

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Ten years after the United States of America came into existence, the Congressional Library had its beginning.

A public building covering a block of ground and without a dark corner is something novel in architecture.

Opening into the rotunda on the eight sides are alcoves, where encyclopedias, books of reference, dictionaries, and works for which there are almost continuous use will be kept.

From the eight corners of the rotunda, between the pairs of alcoves, rise the massive marble columns which support the golden dome.

Each season, the old hymn tells us, "hath its own disease." But one of the worst complaints of which the modern social and industrial organization is a victim is common, in one form or another, to all seasons.

The book capacity of the parts of the library finished off, said Mr. Spofford, "is about 1,800,000 volumes."

CURRENT COMMENT.

The President has found a refuge from the office-seekers, but it is only available on Sunday.

A prominent citizen of Boston reports that he went to the inauguration and did not see a single intoxicated person during all the time he was in Washington.

It is evident that strong pressure will be brought to bear upon President McKinley to alter the rules governing the classified civil service.

Important movements are in progress in New York and Chicago for the regulation of the height of buildings.

Yellow Journalism is having rather a hard run at present, being thrown out of clubs and libraries right and left.

So seldom does a man live up to his ideal, or a commonwealth to its moral professions, that the congratulations of the country are due to the State of Nevada.

Secretary Sherman, it is reported, has been laying down the law about American rights in Cuba in a style that chagrins Minister De Lome.

According to the statement of Professor Felix Adler, Miss Frances Willard wants to vote "for the sake of promoting the nationalization of business, the abolition of representative government, the enactment of prohibitory laws and the free coinage of silver."

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Between the utilities and the artistic magnificence of the scene the visitor may well be lost in admiration.

LONDON'S B R MAIDS.

The Business of Husband-Hunting Carried on With That of Serving Drinks.

Under the title, "Feminine Types in London," Jesse Francis Sheppard gives in the Nouvelle Revue an account of the London bar maids.

"They are recruited," he says, "among the bourgeoisie as well as among the lower classes. Some of the most interesting types can be found in the bars or public houses of the West End, close to the fashionable theatres.

"A public house, situated at the angle of one of the principal thoroughfares, is both a gilded palace and a mine of gold. It exercises a strange fascination upon the poor country bumpkins who have just enough to pay for a drink; but the duke coming out of a theatre, the country greenhorn, the fashionable snob, and the frequenter of the music halls are always to be found there.

"The barmaid judges her customers by the cut of their clothes. If you want to attract her attention you must present yourself with a silk hat and a handsome cane in your hand, and a suit cut in the latest fashion.

"It was not without difficulty that I managed to get an interview with one of these young ladies, whose intelligence was equal to her beauty.

"I was hardly more than three days here," she said with an amiable and roguish air, "when I understood why it was that so many pretty English girls don't get husbands.

"But in this mixture that come here to drink and chat," I said, "how do you distinguish the men of the world from the others?"

"Noticing with what attention I was listening to her, she continued: 'The gentleman that I refer to have nothing elegant about them except their clothes, for their conversation lacks novelty.'

"Well, I left London. A few months afterward on returning there I wanted to see once more my beautiful Irish barmaid. She was gone. Another lady was in her place, and she told me that Miss Clara had left to marry the second son of a prominent nobleman."

According to the Revue Scientifique, a French mine owner in the Transvaal has some monkeys infected with the thirst for gold.

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The making of artificial ears seems to have reached scientific perfection within the last decade.

Caught While Herding in Colorado

Olung to Him While a Commercial Traveler in the Middle West, Notwithstanding all Efforts to Get Rid of It. Not Springs of Arkansas, of no Avail.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. William Clement, of Freeport, Illinois, is a well-known commercial traveler, and represents the large Chicago house of Reed, Welsh & Lange.

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The Hot Springs of Arkansas were visited in the hope of relief, but he was disappointed, and so he took up his residence in Illinois, and obtained employment as a drummer for a large house in Chicago that has long since gone out of business.

It was then that the sufferer conceived the idea of trying Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and did so.

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