
Rats are an alarming nuisance in The mines of the world employ 5,000,-

The St. Gothard tunnel cost \$760 per last season's seal catch is the

that of the previous year.

The Inaj palm is the tree which is distinguished for having the largest leaves. They often reach a length of 50 feet, and are from 10 to 12 feet in width. feet, and are from 10 to 12 feet in width.
About 8,000 acres of coal lands located
in Monterey county, Cal., about 200
miles from San Francisco, are about to
be developed in an extensive manner.
Most of the coal of this section is ligmitte in character, but this tract is said
to contain a vein of semi-bituminous
final

The eyes of seven persons out of ten One of the oldest known food plants

The weight of the Pyramid of Cheops

is estimated at 4,000 tons.

The percentage of foreigners in Holland is one and a half.

Loss of life in the mines of the United States is far greater than in Europe.

Every year there are 500 deaths from hunger and destitution in Great Britain amount of wheat ruined by the rust is estimated at \$5,000,000 per year.
The product of the British shipyards

amounts to 20 or 25 per cent. of the

whole.

The latest amusement stunt is the "Giant Flip-Flap," which is being constructed for the Franco-British Exposition, which will be held at London. The construction has two arms, each 180 feet long, and at the end of each arm is a car called a "hanging garden," which will hold 48 people. The arms are worked by a hydraulic power, and are raised slowly from the ground until they meet in mid-air. It is designed that they shall remain at the full height for a few minutes on each trip, and there the voyage shall be continued, the passengers being delivered at a point oppo-site that at which they boarded the car. In this manner they have described a complete half circle in the air. The trip will occupy a period of five minutes.

Coffee was first produced in Arabia early in the fifteenth century. It was not imported into England until about

The total area of Africa is estimated at about 11,500,000 square miles, of which Great Britain owns 2,713,910 square

An effort is being made to organize he workmen of Mexico on the same lines as they are in other countries.

RETREAT OF THE GLACIERS

Many of the Swiss Alps Receding.

The Deutsche Rundschau for Geography and Statistics, recently gave a sum-mary of the latest reports on the re-treat and advance of glaciers, from which it appears that in the Swiss Alps 39 glaciers are receding, five stationary

and 12 are advancing.

The glaciers in the corner of Bavaria The glaciers in the corner of Bavaria that push into the Alps are all receding, and also those of the Hollenthal in Paden and the Sonnblick group in the eastern part of the Austrian Alps. None of the Italian glaciers is advancing. The Cassandra group has recently retreated about 80 feet, and one glacier in the Berina group has receded 3,508 feet in

one of the Swedish glaciers has retreated 393 feet, and the glaciers in Norway are also retreating. The recent studies of Spitzbergen show that some of them have retreated more than a mile and a half, but it is not known, of course, how long this recession has been gring on.

going on.
In America many glaciers have receded to the snow line, as the limit of per-petual snow is called. The remarkable report comes from Turkestan not only that the glaciers are receding, but also that some of them have entirely dis-appeared, and a similar report appeared, and a similar report comes from the Altai Mountains on the south ern edge of Siberia.

On the whole there seems to be abun

On the whole there seems to be abundant evidence that the glaciers of the morthern hemisphere are generally retreating, and that their action is due mainly to the climatic conditions now mainly to the climatic conditions now prevailing, though it may be influenced to a small extent by other factors, such, for example, as the effects which rock debris has on the melting and flow of

TYRANT'S TOMB NOW A STABLE.

A Curious Memorial of the Ruin Sol-

ano Lopez Brought on Paraguay. A curious memorial of the tyrant lano Lopez, who wasted and depopulated Paraguay between 1862 and 1870, stands in the city of Asancion, the capital of the republic. It is the large and imposing measurement that he built for the ultimate housing of his body.

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But it was never used for that pur-pose. When Lopez was overfacea and killed as he was fleeing his enemies did not care to give him a decent burial.

Dr. Vallentin, the German coographer who has just written n-book on Paraguay, says that it puzzled the people to decide want to do with the mausoleum. It was finally turned into a stable, and is still serving that humble but useful pur

Pose.
Grass is growing upon the lofty cupala and weeds protrude from every revie in the walls. It is a monument to the

ruin Lopez brought upon his country and himself. Lopez has often been called the Nero Lopez has often been called the Nero of the nineteenth century, but some historians say that he was worse than Nero. Dr. Baez, the historian of Paraguay, says that the tyranny of Lopez was the most barbarous that history records. The only excuse ever made for him is that he was insane.

He was President of Paraguay and in-tended to make himself King. He pro-voked and waged a five years war with

the united countries of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. He had a crown made in Paris to be ready for the coronation just as soon as he could declare himself king of more than half of South America. His

of more than half of South America. His idea was to build up a great kingdom, not by developing its resources, but by founding a minitary despotism.

