

PROFIT FROM PATENTS.

Rich Returns Received by Ingenious Inventors.

Articles of Usefulness and Convenience Which Have Made Large Fortunes for the Men Who Thought Them Out.

There is an eminent authority, "scarcely an article of human contrivance or necessity in the market to-day that has not been the subject of a patent in whole or in part." The sale of every such article yields its inventor a profit. If we purchase a box of paper collars a portion of the price goes to the inventor; if we buy a sewing machine the probability is that we pay a royalty to as many as a dozen or fifteen inventors at once.

POLLY AND THE HENS.

An Educated Parrot That Got Herself Into Trouble.

Our next door neighbor, writes a correspondent of Munson's World, owns an amusing parrot which is always getting into mischief, but generally gets out again without much trouble to herself.

LANTERNS IN GERMANY.

They Were Formerly Used as Symbols of Rank.

The distinctions of rank which exist in European countries give rise to many troubles, which, though they may seem rather amusing as well as trivial to us, are in reality quite serious to the persons concerned in them.

Horse Sense.

The intelligence of the horse has just been demonstrated at Vesper, near Syracuse, N. Y. Among a herd of Hambletonian horses in a field was a brood mare and a sucking colt.

Look Him by Surprise.

Not many years ago, says the Shelbyville (Mo.) Herald, a man went to the Hannibal fair with his herd of cattle to show.

TOBACCO IN FRANCE.

The Most Villainous Weed to Be Found in the World.

On the different kinds of tobacco in use in the various countries of the world, Mr. Pritchett in his recent paper on "Smokiana," says nothing from what we may term the smoker's point of view.

RECREATION FOR WOMEN.

How the Ladies of London Take Outdoor Exercise.

The prominent place which women have suddenly taken for themselves in all forms of health outdoor exercise is of such recent growth that it has not had time to form itself into clubs and associations.

TWO QUEER CREATURES.

Habits and Peculiarities of the Bat and the Weasel.

Only one species of featherless animal that can fly exists in all the world, and it is one that you probably have often seen. Properly speaking it has no wings, nevertheless its flying appearance is more nearly perfect than that of any bird.

FASHIONABLE PARTIES.

The Expense and Inconvenience of Large Balls.

New York is distinguished every season for its monster masquerades and fancy balls. In spite of gas, music, flowers and gay costumes these gatherings, if we are to believe the reports of many who "assist" at them, are at once dreary and disgusting.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Hold For Extradition.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 27.—Henry McDonald, Mary Anne Boardman and Jacques Paquette have been arrested here and are now being held for extradition.

Press Club Convention.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—The International Press Club convention commenced its sessions here to-day. Over 70 delegates were present, representing all the great cities of the United States.

Final Train Collision.

TORONTO, Kan., Jan. 27.—A disastrous collision between the northbound regular passenger train and the southbound special occurred on the Blue Valley Railroad, at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

THE COBWEB PARTY.

A New and Unique Game and How It is Played.

The following description of the "cobweb party" is given by a writer in the New York Star:

GRADING AND PLANKING OF OAKES AVENUE.

ANACORTES, Jan. 27.—Bids have been called for immediately, for the grading and planking of Oakes avenue, and work will begin as soon as possible.

HISTORIAN BANCROFT'S WILL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 27.—The will of the late George Bancroft has been placed in probate. The estate is given in trust for the benefit of relatives.

VICTORIA MARKET REPORT.

Table with market prices for various goods like flour, sugar, and other commodities.

THE ENGLISH COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Inner Life of the London County Council.

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WOLVES FEED ON INDIANS.

Band of 100 Bears Set Upon a Hun in the Park.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 27.—News of a most unusual occurrence among the Lake Winnipeg Indians has been brought to this city by Rev. J. Semer, an Indian missionary.

GREAT NORTHERN CONTRACT LET.

Spokane Contractors Will Build Fifty-Five Miles of the Road to Kootenai at a Cost of Over \$1,000,000.

BIRTH.

BALDY.—In this city, on the 27th inst., the wife of Mr. W. B. Baldy, of Astoria, of a son.

MARRIED.

EVANS-FAY.—In this city, on the 25th inst., at St. James Church, by the Rev. Stuart G. Schofield, Fitterer, Evans to Edith Mary, second daughter of Howard and Emma Louise Fay, both of this city.

DEATH.

PETRI.—In this city, on the 22nd inst., a native, a son of the late George Petri, of Bonn, Prussia, aged 66 years.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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For Health, Comfort and Economy.

"The Champion" Weather Strip.

It will keep out dust, draft, wind, rain and snow, stop the excruciating noise of rattling sashes and doors, preserve the carpets and furniture and diminish the fuel bill. Sold and fitted by J. P. BURGESS, 10 Broughton Street.

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We have just received a large consignment of Embroidered Silks, Shawls, Screens, etc. Also Porcelain, Satsuma, Cloisonne, Bronze Ivory, Sandalwood and Opium.

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Gents' Jean Pants, Made to Order, \$1.50 pair. Corduroy, Navy, Serge or Moleskins, \$3 pair. Superfine Tweeds or Diagonals, \$4 pair.

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The best equipped FURNITURE FACTORY in the Province, most advantageously situated for shipping, on Laurel Point, suitable for all manufacturing purposes.

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PORCELAIN, SATSUMA, CLOISONNE, BRONZE, IVORY, SANDALWOOD.

Having that you will honor us with your visit, we remain very respectfully yours,

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Victoria, B. C. 40 Cornmarket Street.

THE LABOR DAY.

There is a strong tendency to shorten the hours of labor.

There is a strong tendency to shorten the hours of labor. It is also argued that the hours of work were shortened of the unemployed would be increased. If the hours of work were reduced to the same ratio, so the amount of work must be done must be a proportionate increase.

The same advocates are opposing the workmen being allowed to work time. They say—logically and tentatively, it must be admitted—if the man is permitted to work an hour less than the legal number of hours, he deprives himself of the leisure to which he is entitled.

It is not contended that the shorter of work will make the workman efficient—cause him to produce more in a given time, and that it is maintained to work overtime is opposed to the principles on which the law is based.

Mr. Harold Cox in an article in the Nineteenth Century on The Eight-Hour Question, says: "In consequence of the practical habit of overtime, coupled with pay for extra hours, many trades have a very muddled notion of the value of the proposal for an eight-hour day."

Another eight-hour advocate says: "A general reduction in the labor is precisely equivalent to a diminution of the supply of labor offered to the employers."

It is for the workingman to decide under such a system as this, the reduction of the working day to eight hours would be an hour lost at the low rate, and an hour gained at the high rate.

Assuming that it is desirable to shorten the working day to eight hours, the law to interfere between the man and the employer and neither of them the freedom of the man, with authority that cannot be questioned, "the working day must be made up of no more than eight hours—neither more nor less."

Will not this dependence on the State do for them what they are accustomed to for themselves, undermine their reliance and their manliness, and make them poor creatures, who are unable to think and act for themselves? We believe that Governmental paternalism is this tendency. We think it is better for the men, by individual exertion, by the exercise of intelligence, by combination, to do their own business and take their own part.

It may be said that the law has interfered, in Great Britain and in this Union, between the employer and the man, but it has not interfered in the same way which men make with men.