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Large mine on the Colorado desert. One elephant yields on an average of 50 pounds of ivory. The membership of labor unions in the country is 2,500,000. There are over five thousand motor boats in the canals of Holland. Employees of Cuban cigar factories are entertained by renders while at work. The output of the industry is declining owing to the discovery of substitutes. It is estimated that 10,000 deer were killed in Wisconsin during the past season. The cost of London's water supply to the consumers is represented by 10 tons of gold. Of the world's newspapers 68 out of every 1,000 are printed in the English language. The expenses of the rural delivery for the current year are estimated at \$33,792,218. The water consumed in London each year would fill a trench 2,400 miles long and 10 feet deep. The currency taken from misdirected letters at the dead letter office last year amounted to \$87,710. All snakes are short-sighted, being unable to see a distance of more than one-quarter their own length. At the close of the fiscal year 1907 rural delivery was in operation on 37,728 routes served by 37,532 carriers. The use of hand grenades are being experimented with in the United States army for fighting at close range. It is said that the labor union movement in this country started in 1903 when the shipwrights organized. The dead letter office handled 13,005,255 pieces of mail last year. About one-half was restored to the mailers.

WET AND DRY.

Where to Go and Where Not to Go for a Drink. (Bar and saloons) by statute, and local option prevailing in many other states. It is said that more than half the U. S. nation is under prohibition laws. Maine, North Dakota, Kansas and Georgia are the states where statutory prohibition is in force. The following statement of the conditions regarding the various local and state options exists in varying degrees, compiled by temperance advocates is as follows: Alabama—Majority of the counties dry, part of others also. A county option law has just been passed, moving for the state prohibition in the next two or three years. Arkansas—Sixty-five counties dry. Local option law in force in many other counties. California—Four dry counties and much dry territory in other counties. Colorado—Local option law, 1907. Connecticut—Township options ninety-six no-license to seventy-two license towns. Delaware—Half-dry towns, state no-license campaign vote on Nov. 5, 1907. Florida—Thirty dry counties out of thirty-five. Few saloons in the state. Move for state prohibition, led by Gov. Broward. Idaho—License. Sunday law only passed in 1907. Illinois—Probably 200 dry towns. Local option law, recently passed. Two dry counties. Indiana—Three dry counties; 710 dry townships out of 1,016. Half of the population in dry territory. Iowa—Sixty-five out of ninety-nine counties dry; seven other counties dry and seven others saloons. Move for state prohibition again under way. Kentucky—Nineteen out of 110 counties dry; only four counties entirely wet. Saloons close on Sunday. Louisiana—Section of the state dry. Orders may not be solicited or received in dry territory. Maryland—Ten out of twenty-three counties dry; two nearly dry and two others where liquor is sold in only one place. Massachusetts—Local option by cities and towns. 29 being dry and 100 wet. Laws strict and well enforced. Michigan—County option, with a few dry counties. If county votes wet it reverts to local option. Minnesota—License, with village local option. 112 dry municipalities. Sunday closing in entire state. Mississippi—Four counties dry. Sunday closing, rigidly enforced by Gov. Folk. Montana—License. Nebraska—Village and city option; dry and wet towns. Nevada—License with little restriction. No chance to vote on question of prohibition. New Hampshire—Statutory prohibition, modified by local sentiment. Trend is towards prohibition; 62 per cent. of population in dry territory. New Jersey—Local option law. New York—Town and township option; 300 dry towns. North Carolina—Few saloons; campaign for state prohibition, with the Governor leading the fight. Ohio—Out of 1,367 townships, 1,110 are dry; 69 per cent. of the municipalities dry and 21 per cent. in wet cities. County prohibition act, probably adopted similar provision to apply to entire state if so declared by popular vote on Sept. 11, 1907. Pennsylvania—License, with privilege of re-licensing. Rhode Island—Sixteen dry municipalities out of thirty-eight. South Carolina—Recently passed a county local option and repeated discretionary law, move for state prohibition following Georgia's lead. South Dakota—Large section of the state dry. Tennessee—Saloons excluded from all but 10 municipalities in the state; state prohibition predicted in three years. Texas—Two thirds of the state dry by local option; state prohibition campaign under way. Vermont—License. Wisconsin—Dry law twenty-four municipalities; entire state and every county in state show majority against liquor; state prohibition expected shortly. Virginia—Much dry territory. West Virginia—Thirty dry counties out of fifty-five; Governor publicly opposes liquor traffic. Wyoming—Local option, with 650 dry municipalities. District of Columbia—Ratio of saloons to population reduced more than half during the past fifteen years.

