

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The apple and peach crop throughout the West is very light this year. The peach crop is almost a complete failure. The plum crop is also very light. The Rural World thinks that next year will probably be the big fruit crop of this decade.

Pennsylvania is in no immediate danger of a coal famine. A recent survey of the coal fields discloses the fact that there is enough anthracite coal alone to last 300 years at the present demand—30,000,000 tons a year. It is evident that the present generation, at least, will be able to keep warm.

Dr. Pasteur says that the only safety for large cities from the great and constantly increasing danger of typhoid and malarial fevers, consists in having the sewers air-tight and terminating in an inclosed space far beyond the city limits, where extensive chemical factories should receive and convert the refuse without delay into useful products. All other systems have proved to be failures more or less glaring.

Miss Ada Parker is a girl of nineteen, who lives on a cotton plantation two miles from Monroe, La. For the last four years she has had exclusive charge of the place, upon which her widowed mother, sister and two younger brothers reside, supporting them all by her industry. She is her own overseer, supervising all work done in person, and no brawny son of Ceres knows better how to raise a crop or handle labor.

That marine elephant, the Great Eastern, after lying idle for many years, is about to be employed again. "A company has been formed," says the St. James's Gazette, "to purchase the vessel for the coal trade between Queen's Ferry (Firth of Forth) and the Thames. It is intended to put 20,000 tons of coal on board, in sacks, at each voyage. The vessel is described as being in splendid order, having been carefully and expensively maintained."

The opera-going portion of the Swedish population must be exceedingly honest, for a visitor to a Gothenburg opera-house says that every one hangs up his hat and coat in the lobby, without apparently any watchful eye over them. No tickets were given, and those who chose to take fresh air or anything else between the acts, passed in and out without return checks or any heed being paid to their movements, and this in a house packed by 1800 persons.

The ostrich farm near Costa, Los Angeles county, Cal., attracts crowds of visitors who are curious to see for themselves the results of the experiment. Thus far they have been successful. The birds are in excellent condition, and have already been deploiled of feathers worth \$700. The Los Angeles Herald says that 125 more ostriches are about to be shipped from Buenos Ayres to New Orleans, whence they will be distributed through the Southern states and territories.

Two hundred and thirty-seven Young Men's Christian associations in America report libraries, with about 200,000 volumes, worth \$194,000, and furniture worth \$172,000. Three hundred and fifty associations report annual current expenses exceeding \$400,000. There are 387 general secretaries constantly engaged in the work of the associations, with salaries averaging between \$800 and \$900. Associations are organized in 174 colleges, and 494 associations, among other duties, supply visits and ministrations to jails and hospitals.

The Angler's Favorite Bird. The kingfisher is specially dear to the wandering fly-fisher in the "shires," says Belgravia. In the most lonely spots on his stream, from bush to distant brake, this bird flashes by him like a streak of emerald light. He follows, and in a quarter of an hour or so it darts past him back again. Thus it is identified with grassy meadows, scattered hawthorne bushes, willow holt, and other abodes of peace on the angler's beat. Itself well answers to its name; a friend has seen it dive through a thin covering of ice for its prey, and once shot one which fell on the other side of the stream, and had a stickleback an inch and a quarter long, and still alive, in its mouth on his crossing to gain his prize. He gave the little fish its liberty, and it swam off as if nothing had happened. The French legend accounts for the Kingfisher's brilliant coloring, and its habit of darting along the water courses, by the following scrap of folk-lore: When Noah sent the dove out of the ark, knowing the kingfisher's fondness for water, he let it out also. It flew so high for gladness that the sky turned its back blue, and the sun scorched the lower part of its body to the rusty red it bears at present. When it returned the ark had disappeared, and ever since it has been seeking it with plaintive cries along the streams and rivers. The angler finds that his favorite bird increases in interest as he thus garners up any scrap of old-world lore connected with them, and many a gilly and ancient water-watcher can be communicative on these subjects if properly questioned.

