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We regret we cannot extend to you all in person the compliments of the season, though we appreciate the cordial reception and generous support which has been granted our efforts to keep our goods strictly up-to-date and reliable in every respect. Our output for the year ending shows a very decided increase over the previous year.

We thank you for the preference shown in the liberal patronage extended us during the past, and hope that you may entrust to us the same liberal patronage the coming year.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

The Salvation Army provided Christmas dinners for nearly 30,000 poor people in New York and for 8,000 people in Philadelphia.

Severe shocks of earthquake are reported from Riverside County, California. The towns of Jan Jacinta and Hemet suffered much damage, several buildings in each place being thrown down. At San Diego a lighter shock was felt.

Mr. M. Kenney, barrister, of Lindsay, was in Ottawa to interview Hon. David Mills in the interests of Moses Mitchell, now serving a six months' sentence in Lindsay jail on a conviction for assault. Mitchell shot a blank cartridge at a trespasser on his farm.

"We've got the men, we've got the guns and we've got the money too," is generally regarded as a jingo sentiment, but there is more truth than poetry about it. The sinews of war are not wanting in the present campaign of Great Britain. It is not given to every nation to be able to spend \$250,000,000 on a war without increasing the national burdens.

The cheese and butter trade brought Canada about \$20,500,000 this year, which is a gain of fully \$4,000,000 over last season. This makes it the "high water mark" year in the history of the country. Extremely good prices ranged for both butter and cheese during the year, and with shipments of butter almost double what they were in 1898, and cheese shipments fully equal to if not greater than last year's figures, it is not hard to find where the gain comes in. It is roughly estimated that cheese exports were worth \$14,700,000, against \$12,500,000 last year, and butter, \$6,000,000 against \$4,000,000.

The latest news from General Buller's force is dated the 19th instant, and is to the effect that the British artillery on that day shelled the Boers, entrenchments and destroyed the road bridge near Colenso, cutting off the easy communication which had hitherto existed between the Boers on the north and south banks of the river. Of the reinforcements arriving at Cape Town during the past week the greater portion have been sent to Natal, and this is taken as an indication that Gen. Buller will in a short time again attempt the passage of the Tugela. Gen. Methuen still holds his position at Modder River. Typhoid fever and dysentery are causing some trouble to the Ladysmith garrison.

Britain's Great Strength.

By the new year Great Britain will have 117,500 men in South Africa, and after that troops will pour in by the thousands daily. It is going to be a more costly affair than was expected; but it will be done. Is India all right?

The latest figures show that, in addition to the native troops—some 150,000 and to the armies of allied Princes, numbering 300,000, there are in that Empire:

47 Battalions of Infantry.
6 Cavalry Regiments.
62 Batteries of Artillery.
1 Company of Royal Engineers.
India cannot be assaulted from the sea, and it is practically impregnable from the rear.

The British Empire has heavy work before it; but there are men to do it and more to help if needed.

Months ago, as those who have been building know well, the price of nails, glass and all kinds of builders' supplies went upwards. Stoves and general hardware have also advanced in price, owing to the increased cost of iron and steel. Now it is the turn of the rubber and leather men, as you will find out when you go to purchase shoes or rubbers. A pair of rubbers that formerly cost 75 cents you will now have to pay 90 cents for. For this the bicycle is nearly altogether to blame. The great quantity of rubber used in the increasing number of tires has caused the price of rubber to boom. As the advance of course reaches the tires, as well as the footwear, the price will catch you whether you ride or walk.

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The Sailor and the Figurehead.

Old sailors sigh as they wander around the water front these days and note the disappearance of the famous old figurehead, which used to be the delight of every clipper ship's crew. They were huge wooden images of almost everything imaginable, but the female form predominated. Many figureheads were to represent the fair one after whom the ship was named, and there is an old sea yarn about a sailor who fell in love with the handsome wooden female which adorned his ship. He used to slip down the "dolphin striker" and hang on there, while the ship bowed and lurching, talking love to the figurehead. Finally, according to the tradition, the figure sneezed, and the sailor, who was known as "Lovely Mike," because he was the ugliest man that ever set foot on a ship's deck, nearly fell into the sea. He recovered his senses and said, "Did you speak?"