How Harvard Yard Was Named. President Eliot told how it happened to be the "Harvard Yard". The origin of the name "Harvard Yard," he said, "appears in a sketch of 1783 by a sophomore, Joseph Story, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States at the age of 32 and one time professor at the Harvard law school. The sketch was turned in as an exercise by Story. It got abroad in some manner and was there for many years until a family who inherited it returned it recently to this country. The sketch shows plainly that what is now such a charming spot was then just a back yard and nothing more. "It was unlighted, so that except when there was a moon it was 'dark as pitch.' Its quality of darkness was valued by the students as giving an

HIGH FLYING CLOUDS.

Their Study Has Attracted Many Observers in Recent Years. The science of clouds has attracted many devotees within the past few years and photography has greatly assisted in advancing it. Clouds, like stars, become far more interesting to the non-scientific observer of nature when he knows the names attached to them. While the grandest and most imposing form of cloud is the domed and pin-pointed cumulus, which frequently ac-

MODERN GIANTS.

Men and Woman Who Were More Eight Feet in Height. Marie Fasnauer, a Tyrolean weaver, towers to the height of eight feet. Marie, in spite of her many inches, is not the most exalted lady who ever lived. Just a quarter of a century ago, says St. Louis Post Dispatch, the world's tallest man, with craned head and open mouth, still taller giants who looked down at her admirers from a height of feet two inches and who was said to be "still growing." "Marian," as this remarkable man was called, had been born only six years earlier in a village near the Indian Mountains and the "Ar Princess" was for some months the greatest attraction in the spectacle of "Ar and Bijou" at the Alhambra Theatre. A character in which she wore a wondrous suit of armor and was crowned with a towering headdress, the topmost of which was a good ten feet from stage. Nor was Marian distinguished for her great height; for she had a beautifully proportioned figure, a delightfully pretty face and a most amiable disposition. This magnificent creature had a very brief tenure of life, for she died at Berlin less than two years and before she had seen her eighth birthday. In 1869 and 1870 Miss Anna H. S. of the Nova Scotia giantess, caused considerable sensation. Miss Swan was destined from the cradle to be a woman of abnormal dimensions, for though her father, a Scottish immigrant, was but five feet six inches high and her mother was half a foot shorter still, Miss Swan reached six feet at the age of 11 and 15 was the tallest person in Nova Scotia. For a time she was the chief attraction of Barnum's great show, and during her period twice narrowly escaped death from fire. She had, to some extent, the ability, as was proved when she appeared as Lady Macbeth in New York, and for going to England she made a triumphal tour of the United States. In her prime Miss Swan was but a few inches short of eight feet, and she found an appropriate husband in Capt. John Baker, the Kentucky giant, who was actually two inches taller than her. Chang the Chinese giant who on his days at Bourne-mouth not many years ago, was a man of enormous size, standing over eight feet in his socks but used to declare that he had a sister named in China who could easily look him in the head. This remarkable lady eight feet four inches in height and a hand with a span of two feet. Herbert Hales, the Norfolk giant, caused a great sensation in England about half a century ago, and was a member of a very remarkable family, which included some women of extraordinary stature. His father, a farmer, was five feet six inches high and although his mother was but a paltry six feet high, she had an ancestor in the sixteenth century who stood four feet over eight feet. Of the children of this couple the tallest averaged six feet five inches, and five daughters but one and one-half inch above her. Robert, the tallest member of the family, was a little over seven and one-half feet high, and measured sixty-four inches and sixty-two inches around the waist and chest, respectively, while the tallest of the sisters, who died at 20, was seven feet two inches in height and of proportionate build.

