the Mammoth or any cave ever before discovered. Several mummified remains have been discovered in one of the large rooms. They were reposing in stone coffins, rudely constructed, and from appearances may have been five miles in a state of decay. They present every appearance of the Egyptian mummies.

Great excitement prevails over this very important discovery. Mr. Edwin Mortimore, of Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky., purchased three of the mummies, and has them now in his possession. Major George M. Taylor, of Glasgow Junction, Ky., purchased the remainder of the mummies from the owner of the cave—Thomas Kelley. The latter is, or rather was a few days ago, a very poor man, struggling to make a payment on a farm of twenty-four acres, upon which, by mere accident, the entrance to this wonderful cave was discovered. He obtained about \$400 for the mummies, and is now offered \$10,000 cash for the cave.

The entrance to the cave is within the town limits, and is only about two minutes' walk from the depot, which makes it very valuable indeed, as visitors will not be compelled to traverse five miles in a state of nature, or if desirous of visiting the Mammoth Cave, which is five miles from this town. In fact all the celebrated caves of Kentucky are in this immediate vicinity. The surface is very much broken, full of great elevations and depressions, with everything to indicate that there volcanic eruptions of violent upheavals of the earth at some period.

The newly discovered cave has been named the Grand Crystal Cave, and is as beautiful as its name implies. Ladders and bridges are being constructed, and Mr. J. R. Puckett, a capitalist of the town, announces his intention of having a steamboat constructed expressly for the purpose of navigating its wonderful rivers.—Cincinnati Commercial.

ATTRACTIVE LUNCHEONS.

A writer in Scribner's Magazine utters a protest against making the school luncheon so unattractive as to destroy the child's appetite. She writes: "There is something very dampening to the appetite in the aspect of thick bread and butter rolled in a bit of coarse brown paper with a couple of sticks to the parcel, and an apple covered with crumbs at bottom of pail. Such a luncheon will often prevent a delicate child from eating at all. A little care spent in preparation—in cutting the bread trimly and neatly, packing the cake in white paper, and the whole in a French napkin, in choice appearance to the little people who depend upon it for the working force of their long school day."

Some children are born fastidious, and with a distaste for food. They require to be tempted to eat at all—tempted, not by unwholesome goodies, but by taking trouble to make simple things dainty and attractive to them.

We have heard a grown woman, whose fastidiousness had survived her childhood, describe with a shudder the effect which her dinner basket at school had upon her. The very sight of it took away all appetite and she went through the afternoon faint and fasting rather than meddle with its contents. By all means bake the custard in a "pretty cup," and do what is possible to give the luncheon an appealing appearance to the little people who depend upon it for the working force of their long school day."

OLD FOLKS.

Do the young people ever think that they will be old; that they will soon feel that the grasshopper is a burden and fear is in the way? Only a few short years ago that aged man and feeble woman were young, strong and full of life; their loving hearts were glowing with tenderness and care for the little ones, who now stand in their places. Do not jostle that aged couple out of your pathway, but rather lift them with tender care over the rough, declivity of road. You may have forgotten how carefully they kept your feet from stumbling, and with what care they watched you advancing steps. But they have not forgotten, and the time will come when they will be forcibly reminded of it, by the love you have for your own little ones. Will they ever hand you the same bitter cup to drink that you pour out for that aged father and stricken mother? Verily, "with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Think of the anxious days and nights your mother has watched by your sick bed; remember her loving care; her patience and long-suffering with your fretfulness, and then let the blush of shame dye your brow, that you should be impatient or unkind to her, now that she is old. Old folks are such a trial! Yes, they know; they feel it; and so will you be such a trial to your children in the days that will surely come; ay, and you will remember, too!

PAYMENT OF THE HALIFAX AWARD.—The United States Government has, through a banking-house in New York, completed a purchase of sterling exchange to the amount of £1,100,000, to pay the Halifax award. Agents of the Treasury will make the transfer at London on the 23rd Nov. So says a New York despatch.

A scandal in high life has arisen in England, Lady Anne Louise Gooch and another having been charged with seduction. The Police Court last week with conspiracy to palm off a spurious child on Sir Francis Robert Sherlock Lambton Gooch as his heir. Lady Gooch feigned sickness the first day.

THE MARINER'S CAUTIONARY SIGNAL.

The cautionary signals for shipping are upon the coast, seaboard, or lake, and in view of the mariner. Each is under the charge of a servant and assistant, whose duty may be described as pickets of warning on the fringe of the country. The observations from the observing stations having converged upon Washington, and the general and special predictions arrived at, the announcements radiate from the central office—the brain—along the wires, or nerves, to the remotest digits upon the signal yardlark.