A QUEER RACE.

People Who Had Six Fingers and Six Toes—Recent Discoveries in Sonora. Ancient ruins have recently been discovered in Sonora, which, if reports are true, surpass anything of the kind yet found on the continent. Sonora is the northwestern state of Mexico, and is bordered by Arizona on the north and the Gulf of California on the west. The ruins are said to be four leagues southeast of Magdalena. There is one pyramid which has a base of 1850 feet, and rises to the height of 750 feet; there is a winding roadway from the bottom leading up an easy grade to the top, wide enough for carriages to pass over, which is said to be 23 miles in length; the outer walls of the roadway are laid in solid masonry from huge blocks of granite in rubble work, and the circles are as uniform and the grade as regular as they could be made at this date by our best engineers. The wall, however, is occasionally exposed, being covered over with debris and earth, and in many places the salsuaro and other indigenous plants and trees have grown up, giving the pyramid the appearance of a mountain. To the east of the pyramid a short distance is a small mountain about the same size, which rises to about the same height, and, if reports are true, will prove more interesting to the archaeologist than the pyramid. There seems to be a heavy layer of a species of gypsum about half way up the mountain, which is as white as snow, and may be cut into any conceivable shape, yet sufficiently hard to retain its shape after being cut. In this layer of stone a people of an unknown age have cut hundreds upon hundreds of rooms, from 6x30 to 16 or 18 feet square. These rooms are cut out of the solid stone, and so even and true are the walls, floor and ceiling to plumb and level as to defy variation. There are no windows in the rooms and but one entrance, which is always from the top. The rooms are about eight feet high from floor to ceiling; the stone is so white that it seems almost transparent and the rooms are not at all dark. On the walls of these rooms are numerous hieroglyphs and representations of human forms, with hands and feet of human beings cut in the stone in different places. But, strange to say, all the hands have five fingers and one thumb and the feet have six toes. Charcoal is found on the floors of many of the rooms, which would indicate that they built fires in their houses. Stone implements of every description are to be found in great numbers in and about the rooms. The houses or rooms are one above the other to three or more stories high; but between each story there is a jog or recess the full width of the room below, so that they present the appearance of large steps leading up the mountain. Who these people were, and what age they lived in, are problems. Some say they were the ancestors of the Mayas, a race of Indians who still inhabit Southern Sonora, who have blue eyes, fair skin, and light hair, and are said to be a moral, industrious and frugal race of people, who have a written language and know something of mathematics.

Forms of Lightning. A flash of lightning is a very large spark of electricity, just the same thing that one sees given by an electric machine in a lecture on natural philosophy, the only difference being that the best machine will not give a spark more than a yard long, while some flashes of lightning are estimated to be several miles in length. According to their appearance various names have been in these sparks in the sky, though in reality all the several kinds are one and the same thing. On a warm summer evening one often sees the clouds on the horizon lit up with the brilliant glow of lightning unaccompanied by any sound of thunder. To this appearance the name of "heat lightning" has been given, and the warm weather is often assigned as its cause. In point of fact, the heat lightning is only that of a thunder shower and in a quarter of an hour or so it darts past him back again. Thus it is identified with grassy meadows, scattered hawthorne bushes, willow holt, and other abodes of peace on the angler's beat. Itself well answers to its name; a friend has seen it dive through a thin covering of ice for its prey, and once shot one which fell on the other side of the stream, and had a stickleback an inch and a quarter long, and still alive, in its mouth on his crossing to gain his prize. He gave the little fish its liberty, and it swam off as if nothing had happened. The French legend accounts for the Kingfisher's brilliant coloring, and its habit of darting along the water courses, by the following scrap of folk-lore: When Noah sent the dove out of the ark, knowing the kingfisher's fondness for water, he let it out also. It flew so high for gladness that the sky turned its back blue, and the sun scorched the lower part of its body to the rusty red it bears at present. When it returned the ark had disappeared, and ever since it has been seeking it with plaintive cries along the streams and rivers. The angler finds that his favorite bird increases in interest as he thus garners up any scrap of old-world lore connected with them, and many a gilly and ancient water-watcher can be communicative on these subjects if properly questioned.

