

MISCELLANEOUS.

Glass blowing is represented on an Egyptian monument dating 2000 B.C.

There were many booksellers in Rome as early as the days of Julius Cæsar.

In the tenth century the best dyers in Europe were found among the Danes.

Over twenty new trades were introduced into Western Europe by the Crusades.

The jewelers' wheel was employed by Greek artisans in cutting cameos from agate.

The horseshoing smith first appeared in Germany, where iron shoes were first used for horses.

The Greek mechanics had circles, surveying poles, scales, protractors, astrolabes and quadrants.

The first famous German brewer was Herr Knausten, who wrote a handbook on his art in 1575.

Accidents in and about coal mines in Great Britain during 1893 caused the death of 1056 persons, an increase of 40 over the record for 1892.

MR. M. ROBERTSON (Revell & Co.'s Bookstore, Yonge street, Toronto), says:—"My mother owes her life to the timely use of Acetocura."

Eastern Switzerland manufacturers annually nearly \$20,000,000 worth of machine-made embroideries, of which the United States alone have imported as high as \$7,700,000 worth in a single year.

The true Christmas season is said by many authorities to commence with Christmas Eve and terminate on the first of February. The commonly accepted length of festival time is from Christmas Eve until Twelfth Night.

Recently at the London Institution, Professor Sir R. S. Ball stated that the heat given off from one square yard of the sun's surface would keep a series of Atlantic line boilers at work developing from 20,000 to 30,000 horse-power continually.

Colonel Henry Lee is the author of the mot. "It is but three generations in this country from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves,"—the happy coinage of a conversation with Edward Atkinson as they were walking home from church in Brookline.

The Best Advertisements.

Many thousands of unsolicited letters have reached the manufacturers of Scott's Emulsion from those cured through its use, of Consumption and Scrofulus diseases! None can speak so confidently of its merits as those who have tested it.

Mme. Carnot, the wife of the President of the French Republic, is brilliantly educated, speaks English fluently, and keeps herself well informed upon such European politics as are likely to have any influence upon the destinies of France. Mme. Carnot, like most French women of the upper class, dresses, with exquisite taste,

It is reported that fifteen children of both sexes were baptized in the Maison du Peuple, wine being used instead of water, and the usual advice to parents supplanted by an atheistic address by a member of the Chamber. Auguste Comte adopted several imitations of the Christian religion for his cult of humanity, but a purely civil baptism is about the newest thing out.

Princess Bismarck writes to a friend in the Isle of Wight: "Know that if I had had the choice of a nationality, I should have chosen to be a free Englishwoman, fresh, cultivated, trained in liberty for an active life, and looked upon by my husband as something more than a zero or a plaything." She confesses that she is proud of her husband, but is sure they would both have been happier if Providence had put them in England.

The natural bridge in West Kootenay, 20 miles north of Robson, recently investigated by Mr. James Hays, described as a much respected miner of Nelson, is, if Mr. Hays' measurements are correct, a marvellous freak of nature, says the *Victoria Province*. The piers on each side are said to be 20 feet high, where the arch begins to spring and it rises in the centre to a height of 90 feet above the ground. The span is no less than 264 feet, and the width of the bridge is 30 feet, with a varying depth of from twelve feet in the centre to 10 feet at the sides. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hays took a kodak with him and that we may shortly have an opportunity of seeing a photograph of this marvellous monolith.

DOUBLE TRIPS.

The popular steamer *Empress of India* will commence her double trips on Saturday, June 9th, leaving the Yonge St. Wharf, (west side) at 7.40 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. On both of these trips a fast special train is run from Port Dalhousie to Buffalo direct without change. Passengers leaving Toronto in the morning can have 5½ hours in Buffalo or 7½ hours in Niagara Falls and from 8 to 9 hours at any point on the Welland division of G. T. R. Also, on June 9th, the special Saturday to Monday tickets will be issued to the following places: St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland and Port Colborne. These tickets will be issued every Saturday during the season. The popular 50 cent Saturday excursions to Port Dalhousie and return will commence on Saturday, June 9th, by the afternoon boat (only), leaving at 3.20 p.m.

A CORNWALL MIRACLE.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Only One of Many Similar Cases—How the Restoration to Health was Brought About—A Plain Recital of Facts.

From the Cornwall Standard.

There is no longer reason to seek far for proof of the miraculous cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. We have heard of numerous marvellous cures following the use of this wonderful medicine, and have been successful in obtaining the facts for publication in one of them. Mr. Andrew Bowen, an employee of the Canada Cotton Mill, was taken ill about three years ago, and compelled to give up his position and cease work entirely. He was suffering from rheumatism which was followed by a complication of diseases, and in a few months became a helpless cripple. His wife became thoroughly worn out through waiting on him and in a short time also became an invalid and their plight was most pitiable indeed. They secured the best medical advice within their reach, spending a large amount of money in medicines which failed to give them any permanent relief. This went on for nearly three years and during that period they suffered untold agonies.

The above is summarized from the statements made by Mr. and Mrs. Bowen to the Standard rep-

resentative. We will give the remainder of the story in Mr. Bowen's own words. He said: "We were both terribly run down and completely discouraged at seeing dollar after dollar go for medicine that did not seem to do us any good. We had about given up all hopes of ever getting well again, when my attention was called to a wonderful cure effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had nearly lost all faith in medicines, and had made up my mind that my wife and myself were past human aid and would have to endure our suffering. We were repeatedly urged by friends to try the Pink Pills, and at last consented. After taking a couple of boxes we did not see any noticeable benefit and were about to give them up, but were urged to persevere with them and did so. When my wife had taken the fifth box she began to feel a decided improvement in her health and I decided to keep on taking them. The seventh box marked the turning point in my case, and I have continued to improve ever since, and to-day, as you see, we are both enjoying excellent health, almost as good as we ever did. Many times I have thought we would never have been well again and I cannot tell you how glad I am that we tried Dr. Williams' great medicine. I am now able to do a good days work without feeling the least bit tired, and my wife can perform her household duties without any effort. I consider that I have received hundreds of dollars value for the few dollars I spent on Pink Pills. We always keep them in the house now, although we do not need to use them, but think it safer to have them on hand in case they should be required."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a specific for all diseases arising from an impoverished condition of the blood or a shattered condition of the nervous forces such as St. Vitus' dance, locomotor ataxia, rheumatism, paralysis, sciatica, the after effects of la grippe, loss of appetite, headache, dizziness, chronic erysipelas, scrofula, etc. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, correcting irregularities, suppressions and all forms of female weakness, building anew the blood, and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excess of any nature.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper (printed in red ink), and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y., at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

The strongest animals in the world are those that live on a vegetable diet. The lion is ferocious rather than strong. The bull, horse, reindeer, elephant and antelope, all conspicuous for strength, choose a vegetable diet.—*Scientific American*.

Maj. John W. Powell, of Illinois, director of the United States Geological Survey for the last sixteen years, has voluntarily resigned on account of ill health, and his resignation has been accepted, to take effect on July 1. Prof. Charles D. Walcott, of Utica, N.Y., the present chief geologist of the survey, has been appointed his successor.

Artificial stone for street paving is made in Munich, from the rock known as serpentine, crushed to the finest of meal, and mixed with a solution, the nature of which is kept a secret by the makers. The blocks are pressed by hydraulic power. Hammers will not indent them, it is said; and the stone never wears smooth when watered, pavement made of this material remains damp a long time.

Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.