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Permanent Results

"I had been suffering for over two months with an obstinate cough, as had also my little girl. We tried several remedies common to any drug store without obtaining any apparent relief, in fact we were growing worse. I got a bottle of Coltsfoot Expectorant from my druggist and inside of two days the cough was stopped, and the results so permanent and rapid that we decided to keep it in our home continually. ROBERT PALEN, C. A. R. Station, Ottawa. Coltsfoot Expectorant is recognized the world over as the best prescription ever used by the medical profession for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Bronchitis and Tightness of the Chest. Children like it. To introduce it into every home we will send a free sample to every person sending their name and address to Dr. T. A. Stone, Limited, Toronto. Sold by all up-to-date druggists at 25c. Send for free sample to-day.

ORIGIN OF LIFE.

Biologists having failed to find case of spontaneous generation. Professor Svante Arrhenius is attracted by the idea that all life has had a common origin, and has spread from the single source to many worlds. The discovery of the pressure of light has added probability to panspermia, which teaches that life germs are conveyed through interstellar space. At the railway speed of 37 miles an hour, a body would occupy 150 years in going from the earth to Mars, and 70,000,000 years in traversing the distance to the nearest fixed star, but with the pressure of radiation as motive power the journeys might be reduced to 20 days and 9,000 years respectively. Even these seem long intervals for germs and spores to survive the dryness, cold and light. Recent investigations indicate, however, that some germs are proof against any cold, that the action of light is oxidation and is absent in a vacuum that the loss of vitality in the cold of space would be one thousand million times less rapid than at 30 degrees F., and that desiccation would be half a foot millions of years than in one day at 50 degrees. Hence it may be that interstellar space is traversed at enormous speed by living germs that develop life on reaching favorable planets.

SCIENCE OF STOKING.

Clouds of Smoke Could be Eliminated by Proper Firing. According to the best authority, the trailing clouds of black smoke from mill and factory that hang over so many American cities, darkening the atmosphere and befouling the buildings, could be eliminated if the scientific methods of constructing chimneys and stoking furnaces that prevail in Germany were adopted here. It is not every strapping laborer who can shovel coal that is permitted to stoke a boiler furnace in Germany. The stoker in that country must learn the theory and practice of economical scientific firing, whereby the coal is so distributed over the grate furnace as to secure the most perfect combustion. The use of fuel briquettes for domestic purposes in Berlin also tends largely to the prevention of smoke.

RINGWORM STUBBORN CASE HEALED BY ZAM-BUK.

The most troublesome and obstinate of all scalp troubles is ringworm. Mrs. H. Girdlestone, of 100 Rawdon street, Brantford, Ont., says: "My daughter had ringworm very bad, so bad that I was compelled to have her hair cut off. I obtained a preparation from the druggist to paint the sores, but instead of curing, the ringworm developed into nasty sores, running sores, catarrh piles, bad legs, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, abscesses and all diseases of the skin. Of all druggists and stores, 50c., or postpaid upon receipt of price, from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto. 6 boxes \$2.50. Spurious Information. Scene—A London Post Office. Countryman (going to counter)—"A penny stamp, please." Jack-in-Office—"This is the enquiry counter." "Then, may I enquire where I got a penny stamp?" "Use your eyes." "Thanks, much obliged." (Uses his eyes. Gets stamp, and returns with letter to enquiry gentleman). "Beg pardon, I think you said that this was the enquiry counter?" "Yes. What do you want now?" "Oh, I only wanted to enquire if I post this letter now, will it get to Birmingham to-morrow morning?" "Of course it will." "You are a liar; it won't, cos' it's addressed to Sheffield!"—Exchange.

