MEXICO'S SYSTEM OF PEONAGE. Contrary to Law, but Carried on Without Molestation.

A system of pennage or slavery is extensively curried on in Chiapas, and its workings are novel and interesting. The slaves nearly all come from the middle class of Spaniards, and are not Indians, as is generally supposed. The usual custom is for a family who may have a boy 10 or 14 years of age to take the child to some plantation-owner or family of the first-class and propose that it shall take a position as servant on condition that an advance of \$10 or \$15 is made to the parents. The contract also generally stipulates that the child shall receive a certain amount as wages. and that the sum shall be placed to its credit until the money advanced has been paid, when the child will again be free. As the child grows older and becomes able to carn more money its parents, so it happens in nearly every case, apply for more money, thus pilling up the debt. When the child becomes o age it generally asks for money for its own personal use, and thus bound to its muster it must continue in slavery un til the debt is paid.

A peou can not change masters at his will, but he must have a written statement of his debts from his first owner. which is accepted by his new master, should one be found who is willing to ndvance the amount. If any attempt to escape paying his debts is made by the slave he is carried to jail and pun ished until he is willing to take up the voke again. This system of slavery i contrary to the statute lave of the country, but it has been in operation so long that in this part of the Republic it is carried on without molestation. Owing to the ignorance of the middle classes, it is seldom that a slave becomes acquainted with his natural rights, and there are very few cases of rebellion. One of these exceptional cases recently occurred in the City of San Cristobal, in this State, the slave being a young woman who was the property of a family to whom she owed a large debt. A prominent army officer. stationed in that city at the time, became enamored of the girl. He informed her what her rights were under the law, and she lost no time in leaving the family, without taking any state ment of the debt or attempting to find another master. Owing to the influence of the army officer all efforts of the family to have her arrested and punished were unsuccessful.-Philadelonia Times.

#### TEETH AND HAIR. They Are Not Indispensable to Good Looks

With us there is, to say the least, a strong and decided prejudice in favor of luxuriant trasses and pearly teeth. But it is only a prejudice, and by no means universal. We see no tack of beauty in the infant's naked, rosy scalp, in its sweet little toothless mouth. We even see a kind of unjestic beauty in the ivory dome that covers the sage's busy brain. A white, shining billiard ball is by no means unpleasing to the eye, and no one can fancy its beauty improved by covering half of it with a cont of hair, however soft and silky, problem. Rivels has teeth once: how should we welcome the prospect of a return, a retrogresston, to their former semi-reptilian conditions? Would you think your canary or your brilliant-hued cockatoo improved in its appearance if the smooth, even edges of its bill were garnished with saws of penriv teeth like a little featheres) and winged alligator? The possession of a full complement of teeth has always been regarded as an indispensable condition of perfect health. To our prehistoric ancestors who had no other grain-mills than their molars, it must have been so, and the modern soldier in active service would find his hard tack and leathery salt beef unsatisfactory fare without the dental integrity which the examining surgeon so properly insists upon. But the constantly improving science of cookery supplies the remedy for the civilian, and as to the soldier, he is, like his teeth, a relie of undeveloped eivilization. The "dogs of war" must go, teeth and all. Experience has demonstrated that the Incurious diet of eivilization, which gives so little for the teeth to do, is, on the whole, more conducive to vitality and longevity than the hard fare of savagery. Long before toothless gums shall have be come the rule, all occasion for teeth have passed, either for beauty or use .-North American Review.

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mal 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 appurtenance is more nearly perfect than that of any bird. It flies with wonderful rapidity, darts about with such quickness that it is difficult for the eye to follow it, and its sense of touch and smell are something marvelous.

In watching its rapid and eccentric flight in the twilight you have, no doubt. thought that this strange animal is a bird. But its bird-like appearance ends with its ability to fly. Its young are born and nurtured just as are pupples and kittens. This strange flying animal is the bat, says a writer in the Philadelphia Times. In one of .Esop's fables it is related that the beasts and the birds once engaged

in battle, and the bat hovered above, changing from one side to the other, as the chances of victory changed. For this treachery the bat was doomed to he queer life he now leads, that of an apparent bird, but a real mammalian ani-

