

A FAST STEAMSHIP.

From Europe to New York in Less Than Six Days.

Engineering science and skill in marine architecture has at last brought Europe within less than six days' sail from New York City.

The new steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse made her maiden trip from Southampton to New York recently in five days, twenty-two hours and forty-five minutes.

Hypnotism.

"It is very much to be regretted that in our country appropriate laws regarding the practice of hypnotism have as yet not been enacted.

"The person who is about to be hypnotized should understand thoroughly that he or she is thereby placed under the absolute power of the operator, who can do with the subject whatever he pleases, when the hypnotic sleep has once been induced.

"But aside from such dangers it should be understood that frequent hypnotization undoubtedly demoralizes the individual and renders the subject unfit for the duties of every-day life.

"To what extent hypnotic sleep may in the future replace the anesthetics which are now in use it is difficult to say, as it is not yet possible to call forth such a degree of insensibility to pain in every person to permit of surgical operations.

"Public exhibitions of hypnotism, or 'mesmerism' so-called, should be strictly interdicted as serving no useful purpose and only doing harm."

In France, only physicians are permitted to practice hypnotism, and this is rightly so.

As we have before said, professors of hypnotism are advertising for pupils to learn the art. Scoundrels will soon learn it, and all the newspapers of North America from Mexico to the North Pole should caution their readers against it.—G. T. Angell in Our Dumb Animals.

Don't Fear Klondike Cold.

H. M. Dalton and P. H. Levin, both attorneys from St. Louis, passed through St. Paul, leaving on the Northern Pacific coast train for what is vaguely known as the Klondike.

"We are not a part of the wild, haphazard rush to the Klondike," said Mr. Dalton to a reporter for the Globe, discussing their plans and prospects.

"From what we have read, the great difficulty seems to be that the passes are blocked by heavy travel, hosts of people trying to get over the roads that are wet and heavy with rains and easily cut up.

"You must understand, however," broke in Mr. Levin, "that all of this is conditional. We are not absolutely set on trying our luck to the Klondike placers, or any of the adjacent streams. The possibilities of Alaska are not confined to the Klondike.

MAN'S NEW FACULTIES.

Is a Third Form of Consciousness Developing in Human Beings?

Science has discovered what new mental faculties are developing in highly civilized humanity. The observer has described them as a third and new form of consciousness.

"So-called telepathy and clairvoyance seem to be specimens of nascent faculties. I place in the same class the phenomena of what is often named spiritualism.

"The labors of the Society for Psychological Research have made it to me plain that these phenomena, as notably in the case of W. Stainton Moses, really exist. And I think that a study of the above mentioned case, together with that of Mrs. Piper and that of Mary J. Fancker, of Brooklyn, would compel any unprejudiced person to make the same admission.

Whether any given faculty, such as one of those now alluded to, shall grow, become common, and finally universal in the race, or wither and disappear, will depend upon the general laws of natural selection, and upon whether the possession of the nascent faculty is advantageous or not to the individual and to the race.

"This higher form of consciousness, when it appears, occurs, as it must at the full maturity of the individual, at about the age of thirty-five, but almost always between the ages of thirty and forty.

"Many more or less perfect examples of this new faculty exists in the world to-day, and it has been my privilege to know personally and to have had the opportunity of studying several men and women who have possessed it.

"The new race, as it may well be called, would occupy, as toward us, a position such as that occupied by us toward the simple conscious alatus homo. The advent of this higher, better, and happier race would amply justify the long agony of its birth through the countless ages of our past.

The Making of Flags.

The bunting used in the production of flags for the United States navy is all made in Lowell, Mass. It has to come up to certain requirements in regard to color and strength. It has to be made entirely of wool of the best quality, showing no imperfections.

Worth Considering.

Referring to the recent terrible disaster to a night express train on the New York Central road, a Connecticut gentleman who travels a good deal, makes a suggestion that is worth considering.

A MIGHTY NIMROD.

Four Hundred Bears the Record of a Tar Heel Hunter.

Captain W. H. Basnight, of Roanoke Island, who is on a visit to Raleigh, says the Observer, is the celebrated bear hunter of Dare County.

"The season for hunting bears is near at hand," said the captain, "and it will be a good season. I judge from the berry crop. It is cut off back in the woods, and there is plenty on the water. The bears will come out to get the gumberries, and then we will kill them and have fine sport.

"What is the biggest bear you ever killed?" I next asked the captain.

"I cannot tell you exactly. The largest I ever killed I could not weigh. I have killed bears weighing five hundred pounds. They average perhaps something over one hundred pounds."

"Do you love the bear meat as food?" You ought to have seen the good captain's mouth water and his eyes brighten, as visions of broiled bear meat came into his mind.

Captain Basnight has charge of Durant's Island, which is owned by John E. Keyburn, of Philadelphia, who comes down for hunting and fishing about twice a year.

"On the island," said the captain, "we have five hundred head of cattle, hogs and sheep, fine poultry, and an abundance of wild game, including deer, swan, geese and ducks, and many varieties of smaller birds. We feed the wild fowl, and at times I have as many as seven hundred wild geese that come regularly to the camp to get their feed."

Coffee Pot.

A really good cup of coffee will go far toward determining the character of a repast, and in connection with fair bread and butter will be as satisfactory as an elaborate meal with malodorous, bad flavored sloop, so commonly encountered.

The improved coffee pot comprises a cylindrical vessel, having a closed bottom and a detachable cover, a conical water vessel being located in the bottom thereof. Pipes lead vertically from this water receptacle, and have steam jet holes located contiguous to their upper closed ends.

How to Examine a Watch.

To one who has never studied the mechanism of a watch its mainspring or the balance wheel is a mere piece of metal. He may have looked at the face of the watch, and while he admires the motions of its hands and the time it keeps he may have wondered in idle amazement as to the character of the machinery which is concealed within.

Savans are Interested.

Bacchylides's poems, the papyrus-containing which was acquired by the British Museum last year, are about to be published. Nearly twice as many lines have been recovered than was supposed at first, the total being about 1,000.

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