

Stalactite Caves in Utah.

Two of the most wonderful stalactite caves of the world are located within the territory of Utah—one five miles south of Topeka and the other 25 miles west of St. George. Neither is remarkable on account of size, and, according to the St. Louis Republic, the dignifying title of "Cavern" has never been bestowed upon either of the two. They simply come within the category of the wonderful because of the immense number of stalactites of various sizes and colors which depend from their roofs. The first, the one near Topeka, is known as "La Virgin," and the other by the name of the "Black Warrior." The Virgin was discovered a few years ago by the contractor of an irrigating company, who was engaged in driving a tunnel through a mountain called La Virgin Bench for the purpose of tapping the river beyond. When the light was first let into this wonderful underground chamber the effect is said to have been startling, the roof and floor glittering with cubes and points of crystal alum and the roof studded with millions of rain-colored stalactites.

The Black Warrior cave is a counterpart of the Virgin and was discovered by miners at a point where their tunnel was 365 feet beneath the surface.

Disease Among European Pine Trees.

A new disease has attacked the pine forests of a certain locality in Alsace, and from Strasbourg comes the information that the pine forests of Grendelbruch, a village situated at the foot of the famous castle of Guirbaden, have been entirely destroyed. No remedy has so far been discovered to stay the destructive malady. At first it was thought to cut off the diseased branches would stop the ravages, but this has been found insufficient, because it does not show itself until the branches are hopelessly diseased. The forests of Grendelbruch have been visited by a number of prominent scientists from France and Germany, and Professor Schwann, of Ebersfeld, is now examining diseased branches, but so far without results.

Paper Money Statistics.

In 1840 Great Britain had £35,000,000 of paper money, in 1890 £39,000,000; at the former date France had £9,000,000, at the latter £115,000,000; Austria had £70,000,000 and £123,000,000 respectively.

Propelling the Whale.

What is the horse power of a whale? This is the problem which has been solved by a brace of Scottish mathematicians. A whale was stranded on the western coast of Scotland some weeks ago, and the interesting calculation was made that power equal to 145 horses would be required to propel the whale through the water at the rate of 12 miles an hour.

The Shoe Heel.

The German mother says that should she by accident lose the heel of her shoe one of her children will die before the year is out, while should a French lady meet with such an accident to her high-heeled slippers disappointment in love is sure to follow.

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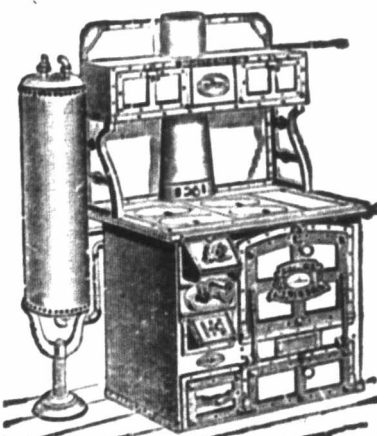
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