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LATEST NEWS.

London, August 19.—There was another stormy scene in the British House of Commons Saturday, and several of the Irish members were called to order by the chairman. The government notified Mr. Parnell that only £30,000 would be devoted to immigration purposes.

Fresh anti-Jewish outbreaks are reported from Russia.

There were 310 deaths from cholera in Egypt Saturday.

The King of Spain is visiting the large cities of his kingdom.

It is reported that the French began the bombardment of Hue on Saturday.

Casamicola, which was overthrown by the earthquake, is being rapidly rebuilt.

The Keater Lumber Company at Moline, Ill., sustained a loss of \$200,000 by fire.

A fire in Crawford, Miss., destroyed twelve stores and six warehouses. The total loss, \$100,000, insurance, \$6,000.

Daniel M. Karchers' Sons, manufacturers of furniture and cabinet ware, Philadelphia, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$50,000.

It is reported that a package of \$10,000 was recently found on the floor in the treasury building, and \$50 in \$50 bills were picked out of a waste-paper basket of money.

Mr. Peter Dillard, Commonwealth's attorney of Henry county, Va., has been arrested and held in \$10,000 bond to engage in a duel with Col. W. E. Sims, of Pittsylvania county.

Particulars of the Yosemite stage robbery show that one of the passengers, a Knight Templar, was robbed of \$25, a gold watch and a Masonic symbol. He requested the return of the latter, but the robber replied: "You are a Mason, and know how to get along without it."

The dedication of a handsome monument to the memory of George Washington took place near Roanoke, in Washington county, August 19, in the presence of an assembly of persons from Frederick and Washington counties numbering probably between 4,000 and 5,000. Governor Hamilton was present. Mr. Nelson was the orator of the day.

The Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer publishes a card from ex-Governor William W. Holden, withdrawing from the Republican party, and stating that he is not a member of the liberal party. Ex-Gov. Holden was provisional Governor of North Carolina, and was then elected to the same office, and was one of the editors of the Chronicle, at Washington, D. C. For the past ten years he has lived at Raleigh.

An unknown schooner is reported to have sunk off Beach Haven, Long Beach, N. J., Friday evening. She was of about 300 tons burden, and is said to have been pursued by a steamer. Report says that both vessels were putting on shore under full sail and steam, and when about five miles out the schooner suddenly sank, and all on board were supposed to be lost. The steamer remained at the spot where the schooner sank about a half hour, and then steamed away to the eastward and to sea. The schooner is said to have carried a black flag.

The cremation of the body of Charles Altman, of Washington, D. C., took place in the Lemoine crematory at Washington, Pa., Saturday evening. The remains were accompanied by a son of the deceased, who returned to Washington as soon as the body had been placed in the retort. The ashes will be sent to the town-day Mr. Altman was of German birth, and a clerk in the War Department.

Capt. Rhodes, of Buffalo, N. Y., says he will swim the rapids at Niagara, and stated that no one except his wife and brother should know the date when the attempt would be made. He stated that his main object was to obtain the government prize of \$50,000, and that if he were successful in the attempt, he would build a monument to Capt. Webb's memory to cost \$5,000, and that the widow of Capt. Webb should have an equal amount.

J. N. Patton and E. E. Hartsook, sub-professors in the Virginia Military Institute, have been arrested at Lynchburg on suspicion of being about to engage in a duel. They were bound over to keep the peace.

The cotton caterpillar has appeared on plantations near Columbia, S. C., in Sumpter county, and is boring the young blooms badly. Planters are making efforts to save the crops with Paris green and night lights.