He became a despot wholly unrestrained by law. All his countrymen who opposed him were shot or imprisoned. He had his own mother and one of his sisters publicly flogged in the street. Another sister was kept a prisoner in chains. chains.

Every boy and man who could carry a gun was impressed into the army, and as the end drew near he compelled many hundreds of women to fight in the ranks. The whole country was in ruins when a bullet ended his life. In 1861 Paraguay

bullet ended his life. In 1861 Paraguay had a population of over 1,000,000. There were only about 200,000 human beings in the country in 1872. The land was nothing but a waste.

It had been completely stripped of cattle, horses, sheep and goats, not a plantation was in cultivation, and there was no money to buy seed, for Lopez and the woman Lynch, whom he had brought with him from Paris the year before he became President, had shipped all the remaining gold and silver to England for a rainy day.

Paraguay has recovered slowly from this experience. She now has

his experience. She now has tion of 700,000, immigrants are coming in growing numbers, and agriculture and ommerce are advancing every year.

GREAT BIRD STUNT

Vultures Came Down Head First With

a Roar Like a War Rocket. The rush of scavenger birds when big game is killed is vividly described by R. C. F. Maugham in a book on Portuguese East Africa.

East Africa.

"Having shot an elephant," he says, "I sat by while the great slabs of skin were removed from the gigantic sides and the carriers, hastily summoned from the camp and reinforced by people from a neighboring village, proceeded to cut up the vast mountain of flesh.

"Almost immediately a shadow flitted across the carcass and looking varied."

across the carcass, and looking upward one became aware that the deep blue above was rapidly filling with countless black wheeling specks.

"The buzzards, kites and scapulated crows boldly alighted on the grass and on a few neighboring bushes and await-ed calmly the moment when we should ed calmly the moment when we should take our leave, while overhead at a great height the shyer varieties, including the marabous, large bare necked vultures, and screaming fishing eagles continued to hover.

"At length all the meat was carefully apportioned, the tusks chopped out and we started for camp, but before we had marched twenty and severy one of these

marched twenty yards every one of those waiting birds wes settled upon the re-mains, while with a rush like the roar of a war rocket the greater vultures fell, with wings tightly folded, from a height of 300 or 400 yards to take part in the

feast.
"The startling noise made by these heavy birds falling head foremost through the air, to check their plunge with outspread wings so close to the ground as to make destruction appear inevitable, was most singular and impressions." pressive.

Poor Little Wille. Little Willie isn't well-Seems to have a bilious spell. We're afraid he's delicat (Had some apple tarts at eight; Nine o'clock 'twas cookies; then Followed ginger-cake at ten. At eleven slipped around And some cheese and doughnuts found) Didn't heed the dinner

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Favorite Drinks of Statesmen. Gladetone liked egg, milk and sherry. While speaking, Bismarck has been know o drink two dozen glasses of moselle an

Von Bulow likes a glass of champagne.

Wr. Balfour prefers whiskey and soda.

Lord St. Aldwyn (Sir Michael HicksBeach: sticks to port.

Henry Clay preferred rye.

Daniel Webster took bourbon all his life.

The Fairbanks' cocktail is already famous. But as for Senator Davis, we refrain from mentioning what he likes. Not Worrying.

Guest-Scientists claim that in a milion years this earth will be a mass of Proprietor Summer Hotel-Oh, well,

I'll be out of the summer hotel business by that time, I hope. . It Goes Begging.

J. B .- In what respect does the Amercan poet laureateship resemble the in dependent tramp?"

Professor—It sometimes goes begging for occupation.

A Modern Household. The Cook-You have borrowed my savings, you wear my best hat when you go out, and you've only half enough to eat at that, so I'm going to leave.

Mistress—Why, I told you that we



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cess in Austria and Germany.

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ULCERATED LEG AND ANKLE

HEALED BY ZAM-BUK

A common result of an injury sometimes of even a tiny scratch is chronic ulceration, the akin disease that eats deepest into the tissue and is most painful, weakening and obstinate. Ulcerations are brought on often (especially in the case of women) by excessive standing or kneeling. Mrs. J. E. Berryman, of 91 Catharins St. N., Hamilton, Ont., says: "I was suffering for a number of weeks with a badly inflamed and ulcerated leg and ankir. I had used one remedy after another with no material benefit. My leg was swollen in some places to bursting and day and night I suffered severe pains. At this stage my husband prevailed upon me to leave off all other preparations and use Zam-Buk. This I did and was greatly surprised for after a few applications the swelling in the leg was greatly reduced and the ulcer looked healthier. I persevered with Zam-Buk until the swelling was banished and the pain and inflamation entirely removed. Zam-Buk has affected a cure when other remedies failed."

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What We Miss.

