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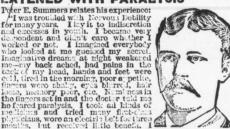
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BAYK NOTES IN 1399.

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Easily Ferged, and Yet Are Never.

Marco Polo found bank-notes in
China ages ago, printed on paper made
from the bark of the mulberry tree.
One of the notes, upon which the
great Venetian traveler himself may
have gazed, is on exhibition at this
day in the office of an American company. It is one of a series issued by
the Ming dynasty shout 1399 A.D.—
"current anywhere under heaven"—
and seems to have been printed from
wooden blocks on a sheet of paper
9 by 13 inches—a bigger surface than
any man could cover with both hands
outstretched. It is good for "one
string of cash."

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The provision against forgery is simple to the point of severity—
"Counterfeiters hereof will be executed. Persons giving information of counterfeiters will be rewarded with teels 250, and in addition, will receive the property belonging to the criminal." The head of the Emperor who gave the order and the lopped heads of the counterfeiters have long since mouldered into impalpable dust, the property of the criminal vanished and left not so much as a shade but the faded old bank-note, pressed between sheets of glass and framed in carven teak, still croaks its harsh warning to him who can understand it.

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The governments of continental Europe depend exclusively upon color-work, to protect their paper currency, and several of the large banks of issue have civil engineers in charge of their bureau of engraving and printing — though what connection there may be between engineering and engraving is a my ery. Many Italian bank-notes are easy to counterfeit. The Bank of Spain has of late abandoned its own plant, because its notes were imitated so successfully that counterfeits were accepted by the bank without question. A private concern now does the work.

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The Bank of England notes, according to a myth that probably will never die, cannot be counterfeited. As a matter of fact, they can be imitated readily, enough, for little attempt is made to protect the notes beyond the use of a water-mark paper. The water-mark can be easily copied. A sensitized gelatine film, soaked in cold water, after contact with an original water-mark, will show every detail in water-mark, will show every detail in clear relief. A thin film of copper deposited upon this forms the basis upon which a matrix in celluloid is made. If a sheet of paper is pasted upon this matrix and rubbed with glass-paper the exact water-mark is

produced.

One practical safeguard of great effectiveness is the custom of the Bank of England to cancel every note that is returned to the bank and issue another in its place. This, and the practice of keeping a record of the numbers of all bank-notes used in every business establishment, keep alive a keen sense of responsibility. alive a keen sense of responsibility, which adds to security. The custom which adds to security. The custom of circulating soiled bank-notes, of course, gives the counterfeiter his best opportunity. Forgery is much more readily detected in a crisp, stiff, new bill than in a rumpled and dirty one.

The First Turkey.

Of all the people who ate turkey at Christmas, few, probably, know that it was first introduced into England in Henry VIII.'s time, and that the expedition which brought the bird to England cost that parsimonious monarch £14,000. We have hardly been just to the first Tudor king in the part that he had in the discovery of America.

Columbus sent his brother to Henry, who gave a favorable reply to his request for aid, but the brother was shipwrecked on his return to Spain, and hever delivered his message, and so Christopher was driven to apply again to Ferdinand and Isabella, who again to Ferdinand and Isaberia, wing the result which all the world knows. Henry, on his own account, sent out an expedition of discovery in 1502. The lieutenant of the expedition which Henry sent out, and which was the command of Sebastian was one William Strickland, under the

who, in consideration of his services, had a grant of new armonial bearings be the style and title of Strickla d of Boynton, on the Wolds of Yorkshire. I'e it was who introduced the turkey, and that bird surmounts the coate farms of the Stricklands to this day. Why this bird was called "turkey," when it came from America, is explained by the fact that "Turk" was the ordinary name for all unspecified foreign things and foreigners at that time. The Prayer-book, wishing to embrace all heathens in its prayers, says, "all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics." it was who introduced the turkey,

A Marathon of 1699.

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A remarkable foot-race was run about the year 1699 which is thus described in the manuscript journal of a lady who was one of the spectators: "I drove through the forest of Windsor to see a race run by two footmen, an Fuglish and a Scotch, the former, a taker bigger man than the other. The ground measured and cut even in a round was about four miles; they were to run it round so often as to make up twenty-two miles, which to make up twenty-two miles, which was the distance between Charing Cross and Windsor Cross—this is five times quite round, and so far as to make up the odd miles and measure. They remain a round in twenty-five minutes. I saw them run the first three rounds, and half another in an hour and seventeen minutes, and they finished it in two cours and a half. The Englishman gained the start the seished it in two hours and a half. The Englishman gained the start the second round, and kept if at the same distance the five rounds, and then the Scotchman came up to nam and got before him to the post. The Englishman fell down within a few yards of the post. Many hundred pounds were lost and won about it. They ran both very neatly, but my judgment gave it to the Scotchman because he seemed to save himself to the last pish."

Pitch Cancer.

