

A Unique Lottery Record.

A Japanese student living in Brooklyn had some curious news from his home in Nikko. It appears that his cousin has won the first prize in a government lottery, and, by so doing, has been sent abroad to travel for ten years, with a handsome allowance, which is to be paid him every three months by one of the most substantial banks in Japan. If he returns to Japan for more than one month in each year he forfeits the allowance, and it also stipulated that at least half of the time spent abroad must be in the various countries in Europe. The second prize was five years' travel, and the third prize one year's travel, on the same allowance, but the conditions were that all the time must be spent in Europe. This certainly is the most unique lottery on record, and the most commendable.

Telephones in Church.

Supporters of the telephonic system in Birmingham can now be placed in communication with Christ church in that city and practically take part in the services. The telephone wires run straight into the pulpit, and the listeners at the other end of the system can hear the tolling of the bell, the prayers, the responses, the singing, and the sermon. Even casual coughing among the congregation can be distinguished. There are many classes of persons on whom this new departure confers a great boon. The sick and bedridden, who have long been prevented from attending any place of worship, can now be present, if not in flesh, in the hearing.

The Pigmy Cattle of Samoa.

The Samoan islands are the natural habitat of the most diminutive species of variety of the genus bos now known to the naturalist. The weight of the males of these lilliputian cattle seldom exceeds two hundred pounds, the average being not greater than one hundred and fifty pounds. The females usually average about one hundred pounds larger, are very "stocky" built, seldom being taller than a merino sheep. These dwarf cattle are nearly all of the same color—reddish mouse color, marked with white. They have very large heads as compared with their bodies and their horns are of exceptional length.

BAYONET POINTS.

A new Italian rifle will send a bullet through five inches of solid oak at a distance of 4,000 feet.

Aluminum drums are proving most successful in the Prussian military bands. Not only are they lighter than the ordinary kind, but they give out a much fuller and richer sound.

Chateaudun, where the French maneuvers have just been held, has the distinction of having received as a municipality the cross of the Legion of Honor for its heroic defense against the Germans in 1870.

POINTS FOR SCIENTISTS.

The 132,856 craters which have been discovered on the moon are supposed to have been caused by a bombardment of aerolites.

Sea bathing causes many diseases of the ear. Cotton should be put in the ear when it is the intention to submerge the head.

All known chemical elements are represented in sea water. They are not always capable of being detected by chemical analysis.

The theory that the remains of animals form the raw material from which petroleum is formed by nature is still held by some prominent scientists.

The Boy and the Cop.

The boy was fishing from the tail end of a boat, anchored about fifty feet out in the river, and a policeman on shore was watching him.

"What are you doing there?" called the officer, when he saw the boy paid no attention to him.

"Who are you?" asked the boy, with an eye on his bob.

"I'm a police officer."

"Where?"

"Right here in the city of Detroit."

The officer thought perhaps he had caught a runaway from the Canadian side, and concluded to play him a bit before hauling him in.

"What state is Michigan in?" asked the boy.

"Michigan," replied the officer, without noticing, and the boy grinned.

"What's your name?"

"John Smith."

The officer was having lots of fun.

"Are you sure?" asked the boy.

"Of course; I ought to know my own name, oughtn't I?"

"Sure; but a boy can't always tell what a copper knows by what he tells him."

"Well, I'd like to know why I oughtn't to know my own name," said the officer, quite puzzled.

"I can't tell you," said the boy, "and I can't tell, neither, why you don't know I'm fishin' when you see I ain't doin' nothin' else," and the boy slapped out a fish about ten inches long. "There," he exclaimed, "do you know any more now?" and the officer had business elsewhere.—Detroit Tribune.

ABOUT PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

The mother of Gen. Boulanger, who died in Paris, was ninety-two years of age.

The salary and expense allowance of President Casimir-Perier are \$240,000 per year.

George W. Cable has named his summer home at Northampton, Mass., "Stay-awhile."

The once famous court violinist, Enrico Masi, died in Rome a few days ago. He was at one time a member of the well-known "Florentine Quartette."

The Confederate Women's Monument association has been organized at Richmond, and a charter is to be obtained. Voluntary subscriptions toward the monument now amount to six hundred dollars.

Great success has been obtained in Belgium with the ammonia process for sinking shafts through quicksand. The principle is that of freezing the quicksand by an ammonia freezer similar to that used in making artificial ice.

A new thermometer for registering extreme heat is composed of a liquid alloy of sodium and potassium, instead of mercury. The boiling point of this alloy is about 1,100 degrees above, and its freezing point 12 degrees below zero.

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