Bathe the Baby with Mira Skin Soap.

Mira Skin Soap. It cures chafing, scalp irritation and all skin troubles. Mira SKIN SOAP. It is wonderfully soothing on account of its antiseptic, healing properties. Grateful to the most delicate skin, fragrant and refreshing. It is the best toilet soap as well as the best medicinal soap. See cut at druggists or sent on receipt of price. The Chemists' Co. of Canada, Limited, Hamilton.

Bees in Block of Stone.

While workmen were sawing through a block of Bath stone at Exeter they cut into a cavity in which was found a cluster of two or three dozen live bees. The incident occurred at the works of Messrs. Collyard & Sons, monumental sculptors. There was not much sign of life in the bees at first, but when air was admitted they gradually revived, and after a few hours several of them were able to fly.—Exeter Express.

THE CRUMPLED ROSE LEAF.

A prosperous Scotch farmer, painfully exact in money matters, married a widow possessing in her own right the sum of a thousand pounds. Shortly after the wedding a friend met the farmer, to whom he offered congratulations, at the same time offering: "It's a good thing for you, Sandy, a marriage that means a thousand pounds." "Not quite that, McPherson," said the farmer, "not quite that." "Why?" exclaimed the friend, "I understood there was every penny of a thousand pounds to you." "I had to pay seventeen shillings and sixpence for a marriage license," said Sandy, with a sigh.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.

From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box, 25c.

Run by Tides of the Elbe.

A 14,000-horsepower plant operated by tidal energy is to be established on the south bank of the Elbe, near Cuxhaven. This is by far the most ambitious project of this character which has ever been contemplated. Electrical energy is to be delivered to the town named for various commercial purposes, but the greater part of the product of this great power plant is to be made use of by factories which are to be established in the vicinity. Hamburg capital is mostly interested in the scheme.

Squaring Himself.

The distiller who had made his fortune in the inland town had just moved to the big city. "It looks kind o' mean to come here to spend my money," he said; "but it isn't. Here's where they consume four-fifths of my product." Thus reflecting, he began to entertain lavishly.

Dresden has a public bathing establishment for dogs.

ENGLISH SPAVIN LINIMENT

Removes all hard, soft and calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, ringbone, awesney, stifles, sprains, sore and swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by druggists.

A Brazilian Convict Colony.

The penal colony of the State of Pernambuco, Brazil is on an island 300 miles off the coast. There are 600 convicts at present. They arise at 6 a. m. and work till 2 p. m. for the State, cultivating cotton of a superfine quality. After 2 o'clock they work for themselves. The island is one of the most orderly and productive bits of soil in Brazil. It is a model convict colony and the cheapest run of any in the world.

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Manage Itch, Scabies and every form of contagious itch on human or animal cured in 30 minutes by Wolfford's Sanitary Lotion. It never fails. Sold by druggists.

Ballooning for Health.

The balloon cure for tuberculosis has been recommended by Christian Beck to the Paris Academy of Medicine. The patient would make daily ascents and would secure the health-giving advantages of the altitude of mountain resorts with perfect freedom of the air from bacteria and all mineral and vegetable particles. The patient could be lifted above the depressing fogs so common in the summer mountain resorts of Switzerland. The height of ascent can be adjusted to individual needs, and it is believed that the constant change of air in "aerotherapy" must have very favorable effect.

Nine Australian recently sheared 2,394 sheep in nine hours.

THE BUILDERS.

To the builders of the highways that skirt the canyon's brink, To the men that bind the roadbed fast, To the men that grade and the men that raise my glass and drink, I raise my glass and drink. Theirs the great Endeavour and the deed of high Empire; For they fight their fight with naked hands, 'Gainst forest swamps and shifting sands, Add the fury of the skies.