"No, I didn't speak," returned the figure. "I just sneezed to attract your attention. You're known as 'Lovely Mike,' ain't you? You're a married man, ain't you? And your wife has to take in washing both when you're at home and when you're away, because she can never get a cent out of you. Mr. Farmer, just climb back to the forecabin and don't bother any more about me."

This rather curt interview is alleged to have worked a marked change in Mike, and when he got home he astonished his wife by giving her a couple of dollars.—Baltimore News.

Fish Poisoning.

In the United States fish poisoning is most frequently due to decomposition in canned fish. The most prominent symptoms are nausea, vomiting and purging. Sometimes there is a scaly rash, which may cover the whole body. The writer has studied two outbreaks of this kind of fish poisoning. In both instances canned salmon was the cause of the trouble. Although a discussion of the treatment of food poisoning is foreign to this paper, the writer must call attention to the danger in the administration of opiates in cases of poisoning with canned fish.

Vomiting and purging are efforts on the part of nature to remove the poison and should be assisted by the stomach tube and by irrigation of the colon. In one of the cases seen by the writer large doses of morphine had been administered in order to check the vomiting and purging and to relieve the pain. In this case death resulted. The danger of arresting the elimination of the poison in all cases of food poisoning cannot be too emphatically condemned.—Victor C. Vaughan in Popular Science Monthly.

About Capers.

"About 8,000 kegs and barrels of capers, a small, sour berry resembling in color and shape a green pea, are annually imported into the United States from Spain and France," said a wholesale dealer in all sorts of foreign commodities in New York to the writer recently. "Capers grow on a bush, and are extensively used by all classes of cooks in this country for garnishing salads and making a sauce which is usually served with boiled mutton and other meats. There are four sizes of capers. The smallest are commercially known as nonpareils and the three other sizes are called capucines, capotes and surfines. The smallest capers are the most desirable and bring the most money. Very few capers are imported in glass. They are shipped to America in kegs and barrels, holding from 15 to 40 gallons of the berries in brine or vinegar. The work of bottling the capers is done by the wholesale dealers."—Washington Star.

Bridegroom's Fatal Indiscretion.

A queer case of cannibalism is reported as having recently taken place in the Solomon Islands. The Jeannette took from Noumea a Kanaka who had acted as orderly to the immigration office there and was on his honeymoon with his wife, intending to land at Aoba, where his wife's tribe lives. He, however, made the mistake of disembarking among the wrong tribe and was at once seized by the natives, overpowered, killed and eaten.

The widow was provided by the tribe with a second husband.—London Mail.

Saved Two Cents.

Mr. Pner—"You expect to be in San Francisco next week? By the way, you know where my aunt out there lives. I have just written a letter to her. Would you mind delivering it some day as you pass the house?"

Mr. Pner's friend—"Yes; but I might forget it. I think I'll just put a stamp on it and drop it into the first letter box."

Mr. Pner—"All right. I don't care how you get it to her.—Chicago Tribune.

The Great Debate.

When the uncertainty had become well nigh intolerable, Science ventured to go to the Serpent directly.

"Is it or is it not a fact, O Serpent," asked Science, "that you swallow your young when you are attacked?"

"Well, I always try to hold my own," replied the Serpent modestly. It is true, but evasively withheld.

And so the bitter controversy wages on.—Detroit Journal.

America's Position Among Nations.

An English traveler who has recently been in this country remarks, in making a comparison between the principal great nations of the world, that "holy Russia is a picturesque and pregnant idea, but the United States is a self-conscious, clearly defined and heroically vindicated idea, in whose further vindication the whole world is concerned."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Whirl of Life.

Here is what caught a reporter's eye in a two minutes' study of the streets of New York on a down town corner.

