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SCIENTIFIC AND SANITARY.

Soldering metal for aluminum has been invented in Norway, composed of cadmium, 50 parts; zinc, 20; tin, 30.

A vein of onyx, possibly one thousand acres in extent, was recently discovered in Garfield County, Washington.

An electric arc-light carbon, consisting of two pencils side by side, and connected by a thin web, has been invented by an expert electrician, of Asbury Park, N. J., George M. Lane. He expects thereby to secure a steadier blaze than is afforded by many lights of that type now.

A simple and ingenious way of repairing holes in pneumatic tires has been patented by Frank M. Hamman, of Goshen, Ind. He inserts a pointed plug, which has a groove around it near the but end for the rubber to hold into, in order to hold it in place. He shaves the outer end off even with the thread.

Lieutenant Peary, of the United States Navy, during his coming expedition to the northern-most Greenland, will record observations of the aurora upon a plan that will enable comparisons to be made in detail with records from other localities. The plan, devised by Dr. M. A. Veeder, of Lyons, N. Y., is already in operation upon an international basis.

More car couplers than any other kind of inventions are patented just now every month. Recently thirty-four were presented for examination, and twenty-eight (representing sixteen different makes) were tried in Chicago. Only four survived the "drop test," which consists of three blows of a 1,640-pound weight, falling ten feet. Tension tests are yet to be applied.

A yellow pine on the banks of the Rouge River, Southern Oregon, contained, according to a rough estimate, about eighty thousand acorns, which had been driven into its back by the California woodpecker. These acorns, thus strangely stored, are not valued so much as articles of food direct, as for the worms which are afterwards found in the decaying portions of the acorn kernels.

In the prevention and cure of writers' cramp, Langes, himself a former sufferer, advocates the following method of using the pen. The holder is placed between the index and middle fingers, and rests against the centres of the first and second phalanges of the bent middle finger. It is supported in this position by the index finger slightly curving round it, and by the thumb. The holder points straight outwards, and makes an angle of 30 deg. to 35 deg. with the paper. The fourth and fifth fingers form the support, and the movements take place at the brachio-carpal articulation.—Munchener medizinische Wochenschrift.

NINE LONG YEARS.

Mrs. John McLean writes from Barrie Island, Ont., March 4th, 1889, as follows: I have been a great sufferer from neuralgia for the last nine years, but, being advised to try St. Jacobs Oil, can now heartily endorse it as being a most excellent remedy for this complaint, as I have been greatly benefited by its use.

Paper stockings are said to be a new German invention. A Berlin shoe trade journal says that the stockings are made of a specially prepared impregnated paper stock, which, it is claimed, has an extraordinary effect on perspiring feet. The moisture is absorbed by the paper as rapidly as it is formed, and the feet remain dry and warm, while the constant temperature maintained in the shoes is said to be a great preventive of colds.

MY LITTLE BOY.

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Mrs. J. Hackett, Linwood, Ont.

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S. C. WOOD, Manager.

Toronto, 19th April, 1893.