The Second National Bank of Warren, Ohio, suspended Friday, the cashier, Kirtland M. Fitch, confessing that he had lost \$80,000 in stock speculations in New York. The bank can pay all depositors in full, and the stockholders will receive from 30 to 40 per cent.

Shortly before Judge Black died he said to his wife, "How can I fear to cross the dark river when my father waits for me on the other shore," and added, "Would I were as comfortable about all I leave behind unfinished in this world," and then breathed the following earnest prayer: "Oh, Thou beloved and most merciful heavenly father, from whom I had my being, and in whom I have ever trusted, if it be Thy will, grant that my suffering end, and that I speedily be called home to Thee. And O, my God, bless and comfort Thou my Mary." The news of Judge Black's death which, though not unexpected, was a shock to this community.

Judge Jeremiah S. Black died at his residence, "Brackie," near York, Pa., at ten minutes past two o'clock, Aug. 19, in his seventy-fourth year. The illness which culminated in his death began about a week ago. Operations for stricture of the urinary organs were performed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the purpose of affording temporary relief, and the final operation on Thursday morning. Notwithstanding the favorable bulletins in regard to his condition, it was the opinion of those best qualified to know that he could not survive. The direct cause of his death was toxæmia, a poisonous condition of the blood, caused by absorption of retained urinary constituents prior to the final operation.

GENERAL NEWS.

London, Aug. 17.—The French troops in Annam made an attack on the Annamites the 6th and 7th inst., driving them from their earthworks in confusion.

It is reported from Berlin that Mr. Sargent, the American minister to Germany, will resign.

England will ask Russia to explain why a British Jew, connected with a London business firm, was recently expelled from Russia.

The Emperor William of Germany has contributed 50,000 marks to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake on the Ischia.

There was a heated debate on the Irish question in the House of Commons on Thursday night. The session lasted until 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

It was stated in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Dodson, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, that it was an undoubted fact that the foot-and-mouth disease had been carried from England to America.

Learning a Trade.

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Drops of Water.

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"Did Wonders for Me."

The above words are from Mr. LEWIS KEEN, No. 9 Highland Avenue, Malden, Mass., April 28, 1883. He says: "I have been afflicted for several years with kidney and liver complaint, followed by gravel, with severe pains in my back and groin. I had great trouble in passing water, it being scanty, and accompanied by terrible burning, the usual being contained in brick-dust deposits. I was recommended to use Hunt's Remedy by a friend who had been completely cured of a similar trouble. I purchased a bottle at the druggist, and commenced to improve at once. I have used but two bottles, and it has done wonders for me—no more kidney trouble, no more pain. It has given me new life, and I would not be without Hunt's Remedy at any price. It is all that is recommended to be, and I cheerfully give this testimony for the benefit of the many sufferers from kidney disease and gravel."

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It was one of the peculiarities of the old-fashioned Doctors that they never would tell patients what they were prescribing for them. They said it would do the patients no good to know, and that it would only be gratifying a foolish curiosity. In order to keep patients from knowing, they would write the prescriptions in dog-Latin, so that most patients could not read them. All that sort of thing is now over. The patient wants to know what he takes. He is weak, and wants to be strong, or he is dyspeptic, and wants to digest well. Or he has a troublesome liver which he wants to put to rights. So he takes Brown's Iron Bitters about which there is no mystery at all. This is the best preparation of iron in the world, in combination with gentle yet efficient tonics. It gives strength. It builds up enfeebled systems. It enriches impoverished blood. It removes feminine weaknesses. It casts out debility. It is what you want, and your druggist has it.

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"Or if you are in the workshop, on the 'farm, at the desk, anywhere, and feel 'that your system needs cleansing, toning or stimulating, 'I don't hesitate to say: 'If you are old, blood thin and impure, 'pale feeble, nervous and faint, 'worn, Hop Bitters is what you need to 'give you new life, health and vigor."

"If you are active or dyspeptic, or suffering from any other of the numerous diseases of the stomach or bowels, it is your own fault if you remain ill."

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