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BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

According to the examination just made by order of the Greek Patriarch, the Byzantine edifices of Constantinople have not suffered severely by the earthquake.

Mme. Lucca, the widow of the music publisher, who has just died in Milan, carried on the business herself after her husband's death, and was among the first to introduce Richard Wagner's operas to the Italians.

During the visit of the British Association to Oxford a statue of the great physician Sydenham, who was an Oxford man, was presented to the University Museum by the warden and two former fellows of All Souls'.

Sir Edwin Landseer's house in St. John's Wood road is about to be torn down to make way for a new railroad. It was built from the artist's own designs, and the walls of the studio and the door panels are covered with paintings by his hand.

Plans for a great Roman Catholic cathedral for London are now ready. The site was chosen by Cardinal Manning, being where the old Tothill prison stood, between Victoria street and Vauxhall Bridge road. The cost of land and building will be about £180,000.

According to weather observations recently published, Berlin has an average of 147 dark days in the year to 111 on which the sun shines. The brightest days are in May and September, the gloomiest in November, while in July they are most changeable.

The Czarevitch will receive a service of Sevres china as a wedding gift from French admirers, who have just appointed a committee to take the matter in charge. The plates are to bear the arms of the provinces and towns of France, combined with the Russian eagle.

At Moscow a new conservatory of music is now being erected by order of the Czar. The building will cost \$400,000, and will accommodate about a thousand pupils. Statues of N. Rubinstein, a former director, and of Tschukowsky, who long taught there, will be placed in the square around the new building.

Cain, the sculptor, just before he died expressed the wish to give to the city of Paris his last study in bronze, an eagle and a vulture fighting over the body of a bear, which was exhibited at the Salon of 1891, and at the World's Fair at Chicago. It will be set up in the square Montholon, where the artist used to play when a child.

Franz-Schmitz, the architect in charge of the Cologne cathedral at the time of its completion, died recently at Baden Baden. The two towers at the west end of the church are his work. He was employed in the "restoration" of medieval buildings all over Germany, and in 1867 received the highest prize for architectural works at the Paris Exposition.

"Opposite the St. Lazare station in Paris recently a young man, in stopping the runaway horses drawing an omnibus, was knocked down and seriously injured. He claimed compensation of the omnibus company, but was informed that his act was a purely voluntary one, and that he would not have been hurt had he minded his own business. The courts took a different view of the matter, however, and have condemned the company to pay damages."

During the recent naval manoeuvres two 10-inch guns were fired simultaneously on one of the vessels with startling effect. The glass that protects the helmsman and the windows of the chart-house, of which the glass is one-third of an inch thick, were smashed to atoms. An inkstand, bottles and tumblers jumped six inches into the air and spilled their contents, but came down whole, and men near the turret were lifted off their feet by the concussion.

Negotiations are said to be in progress for a combined advance of the British and Italian forces upon the upper Nile. The plan is for the Italians to advance from Kassala to Khartoum, supported by the Abyssinian army, while the English and Egyptian troops march upon Berber from Suakin, drive out the remnant of Osman Digna's dervishes at Berber, and then, following the course of the Nile, join the Italians at Khartoum. Both powers fear that they may be forestalled if the advance on Khartoum is delayed much longer.

The war in Corea has brought out prominently the control which England has over the submarine cable system of the world. English companies own lines having a length of more than 150,000 miles, which cost over £30,000,000 and produce a revenue of more than £4,000,000. The Government has done everything in its power to facilitate the laying of these cables by subventions and patronage, and the preliminary surveys have been nearly all made by the naval authorities. In return the companies are obliged to give priority to the despatches of the imperial and colonial Governments over all others, to employ no foreigners and allow no wire to be under the control of foreign Governments, and, in case of war, to replace their servants by Government officials when required.

The report of the British Customs Commissioners just published gives the gross receipts of revenue for the year ending March 31, 1894, as £19,954,519 an increase of £78,890 over last year, but over £90,000 less than was expected. The revenue from Almonds had been steadily decreasing, was in round numbers £170,000, 4.5 per cent. less than last year, that from rum, £1,940,000, 6.7 per cent. less than in 1893; a loss to the Government of £140,000, and cocoa and tobacco also decreased slightly. Brandy brought in £1,365,000, an increase of some £30,000, and tea £3,500,000, an increase of £90,000, or 2.75 per cent.