When, as is sometimes the case, the signal station is placed in the life-saving Service station, a farther advantage is gained, as the two working together, and that life-saving Service has the benefit of the wires of the sister enterprise.

The cautionary signal of the United States Signal Service is a square red flag with a black square in the centre by day; a red light is used by night. The flags are of two sizes—15 x 15 feet and 8 x 8 feet, the black square being one ninth of the area of the flag. The larger flag is used for important stations, about ten in number, and the smaller flag for the minor stations.

The stations on the Atlantic are from Maine to Texas, and on the lake from Oswego to Duluth. The number of stations on the Pacific coast is twenty, containing Key West; and on the Gulf of Mexico, six, omitting Key West, already enumerated. The lakes have fifteen stations. Warning notices are sent by telegraph to the Canadian meteorological service when any disturbance occurs which is likely to affect them, and is distributed to the points interested.

The purpose of the signal is: "A wind having a velocity of twenty-five miles an hour may shortly be expected at this place."

That is all that the flag professes to say; the probable excess over twenty-five miles an hour, and the direction of the wind, are not given by the flag. The time may shortly arrive when, by an extension of the system, the additional data, such as "severe storm expected," "warning notices," and "signal," but at present the notice is just what is called and professes to be—"cautionary." It is then the duty of the mariner, shipper, or merchant, as the case may be, to consult the weather report for further information, and to make frequent examinations of local barometers and other instruments, and study the local signs of the weather. E. H. KNIGHT, in Harper's Magazine for December.

The broken Glasgow bank had a breach in a wall—its size was in the north of Scotland, and to this branch orders were telegraphed on the morning of the failure to at once close the doors. But in this town the post and telegraph offices were closed, and a canny old lady who was assisted in the latter duties by her daughter. Accordingly, when the astounding missive arrived, and was being duly translated to the weather-eyes, she quickly put on her bonnet, went across to the bank—a few doors off—and drew out the whole of her deposit. Five minutes later she was with the rest of the little community expressing her amazement at the ominous words, "Bank closed."

Rapid cooking and intense heat are as injurious to the meat as to the seasoning. Long, gentle cooking—simmering—is best for the choicest meats, except in broiling. Pepper, spices, herbs, if used, penetrate all through the meat, and cook slowly; but the best flavors evaporate under rapid cooking. A poor, cheap, tough piece of meat is hardly fit to eat, and is not desirable, unless these precautions are strictly observed; but it can be made wholesome and delicious if they are properly understood and conscientiously followed. The French understand the power of slow cooking to preserve all fine flavors. If they had not such great fondness for garlic, their would be the perfection of meat cooking.—Christian Union.

A traveler who was following a trail on horseback down the White Pine Mountains in Nevada recently, and rumbling noise about him, and on turning discovered that a vast volume of water, at least ten feet high, was rapidly approaching him, a water-curtain having descended in the vicinity. He jumped from his animal and climbed one of the steep banks that rose abruptly on either side of the trail, which he did just in time to save his life. The horse was taken by the flood and rolled and tumbled down the ravine some hundred yards, where the owner found him, after the water had subsided, lodged among the rocks and rubbish dead.

Nothing is more essential to happiness in this world than good housekeeping. The place where we live should, above all others, be decent, clean and comfortable. The trouble with all of us is we don't study our homes enough. Attention should be paid to comfortable equipage, to neatness and order, and to clean attractive and wholesome cooking. Every wife ought to have some publication devoted to these several points. The woman's study should be her Home, and her aim to make it attractive and comfortable.

A Boston woman induced her rather weak-minded husband to will all his property to her, and then locked him up in a woodhouse to die, while she received the courtship of the man she intended to marry when she became a widow. In her absence, the husband's friends made a search and found him emaciated, drugged, and nearly dead. She was arrested.

SHOOTING APEAK.—A Pembina despatch says that a Texas detective met one of the notorious Texas train robbers in the post office at that place on Friday. A fight ensued, during which both were shot dead within five seconds. There are two others of these robbers who are supposed to be in Dakota or Manitoba.

HAPPY INDIANS.—Mr. McCall, the Inspector of Indian Affairs, returned yesterday from a tour of inspection to all the agencies within the Manitoba superintendency. He reports that the Indians are contented, and are making great improvements in house building.

