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Cities like New York and Boston use on an average more than two carloads of postals every month.

Kaiser a French Scholar.

Jules Simon, the French philosopher, bears witness to the mastery which William II. has over the French tongue. In 1890 M. Simon was at Berlin, and on several occasions had long conversations with the emperor, which caused him to remark, "Of the two of us the emperor speaks the purer French."

When the French academician expressed his admiration to William II. the latter explained that there was nothing surprising in this, as he had been taught for ten years by a French purist.

"Have you ever heard me use an incorrect expression?" the emperor asked.

"Only once," replied M. Simon. "And when was that?" his majesty who seemed surprised, went on.

"When your majesty said, 'We have met in order to have a drinking bout' (godailler).

"But godailler is a good French word," the emperor argued. "You will find it in the 'Dictionnaire de l'Academie.'"

"True, but it is used neither at the Academie nor in academical drawing rooms," the Frenchman replied.

"All right; I will take note of this. And was that my only mistake?"

"I swear it was," said M. Simon, and the two parted the best of friends.

A Railway Over the Highway of the Incas.

The highway of the Incas excited the wonder and admiration of the Spanish conquerors. The historical faculty of imagination, given expression in vivid words by Prescott and his imitators, has painted in brilliant hues the civilization of a dynasty who by this means kept their subjects as close to the central authority as the distant provinces of Rome were knitted by the imperial roads. If the natives four or five centuries ago could maintain through means of communication across these Andine regions, the mind leaps to the conclusion that in the modern age the steel highway should be no more difficult. We see in our mind's eye broad, smooth roadways and imagine steady caravans, perhaps rude carts, passing in unending procession over them; but the only burden beast possessed by the Incas was that cousin of the camel, the llama, which if less sure-footed than the goat, can accommodate itself to almost as narrow a space. The people travelled on foot, for 75 to 100 pounds is the limit of weight which the llama can carry. We may therefore contract the width of these highways in the difficult places to a few feet, perhaps a well-beaten trail or a bridle-path.

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