Lord Roberts has been making another interesting little speech on the condition of the army in India. When he first went there the soldiers had no refuge, when off duty, save the canteen, and the canteens were crowded. Then regimental institutes were established, and became successful rivals of the drinking bars. The men developed a taste for the perusal of light literature, and Lord Roberts declares that when he left India the reading-rooms were crowded and the canteens empty. Something of the same sort is going on in England. The free libraries of the cities are

largely attended, and licensed victuallers are complaining of the slackness of trade.

The marriage of the Czarevitch and Princess Alix of Hesse has been postponed until the middle of January, when it will take place at St. Petersburg, according to present arrangements. The report that Princess Alix had objected to enter the Greek Church is a pure invention, and one of the most absurd characters, as she was aware long before the Czarevitch proposed to her that his wife must become a member of that communion. Princess Alix is to be baptized and formally admitted into the Greek Church when she goes to Russia shortly on a visit to her sister, the Grand Duchess Serge. A German Princess, when she becomes a member of the Greek Church on marriage, has to array herself in a night-gown, and, before the assembled Grand Duke and court officials in Russia, to get into a bath, immersion being part of the ceremony.—Truth.

THE FIRST PHONOGRAPH.
Was due to an Accident of which Edison Took Advantage.

A number of years ago, at the time when Edison was experimenting on diaphragms for the telephone, he had constructed a number of small sheepskin drumheads to compare with the metal ones. To some of these sheep skin diaphragms he attached a small needle, which was intended to project toward the magnet and assist in conveying the vibration caused by the human voice. The sheepskin diaphragms did not fulfill Edison's expectations, and were thrown aside as useless.

Toying idly with these discarded diaphragms, his assistants discovered that by holding them in front of their mouths and emitting a guttural sound between the lips a peculiar noise approaching music could be produced. In passing one of the men engaged in playing on a diaphragm one day, Edison playfully attempted to stop the noise by touching the projecting metal pin with his finger.

"To that again," said Edison, and it was repeated, and again the pin impinged upon his finger, to his evident delight. He repeated the experiments with other assistants, getting them to talk against the diaphragm.

CLEARING FOR ACTION.

Scene on Board a Man-o-War—Discipline in Its Most Perfect Development.

To watch a ship's crew in the most exciting moment of clearing for action is to realize the value of discipline in its most perfect development—the result of the constant practice that gives faultless precision.

Whenever bugles sound the call and the boatswain's mate's pipe shrill echoes, the men, wherever they may be, whether on watch or asleep in hammocks, assemble at their allotted posts with marvellous celerity. There is a momentary tramping of feet between decks, a rattle of arms, and then silence so profound that any word of command can be distinctly heard fore and aft along the deck even of such a ship as the *Replisse*.

At the words "Clear for action," there is a commotion which a landsman might mistake for a panic as men rush from point to point. A blue jacket never walks when an order is given, but does everything at the double. Every one knows his station and goes to it by the quickest and shortest way. With a rapidity that seems wonderful, companion ladders, with their ponderous gangways, are unshipped and stowed away; railings around the low decks fore and aft are lowered; the ventilating cowls and chimney stacks disappear, to be replaced by covers flush with the deck; latches are battened down, water-tight doors closed, and tackle rigged for hoisting ammunition from the magazine. Between decks everywhere something of the same kind is being done as quickly and as quietly, and then the men stand to their guns. When the bugles sound for firing to commence, the great barbettes "take reverse" and are turned by unseen power, and the quick-firing guns in maindeck batteries are worked with surprising celerity by detachments of Royal Marine Artillery.

Hooks and Knobs of Spools.
No one has an idea what comfort can be had from common empty spools, until one has been through the trial of using rough nails as hooks, and in consequence suffered from rents and tears in the clothing.

Now to remedy this, first slip an empty spool on the nail before it is hammered in place to serve as a hook (Fig. 1). The same idea holds good in making a knob or handle for the lid of a barrel (Fig. 2), a box, or anything needing a knob. Of course these hints are more especially for those "roughing it" or summering in seaside or mountain cottages, where such little conveniences are fully appreciated.

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A Good Law.
An act passed by the Dominion Government during the last session makes several important changes in the law regulating the trial of youthful offenders. Among other things the new law directs all judges and magistrates to try children under 16 years of age without publicity, and apart from the trials of other accused persons. Such children must also be confined in separate apartments and secluded entirely from the society of adults. When the offender is under 14 years of age, the new law requires that the executive officer of the Children's Aid Society shall be notified, in order that he may investigate the cause of the offense and likewise the home treatment of the child. The magistrate may dispense with a formal trial, and hand the youngster over to the guardianship of the Society to be reared under its care. The probable benefits of such an alliance between the law and Christian philanthropy are apparent to the most careless observer, the combination being all the more feasible because there are no new officers to be provided, and no new machinery necessary in the carrying out of the new law.