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To see the sights accounted strange;
In frenzied chase we spend our days
And all the dollars we can raise,
In Spain and Mexico and France,
And everywhere we have a chance,
In every far and foreign land,
But miss the wonders close at hand.

That isn't anyway to act.
We might do better, for a fact,
By holding in some small regard
The wonders in our neighbor's yard—
His hen so keenly on the lay
That it turns out three eggs a day,
The yellow rooster down the block
That answers nicely for a clock.

The mission furniture, perhaps, Made by some interesting chaps The mission furniture, perhaps, Made by some interesting chaps Just with a knife and on the sly Some small assistance from old Si, Or. right beneath our very hand, Hand painted china, very grand, Worth 30 cents; to learn which art Our wives with twenty had to part,

But, no; we miss the things at home And fly to Athens, Nice and Rome, Go down to see Niagara Falis Or some one's grand ancestral halls, Or take a trip to gay Paree Its lights and wonders great to see, Go clashing down the old world beat And miss the wonders at our feet.



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wear it. Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Washed Them Herself. The German Emperor is, as every one knows, an advocate of the simple life and has determined to put down the tendency to luxurious living so prevalentin the aristocratic circles of Berlin.

A great court lady happened to be the object of a snarp lecture on extrava-gance from the Kaiser, and she resolved to retaliate. She appeared at a recent court ball with her husband, whose linen court ball with her husband, whose linen was shamefully got up, so badly as to attract the Emperor's disapproving gaze. "My friend," said the Kaiser, "I cannot congratulate you on your laundress." The seemingly well merited rebuke did not disconcert the delinquent's wife. "Sire," replied the aristocratic dame, I have taken to washing my husband's shirts myself," says Home Notes.

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shirts myself, says Home Notes.
Gossip does not relate what the imperial advocate of economy thought or said, but the story is true, and is now going the round at Berlin to the secret amusement of those who hear it.

The gateway to the cloisonne works leads down a wooden passage into a tiny evolution and wooden passage into a tiny evolution and with the workshops of the factory.

It is not larger than the front lawn of a suburban house, but the skill of a Japanese gardener has planted a whole mountainside with forests of pine and lawned with an explaing

Temperament and Training.

Tests and observations made at the Tests and observations made at the Yale psychological laboratory have suggested some important principles to be observed in training for the development of bodily strength. It appears that the nervous and the phlegmatic types of temperament require different methods of physical exercise. The phlegmatic temperament indicates much reserve energy in both muscles and nerve ceals, while the hervous temperament prewhile the hervous temperament pos-sesses less reserve power, but greater ability to use the energy at hand. In the development of strength the mental factors are more necessary than the muscular. One great lesson taught by these tests is that individual tempera-

ment should be carefully studied before prescribing systems of exercise.

Salvation Army Praise

tomatic System Tried With Suc-"I feel it my duty to testify to the bene fit I have received from the use of Psychine. While travelling in New Ontario conducting special meetings I contracted a very bad cold chine, which I did, and after using but a few bottles I was completely restored to health. I recommend this wonderful remedy to suffers from Bronchitis and other

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Pretty, But Did They Mean it? Wrinkles disfigure a woman less than

ill-nature. Dupuy.

Two smiles that approach each other end in a kiss.—Victor Hugo.

To a gentleman every woman is a lady in right of her sex.—Lytton.

All the reasons of men are not worth one sentiment of woman voltages.

one sentiment of woman.—Voltaire.
Women may be pardoned for lack of common sense. The culprit in them is the heart.—Stahl.

A woman is seldom tenderer to a man than immediately after she has deceivd him.—Anonymous.

If Cleopatra's nose had been shorter, the face of the whole world would have

been changed.—Pascal.

Women, deceived by men, want to marry them; it is a kind of revenge, as good as any other.—Beaumanoir A man must be a fool who does not succeed in making a woman believe that which flatters her.—Balzac.

I have seen faces of women that were fair to look upon, yet one could see that the icicles were forming around these

The life of a woman can be divided into three epochs: In the first she dreams of love, in the second she experiences it, in the third she regrets it. Sainte-Prosper.

The Nova Scotia "Lumber King" says:
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the BEST liniment in use. "I got my foot badly jammed lately bathed it well with MINARD'S LINI MENT and it was as well as ever next

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The Butcher's Inference.

One day the Emperor Francis Joseph vas entering a village in his domain or horseback, and was met on the outskirts by a butcher who had gone out in hope of catching an early glimpse of the Austrian Kaiser. The Emperor asked the butcher the way to an inn, and after directions had been given the butcher in turn inquired. urn inquired:

"Have you seen the Kaiser?"
"Very recently," answered Francis Jo-

aph.
"Are you sure? Do you know him "Are you sure? Do you know him certainly?" asked the eager butcher. "Well, I ought to," replied the monarch, puffing out his chest. "I have shaved him often enough." "Ah, and you are the court barber," said the abashed butcher in awe-struck

tones, as he doffed his cap and backed to the roadside.—Washington Post.