For them no crashing volleys or roll of muffled drums.

Only the roar of the great rock-blast Is their requiem-song when the day is past, And the final darkness comes. To the engineers, the wizards, whose word brooks no delay; Hearing, the sleeping giants awake, The snow-plunged hills obsequious make, And lo, the Open Way!

For them no flaring banners when a bitter curb is won.

No cheering thousands in the street Their gallant horses ever greet, Though countless deeds be done. To the builders of the highways that skirt the canyon's brink, To the men that bind the roadbed fast, To the high and low, the first the last, I raise my glass and drink. Evelyn Gunn, in The Canadian Magazine.

Leop Year Adage.

"Why don't you propose to him, Vanessa?" "I don't."

Black Watch Plug Chewing Tobacco

"Biggest and Best" Plug Chewing Tobacco. New Colored Collars. They are linen. They are soft. They are single fold. And they are not flapped. They may be accompanied by a jacket or a suit.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

To the builders of the highways that skirt the canyon's brink, To the men that bind the roadbed fast, To the men that grade and the men that raise my glass and drink, I raise my glass and drink. Theirs the great Endeavour and the deed of high Empire; For they fight their fight with naked hands, 'Gainst forest swamps and shifting sands, Add the fury of the skies.

To the blind who nevermore may see,

To the maimed and halt in their misery, In silence drink your wine. For them no crashing volleys or roll of muffled drums. Only the roar of the great rock-blast Is their requiem-song when the day is past, And the final darkness comes.

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HELP WANTED.

WANTED—LADIES TO DO PLAIN AND LIGHT SEWING at home, whole or spare time; good pay; work sent any distance; charges paid; send stamp for full particulars. National Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

FARMS FOR SALE.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED. We desire to employ a few Bright, Intelligent Men and Women... GUARANTEED \$2.00 per day SALARY AND COMMISSION. Write The J. L. Nichols Co., Limited, Toronto (Please mention this paper.)

Practicing for the Cotillon.

"Nobody ever told me that I was a good dancer," declared Edward M. Greenaway, leader of cotillions. "But I'll tell you a compliment a young woman did pay me once. She said: 'You look me through that crowd without a collision and without any one treading on my skirt.'"

Encouragement.

"George, this is leap year." "H-m-m." "And I've enjoyed your society so much." "H-m-m." "And I've saved up \$23 of my own." "H-m-m." "I've already made three of every thing." "H-m-m." "I don't know just how to say it, George, but you know my father is wealthy and I'm his only child."

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Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Very Good Reason. "Miss Edith," asked a young man, "may I ask you, please, not to call me Mr. Durand?" "But," said Miss Edith, with great coyness, "our acquaintance is so short, you know. Why should I not call you that?" "Well," said the young man, "chieffy because my name is Dupont."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Everything in Keeping. "To-morrow you may have something to eat," promised the doctor. "Here is your dinner," said the nurse next day, as she gave the half-famished typhoid convalescent a spoonful of tapioca pudding; "and the doctor emphasizes that everything else you do must be in the same proportion."

Her Loving Friends.

Nan—Where do poor, dear Lil and the husband she has managed to get at last expect to spend their honeymoon? Fan—There won't be any honeymoon. She's a wasp.

"Hark!" exclaimed the man.

"Hark!" exclaimed the man. "Perhaps it is Opportunity knocking," suggested his wife. But upon investigation the man discovered that it was only some of his best friends towns and cities, would be practicable.

EDDY'S "SILENT" PARLOR MATCHES

Advertisement for Eddy's "Silent" Parlor Matches. The advertisement features the brand name "EDDY'S 'SILENT' PARLOR MATCHES" in large, stylized letters. Below the name, it says "Silent as the Sphinx!". The ad also includes a small illustration of a matchbox and a match. The text is arranged in a vertical column, with the brand name at the top and the slogan at the bottom. The background of the ad is a light color, and the text is in a dark, serif font.