The Fastnet Lighthouse, on the Irish coast, is said to be in a dangerous condition, as the iron fastenings of the tower have become corroded.
The Chinese legation is the largest in Washington.

THE UNION JACK.

Origin and Uses of the National Ensign of Great Britain.

The flag of England is a red cross on a white field; that of Scotland a white St. Andrew's cross on a blue field. These flags were combined when England and Scotland united in 1603, and on the union with Ireland the Irish flag, a red St. Andrew's cross on a white field, was added. The union of the three countries is thus indicated on the "union." The St. George's cross of England remains as before, and is the central feature of the flag, dividing it into four quarters, occupied by the St. Andrew's crosses the white of Scotland and the red of Ireland, which are placed side by side.

Aboard a British warship the "union" is hoisted only when the Queen or an admiral is aboard. English ships sail under the British ensign, of which there are three kinds—white, blue and red—each with a union in a square in the upper part of the hoist, that portion of the flag along the staff. The navy, and by special commission, the Royal Yacht Club, sail under the white ensign, which has, besides the union the red cross of St. George over the whole. The blue ensign is a privilege allowed to those merchant ships which are officered by members of the naval reserve and one-third of whose crews belong to the reserve. It is also flown by a few yacht clubs. The red is the merchantman's ensign.

Until 1864 the British naval fleet was divided into three squadrons, each in command of an admiral, who was known by the color of his flag as the "Admiral of the blue," the "Admiral of the red," and the "Admiral of the white." The distinction was abolished because it was found puzzling in action and was often eliminated. Trafalgar, for instance, was fought under the white ensign. The French and Spanish ships went into action without setting their colors, but were later obliged to hoist them so as to be able to strike them.

A CHILD'S DAY'S JOURNEY.
Little Feet Which All Day Long Mark the Passing Moments.

How many miles a day the little feet of young children will travel is often a source of wonderment to parents who lovingly watch them. This restless activity was never better illustrated than by a very old story, which may interest readers of this column.

A grandfather who had little to do except to watch the curious antics of his grandchildren as they played around the house, resolved that for one day he would follow one little fellow who seemed especially restless, prying into everything from morning till night.

It proved much more of a job than he had expected. Noon came, and if the child was not wearing the mat was, but he had set out to go wherever the child led and he persevered. Towards night there came a sudden end to the experiment, when the child crept through between the rounds of a chair where the space was entirely too narrow for a grown man to follow. He had to acknowledge himself beaten at last.

Whether the baby turned back and winked one eye at its grandfather the story does not tell. No doubt, however, the baby's mother thought he did.

Muscular Exercise.

Loss of muscular exercise for only two or three generations entails upon their offspring dwarfing tendencies of body and mind. Waste, it produces an enfeebled vitality, which predisposes to both mental and bodily disease—imbecility or insanity—or to poverty of blood, or to tuberculous or other diseases. The external work that a man can do daily is estimated to be one-seventh of that of a horse. And though this is too high an estimate, yet, relatively to weight, a man can kill a horse by daily long and severe work. The work of a horse is estimated to be equal to one-horse-power steam engine, which can raise 33,000 pounds one foot per minute, or 8,339 tons raised one foot high in ten hours. A steam engine can be pushed to great extremes by ample supply of fuel, but neither man nor horse can endure his utmost work for a long, continuous period of time without utterly breaking down. A man or a horse can run at the utmost speed capable of only for a minute, or only for a few minutes at most. Foot races, boat races, and short races on the turf, all require a reasonable rest and preparation.

House Drains.

The air of cesspools connected with the kitchen are sources of imminent danger. These badly-arranged drains from the house, or those used for water-closets, contain impure air. Were it not for the bad odor arising from them, they would never be cleaned out and disinfected. Such drains from the kitchen should descend at a consid- ble angle from the house, and also for a considerable distance. They should terminate in a large sand-pot, and be ventilated with a wooden chimney shaft, so high as to freely disseminate the foul air out of reach of the house. Strong aqua ammonia, or a solution of caustic potash in hot water should be frequently poured down, to convert the grease into soap, which would keep the drain cleaned, thus preventing the stoppage of the drain. The sink in the kitchen should have a proper trap, and a wet mat should cover the top of the drain pipe at night, and thorough ventilation of the kitchen should be the first order of the morning.

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