On the sidewalk, three urchins, evil of face, industriously "shooting" craps. From the doorway of a frowsy saloon, ten yards away, a gray haired woman issuing with a jug of beer, though it was only 10 o'clock in the morning. A burly ice man and a negro roustabout discussing, loudly and with much profanity, the advantages of each other's jobs. A whirl and rattle of wheels and an undertaker's wagon drives up to the door of a modest red brick tenement. A white coffin, three feet long, is brought out and received by a venerable old man, with a flowing white beard, who comes to the door coatless and in slippers. You then notice for the first time the knot of white ribbon on the door handle. The old man tucks the diminutive casket under his arm and retires within, followed by the undertaker's men. He is solemn, but tearless. There is a story there somewhere—the slipped patriarch in the final stage of life performing the last dolorous offices for one lost in its beginning.

And over on the dock are the hue and bustle, the scurry and scamper incidental to the getting to sea of the great ship. Sharp are the contrasts of a town.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Carving the Yosemite Valley.

In a recent article on the origin of the Yosemite valley, Professor W. P. Blake—a most adequate authority on the subject—remarks that the gorge, so grand and impressive, is, in fact, only a minor feature of the glacial workings above it through hundreds of square miles of the Sierra. Professor Blake thinks that the ice must have filled the gorge, and much above it, to a thickness of 5,000 feet, and with a pressure upon the floor of the valley of 120,000 pounds to the square foot; the tremendous force of such a weight, on the under surface of which was a broken mass of rock, like diamonds in a drill, grinding, planing and cutting, can scarcely be imagined; for untold ages, too, this mighty force was at work, polishing the face of the country through which it passed.

The character of the Yosemite rock being granite, close grained and vertical in structure, with joints of easy fracture, it would appear that, as the great mass of ice bore down upon this vertical rock, it was broken and knocked over by the moving ice, flaking off at the places of easy cleavage. Thus, according to Professor Blake, the precipice was formed, and thus is explained the dome shaped summits of the mountains there.

First Rows in Paradise.

A Russian correspondent sends us details of a very interesting and amusing tale told by a Russian veterinary surgeon who was sent into the Ural district to buy horses and hay for the peasants of the famine stricken provinces. He had to do mostly with the natives (Kirghiz), who are half savage, but who, nevertheless, were found to be extremely honest and absolutely trustworthy in all buying and selling, some of them even offering to give horses for the starving peasants.

Quite a different story has the surgeon to tell of the Ural Cossacks, who did their level best to cheat him in the most barefaced manner and on whom no reliance was to be placed. And yet these Cossacks are very religious and so simple in certain respects that a swindler succeeded in selling them quite a number of tickets for—paradise! The veterinary surgeon saw several of these tickets, which were marked "First rows" and sold at 25 rubles, back seats bringing considerably less.—Commercial Intelligence.

The Mistake of His Life.

Bluffers—What's wrong today? You look blue.

Bluffers—I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a caller out of my house last night.

"Huh! I kicked many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?"

"No; past middle age."

"Well, these old codgers have no business coming round sparking young girls. I kicked out one of that sort last week."

"Yes, but I've found out that this man wasn't after my daughter; he was after my mother-in-law."—New York Press.

A Proper Question.

"And clothes," argued the missionary further, "are as cheap as dirt!"

The tropic heathen did not conceal her misgivings.

"Yes; but are they as hygienic?" faltered this simple child of the forest.

Her health was quite perfect now, and there was no telling what might not be the effect of corsets and skirts which do not hang from the shoulders, to say nothing of the veils with dots in them.—Detroit Journal.

His Experience.

"Woman's work is never done," quoted the sympathetic citizen.

"That's right," answered Mr. Meekton earnestly. "I have observed it in Henrietta's case. Woman's work is never done. There is always enough of it left over to keep her husband busy from the time he gets through his dinner till he's so tired he has to go to bed."—Washington Star.

Progression.

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