

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Such excellent authority as *London Engineering* has recently declared that "the United States magazine rifle possesses all the requisites now universally admitted to be necessary to a perfect magazine gun."

In England there are 114 widows to every 54 widowers. In Italy the relative numbers (per 1,000 women and 1,000 men) are 136 and 60; in France, 139 and 73; in Germany, 130.5 and 50; in Austria, 121 and 44.

After sailing thousands of miles over the Atlantic ocean, up the St. Lawrence and through the lakes to Chicago, without a mishap, the Viking ship was sunk in the river at Chicago during a heavy storm. The famous vessel was one of the most notable exhibits at the World's Fair.

The Rev. Samuel F. Smith, of Newton Center, Mass., author of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," is now 85 years old and in excellent health. He is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1829, and reads fifteen different languages. Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage September 9th.

A diamond weighing not less than 971 $\frac{3}{4}$  carats, and said to be the largest in the world, has been found in the Jagersfontein mines, Cape Colony, by Inspector Jorgansen. It was brought, well guarded, to the Cape of Good Hope, and put aboard a warship to be brought to London and deposited in the Bank of England.

The Army Temperance Society of the British army in India has grown from 13,000 members in 1890 to over 22,000 members to-day. Out of 1,100 regimental courts-martial for 1893, only 39 sat to try members of the Temperance Association, and of 2,680 courts-martial of all classes for that year, only 73 concerned temperance men.

## ANOTHER INSTANCE OF PROMPT PAYMENT.

Under the usual contracts it has been the custom of life insurance companies to defer payment of claims under their policies for 60 or 90 days, thus withholding from the beneficiaries or heirs the immediate protection which in very many cases is so essential.

Since the introduction by the North American Life Assurance Company, of Toronto, Ontario, of the immediate payment of death claims upon satisfactory proofs being furnished, most of the regular life companies have adopted the "prompt payment" motto of the North American.

The following is but one of the many thankful acknowledgments received from the beneficiaries of deceased policy-holders:

Chatham, N.B., 8th October, 1894.

Hugh S. Wright, Esq., District Manager North American Life Assurance Co., Woodstock, N.B.:

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to express my thanks for the prompt manner in which you have completed the claim papers for policy No. 14,261, on the life of my late son, Fred. J. W. Staples, who died on the 23rd ult.

My thanks are also due to your company for sending me a check in full settlement of claim the same day the papers reached Toronto.

The North American is evidently bound to maintain its record for prompt settlement of death claims, this being the second in this town which has received similar treatment within the past two weeks.

Yours respectfully,

REBECCA J. STAPLES.

The British Museum has an ancient weight, a unique object, in the shape of a bit of green diorite, about four inches high, carved in Mesopotamia in the year 605 B.C. It has a long inscription in Assyrian, which sets forth that it was made in time of Nebuchadnezzar II. and is the exact copy of the legal weight. It is somewhat conical, with a flat bottom.

At the race for the captaincy of the Brighton Ladies' Swimming Club which took place off the Chain Pier over a course of nearly 500 yards, and in a rather heavy sea. Four members participated, Miss E. Styer (holder) and Miss Samuel making a plucky fight for the honour. The former, however, proved equal to all emergencies, and won the captaincy for the third successive year in 11 min., 2 sec.—*London Lady.*

## A SIMCOE COUNTY MIRACLE.

THE STARTLING EXPERIENCE OF MRS. ROBINSON, OF MIDHURST.

Eleven Years Sickness.—Her case Pronounced Positively Incurable.—She Was Given Up to Die by Two Doctors.—Now a Picture of Good Health and Strength.

From the *Burrie Examiner.*

Near the village of Midhurst, about six miles from Barrie, stands the smithy of Mr. John Robinson, while within sound of the anvil is his home, where in the midst of a large and leafy orchard dwell the smith and his family. Mr. Robinson is a type of the proverbial blacksmith, with "the muscles of his brawny arms as strong as iron bands." But with Mrs. Robinson it has been different. The wife and mother has for a long time been a victim to acute and painful dropsy of the kidneys. Shortly after the birth of her youngest child (now about 13 years), Mrs. Robinson began to take fainting spells, accompanied by violent headaches. This continued through the years that have elapsed, during which time she had obtained the best medical advice available. For about a year she was in constant terror of going insane. Her dull heavy headache, beating pain in the back, and weak swollen legs and body made her case something fearful. To a representative of the *Examiner* Mrs. Robinson said: "It is some five or six years since I took worse, and since then we have spent hundreds of dollars in medicine and for medical advice. The symptoms of my case were heavy headaches, pain in the back and kidneys and swollen legs. I rapidly grew worse, and last July was given up by two doctors to die, and all my friends and neighbors tell me that they never expected to see me out again. I could not raise myself up, could not dress myself, and had to be assisted in every thing. Now I am well and strong, and can put out a big washing without any over exertion. I have also suffered from diarrhoea for a number of years, and when I spoke of it to my doctor he said if it were stopped worse results would follow. At the urgent request of my son, who was then living in Manitoba, and personally knew of wonderful cures wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I decided to give this remedy a trial. Since using the Pink Pills, I have been completely cured and have felt none but beneficial effects. Only the week before I commenced taking the Pink Pills I was told by a physician that he could not cure me, and that I would likely get worse when spring came. He analyzed my blood and said it was in a fearful state and that my disease was dropsy of the kidneys, which positively could not be cured. This was about the middle of last January. After the third box of pills my back-ache left me and it has not since returned. I have taken thirteen or fourteen boxes in all and owe my recovery to this wonderful medicine. I can't praise Pink Pills too much, whatever I say of them," said Mrs. Robinson.

"I recommend them to everybody. I can't speak too highly of them. They saved my life, and I feel it my duty to let others, who are suffering as I was, know all about them."

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