The structure of the bat is very pecular An eminent naturalist says: "If the fingers of a man were to be drawn out like wire to about four feet in length, a thin membrane to extend from finger to finger, and another membrane o fall from the little finger to the ankles, he would make a very tolerable bat." Yes, the whole skeleton of the bat is very similar to that of man. with the exception of the great elongation of what we may call the arms and hands. When you see the bat darting about in

he evening he is taking his supper. He ives as the swallow does, on insects in he air, and, although his sight is very poor, his touch and smell are so sensiive that he has no difficulty in catching his prey, even when flying so very

cases to fly about in search of food. He loesn't need to. He seeks a well sheltered nook, where he is not likely to be listurbed, and quietly takes a nap till

next spring! Somewhat analagous to the bat, the nammalian of the air, is the whale, the nammalian of the sea. The whale is no more a fish than the bat is a bird. Its oung are born like the kittens and the supples, but only one at a time. The oung whale takes its nourishment at ts mother's breast, just as the human only does, and it is just as carefully watched and guarded by its parents. Although whales grow to enormous ize, sometimes eighty and even ninety feet long, the throat is so small that he animal couldn't swallow a bite as arge as a tea bischit. This applies t he common whale; the spermaceti has a mouth large enough to swallow a man. The whalebone that the dress-makers

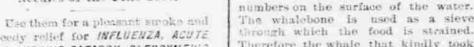
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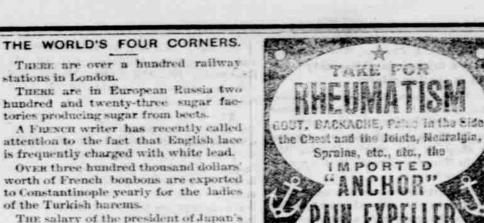
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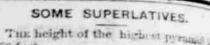
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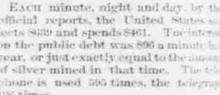
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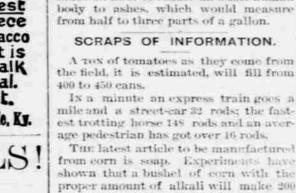
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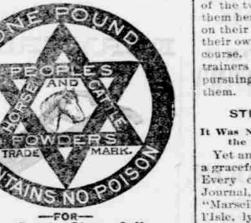
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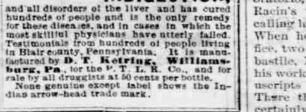
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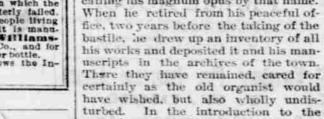
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"A gentleman was watching some piders when it occurred to him to try what effect the sound of a tuning fork would have upon them. He suspected they would take it for the buzzing of a fly. He selected a large, ugly spider which had been feasting on flies for two months. The spider was at one edge of its web. Sounding the fork the man touched a thread at the other side and watched the result.

"Mr. Spider had the buzzing sound con veyed to him over the telephone wires, but how was he to know on which particular wire it was traveling? He ran to the center of the web very quickly and felt all around until he touched the thread against the other end of which

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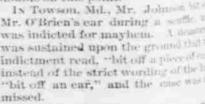
Ger mashed-Potatoes. THIN skinned-Grapes. A nanti race-Cannibals Not allowed-A whisper TIME locks-Gray hairs. ALWAYS in cestacy-"Y. For like a glove-Mittens. Atways missed-The fog. MEET and drink-Treating. Tur: belt line-A girl's waist Look up aloft-Astronomers. WARRANTED all wool-Sheep SPEAKS for itself-The parrot "Ban Lands"--Unsalable lots Tur, oldest club-The bludgeon stars of the tongue-Stattering "LANE upon line"-Music scores. Nor in it-The stamp on a letter MAKE their mark-Lend pendls. EXPENSIVE costumes-Law mits. DRAWN all over the world-Corks. On tick-The telegraph instrument TALE of a century-The last deal A PRECIOUS cord-A string of part A nucker shop-The hardware sho A HANDY instrument-The accordic UNDER currents-Wires in the tiX's. TERS over new leaves-The list THERE. BEAR the voke without complain Oxen.

WHERE to find a joker-In a pock ards.-Mail & Express.

WHERE JUSTICE REIGNS. A Wisconsin judge has doubled the lentist can not legally pull a tool

Sunday. A BILL has been introduced at aggislature of Indiana providing my man who shall be provenhipping his wife shall himixty lashes, and that the publ admitted to the jail yard to see

chipped. "TAKE any twenty-five tail men," said an old court officer to a porter, "and you can secure a [07] \* murder case. They have an const tions seruples against the death pen y. As a rule, short, thick men oubts on this point."



CHIEF JUSTICE DALY, of the C common pleas. New York Ch ammoned to appear before 3 other day 242 men who had be for jury duty and who had spond. He fined fourteen appear to offer any exp each, and accepted the exc

"Ica verstehe nein Engl the reply of a coal-black was asked his name in a New 1 lice court recently, and the c preter found that the only is man knew was German. 11: Joseph Steinmetat and he h