Lake Superior is nearly two feet below its usual level, being lower than ever before known, and it is alleged that the Mississippi is lower than it has been for 10 years.

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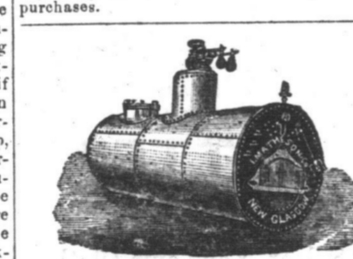
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When it came to disturbing these, opposition culminated, as the ideas of buyers and sellers differed materially as to the market value of "potted ancestors," a crisis soon came. "Venise 'is me," says the poor French crier, "I do not mind 'im mooch; but ven it oom to be or-mo-ge-ped, 'o' m' m' ch'ose!" So when scolding old women were re-entored by barbaric hordes with uplifted hoes and shovels, the surviving party retreated in good skirmishing order, and reported at headquarters.—A. A. HAYLES, in Harper's Magazine for December.

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Never put the hands into butter. There is no excuse for so doing, and every sense of cleanliness forbids it. True the hands are clean, still as butter absorbs any and every impurity with which it comes in contact, excessive perspiration of the hands or water on the hands might thus be imparted to the butter. A wooden ladle to lift the butter from the churn or to turn it over while being washed, is as sure just as well and a vast deal better.

It is a common practice of cooks and others of those who are called good housekeepers, to sprinkle salt over the meat when just ready to put over the fire. Now, to salt any meat before it is well heated through,—or, better still, half cooked—will injure very material, by the best ever sold in market, and certainly quite spoil a poor article, no matter whether it is steak, roast, or stew.

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MIGRATIONS OF YELLOW FEVER.

Yellow fever, like the cholera, is one of the great migrating diseases. Starting from some point within the tropics, it travels steadily onward from point to point as long as it does not meet freezing weather; and it travels northward by preference, comparatively seldom to the southward of the zone from which it sets out. Thus Brazil has suffered comparatively little from its epidemic visitations, though, as we shall see, the disease planted its germs long ago in Rio de Janeiro, on the extreme southern limit of the tropics. But its favorite course is toward the north. In addition to the above I have a stock of

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Dr. S. F. Whitman, Dentist,  
WOULD respectfully inform his friends that he is now in  
BRIDGETOWN,  
to all engagements previously made, persons requiring his professional services will please not delay.

BETTER STILL  
THE Subscribers have lately received per  
"Arrow" —  
100 Bbl. Choice Flour,  
100 do. K. D. Corn Meal, "Gold Drop,"  
100 Bbls Fresh Graham Meal,  
50 Cracked Corn,  
Arrived to-day per "T. B. Harris," direct from Mills—200 Bbls Flour, "Mittler,"  
"White Eagle," and "Avalanche." Also in stock—50 Boxes Layer Raisins, do. 4 boxes "Port Rio" Sugar, Tea, Bloniss, Spices, &c. Salt, coarse and fine, Pickled, Dry and Smoked Fish. A few casks of Kerosene, by cask 25 cents. Agent for Higgins, Crow & Co., Confectioners.

RANDALL, HIGGINS & CO.,  
Opposite Railway Station.  
Annapolis, Jan. 15th, 1877.

S. R. FOSTER & SON'S  
STANDARD  
Nail, Shoe & Tack Works.  
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FOREIGNERS hold land in China by treaty stipulations, under title deeds in both Chinese and English, registered at a consulate; usually, but by no means necessarily, that of the nation to which the owner belongs. This title is in the nature of a perpetual lease. Could such title be obtained for a strip of land embracing the old road, it seemed reasonable to assume that if there were interference with any construction thereupon, the tenure of every other piece of real estate in Shanghai would be affected, and the railroad projectors would have the whole community at their back. Purchases were therefore cautiously begun and carried on, and registry obtained, not in the British or United States consulate, where attention would be attracted to it, but in a Continental bureau. Of course there were numerous and troublesome obstacles, such as are not unknown in Western lands. Farmers claimed many times the value of their holdings for smaller corners; old women of horrible aspect, and mistresses of the Chinese billingsgate, cursed the engineer and interpreter by their gods, and vowed that Confucius himself should not have a lot of their patrimony; and the defiant natives gave the most trouble of all. It should be stated that in this favored land the rude forefathers of the hamlet who have departed this life are supposed of in sundry and promiscuous ways, according, apparently, to the means or caprice of their friends. Some are interred; others, packed in boxes are deposited in the fields; and others, again, placed in barrel-like ear