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Busy and Beautiful. It is interesting to know that it is possible for a city of 280,000 inhabitants, and mostly factory employees, to be free

bamboo, has spanned with an arching bridge the stone-grey stream at the mountain's foot. From inside the tiny matted rooms, no

bigger than bathing boxes, which shut in three sides of the garden, the illusion is complete. And the shade and coolness of the imaginary forest and stream bring a sense of calmness and repose, of quiet peace and beauty, to all the many workers of the feature. It all the many workers of the factory. It a living landscape growing unspoiled the heart of a workshop in the centre manufacturing city.

It is a town of sunny streets and pure, Man's Excuse.

A man has to do a lot of drinking so

FALL OF VOLCANIC DUST.

Curious Phenomenon Engages Atten tion of German Scientists.

The great storm which swept over the country on January 6, says a Berlin Germany), special to the London Globe, was remarkable for a phenomenon reported by observers at widely separated entres. It was noticed, some time after the snowfall had ceased, that the white surface was covered by a thin layer of fine dust, grey in color, and apparently composed of minute mineral particles.

Specimens of this dust were collected and the Tagliche Rundschau states that they have ben analyzed with exceedingly interesting results. It has been found that the dust is undoubtedly of voltage of the control of th ens of this dust were collected canic origin, and its peculiar composition leads the scientists to believe that it has come from one or other of the Central American craters, and has been carried half-way around the globe by some pow-erful current in the higher atmosphere.

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A woman is happy and attains all that she desires when she captivates a man; hence the object of her life is to master the art of captivating men.—
Toletoi. turist who could not walk through a There are men who cannot look upon a great picture without scrutinizing every inch of the canvas for some light or shade to criticize, and afterward they recall only the blemish. Yet there never was a tree so beautiful that it did not have one broken bough. There never was a book so wise but that it had one untruth or overstatement. Even Helen's brow held one little blemish. Scientists tell us there are spots on the sun.-Newell Dwight Hillis.

Timely Suggestion. After having been seriously ill for sev-ral weeks Mr. Tyte-Phist was declared

to be out of danger.

"What's the use of getting well?" he groaned, when the attending physician broke the news to him. "I'll have to pay your bill, and I know it'll be a mighty

"What of that, my friend?" soothingly spoke the doctor. "Think what it costs spoke the doctor. "to die in this town." Mr. Tyte-Phist reflected a moment.
"That's so," he said, his voice growing stronger. "I hadn't thought of that."

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Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Nearly Through. A stranger entered a church in the middle of the sermon and seated himself in the back pew. After a while he began fidget. Leaning over to the whitehaired man at his side, evidently an old

nember of the congregation, he whis-"How long has he been preaching?" "Thirty or forty years, I think," the old man answered. "I don't know ex-

"I'll stay then," decided the stranger. Delirium tremens patien "He must be nearly done."—Everybody's. too, do you, doe? Ah, ha!

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interrupted the agent. "I told him, when he suggested your name to me, that it was a relief to call on a man who ed to his face all the time. I tell you, Mr. Grump, this city has mighty few such men as you. Nine out of ten are simply dying to have some one tell them how great they are, but you are above such weakness. Anyone can tell that at a glance. I'm glad of it, It's helpful to me to meet a man who rises superior to the tactics of the average solicitor. It's a real and lasting benefit and an instructive experience."

Ten minutes later, after a few more such comments on the part of the agent.

such comments on the part of the agent, the man who could not be flattered into signing a contract was asking which line



How Camphor is Made 'To make camphor,' said a returned traveller, 'you put in chips at one hole, and out of another hold you

draw the crude product, in coarse white grains, like salt.

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their odor is so aromatic that it can be detected two miles off.

'In each building there are a dozen fires. On each fire is a kettle of boiling water, with a perforated lid. Fitted to the top of this kettle is an iron cylinder, filled with camphor chips of the size of your little finger. Fitted to the top of the cylinder is an empty inverted jar.

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Fixed. One of the local officials of Chicago tells of a plumber's apprentice who, on his way to work one morning, called at the office of the health authorities and made known his wish to register his father's death. When the clerk asked the date of the demise, the son replied:
"He ain't dead yet, but he will be before night. I thought it would save me

another journey if you put it down "That won't do at all,' said the clerk. "That won't do at all,' said the clerk.
"Perhaps your father will live for a long while yet."
"Well, I don't know," responded the apprentice, doubtfully. "The doctor

apprentice, doubtfully. "The doctor says he won't, and he knows what he has given him."—Harper's Weekly. Overdid It. Hospital physician (to reassure him)-

snake you see is not a real one,

Delirium tremens patient-You see it. UTO JOHN HALLAM

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