The use of pitch in making fuel briquets in England has developed a species of cancer among the workers in that industry to an alarming ex-

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Vaults Beneath Buckingham
Are Littered With Value
Beneath Buckingham Process to the treasure vaults where are stored the treasures of the King and Queen for which no room can be found in the apartments of any of the royal residences, some of which are already almost inconveniently overcrowded with various valuable ornaments in the way of antique works of art, statuary, china and gold and silver ornaments of all kinds.

The royal treasure vaults are fire and damp proof, and are now lighted with electric light. Each is entered by a double door, each door consists of a slab of solid steel three inches thick, the doors are set on steel rails and open in the centre; when unlocked they can be glided easily and noiselessly to the right or left.

The keys of the vaults are held by the King's private secretary. In one of the vaults are stored large pieces of old furniture, some of which is of immense value, such, for example, as a huge old Sheraton sideboard with the royal arms inlaid in the centre which is one of the most forfect are when the contract are the of the most forfect are which is one of the most forfect.

a nuge old Sheraton sideboard with the royal arms inlaid in the centre which is one of the most perfect ex-amples of inlay work extant. The sideboard if sold in the open market would fetch certainly not less than

There are many large statues, a number of enormous pictures, and a great deal of big bronze work in the vaults, but none of these are of especially high value. They are largely the works of modern artists, many of them Garmans of but medicare normalises. them Germans of but mediocre reputation from whom the late King contation from whom the late King con-sented to receive examples of their work, and they would be out of place among the fine works of art to be seen in the various apartments about the

royal residence, even if there was room for them.

The smaller of the two treasure vaults which has a floor space of about twenty feet square is several times smaller than the larger one, but its country are infinitely as a source of the same transfer of the sa times smaller than the larger one, but its contents are infinitely more valuable. Here are stored thousands of pounds' worth of old gold and silver, ornaments of all sorts. There are hundred of chains, watches, grotesque figures, models of animals and birds of many kinds, and models of ships. This wealth of gold and silver is arranged on shelves covered with purple velvet with which the vault is lined. Many of these valuables are presents to the late King and Queen or to their present Majesties from various foreign royalties or from Invarious foreign royalties or from Indian princes, and from time to time some of them are placed in the royal apartments to take the place of similar ornaments which are then remov-

ed to the treasure vaults. The treasure vaults.

The treasures are all most carefully catalogued, and the catalogue is from time to time checked over by an official in the secretarial department. In cial in the secretarial department. In the smaller vault is also stored the collection of tapestries which the Queen specially values and which Her Majesty has brought together. There are over two hundred of these tapestries, some of which are worth thousands of pounds. One of the pieces was purchased by Queen Mary in a Paris saleroom when Her Majesty and King George, as Prince and Princess of Wales, were visiting Paris some years ago. Her Majesty secured the piece for \$500, at which price it was a rare bargain, for it subsequently turned out to be a genuine example ly turned out to be a genuine example of fifteenth century work and was worth certainly \$5,000.

In the room at Buckingham Palace known as the Bow Room there was a secret passage leading to the treasure vaults, but this passage was closed up in the reign of Queen Victoria.

Gold Mine Romance. Gold Mine Romance.

The death in Sydney of Mr. Walter Hall, a Mount Morgan millionaire, recalls the story of the discovery of the famous Queensland gold mine. It sounds more like some startling fiction than a piece of real life. It was a portion of a selection owned by a man named Gordon, but the pasturage was very poor, and his existence. age was very poor, and his existence, which he maintained by keeping a few head of cattle, was miserable enough. One day, about thirty years ago,

two brothers named Morgan, prospectors, passed his ramshackle hut, built unsuspectingly over untold wealth, and partock of the hospitality which Gordon offered to them as to all other travelers in the bush. Something attracted the trained eyes of the two brothers, and, picking up idly a few samples of stone, they bade Gordon good-bye.

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They reappeared soon afterwards, and offered to buy his poor selection from him, and he congratulated himself on getting rid of it at \$5 an acre. Even then the Morgans had no idea of the real value of their new property, though they were confident it would pay them to work it. They proposed to a Rockhampton resident a sale of half their interest for \$10,000, in order to buy mining machinery. in order to buy mining machinery, and eventually this gentleman and three others put in \$2,500 each. In a few years they and the Morgans were all millionaires.

Distinguished Coal-Heavers.

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The learned English judge who recently set himself to break stone in order to test a case submitted for his judgment was, after all, only copying the excellent example set by Judge Moss, who on one occasion traveled specially to Bethesds to investigate the conditions under which quarrying was done, to help him decide a law-suit. He seized the trucks and pushed them himself with both hands.

Mr. Justice Warn, ton has also toiled as hard as any coal-heaver. A few years ago some eighteen tons of coal near his resilence set up combustion, and all his servants there were called upon to remove it urgently to the coan, His lordship there, upon took, is wheelbarrow and worked vigorous, with the rest.

English Banknotes.

One of the curious points about Bank of England notes is the fact that they are acceptable practically all over the world. Yet in our own country tew feedle will change them for stran-zers. The notes are printed upon the blin a raper with deckle edges, and when a note finds its way back the Bank it is immediately can-

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