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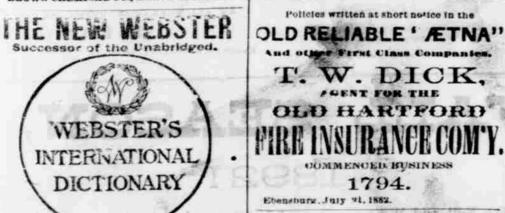
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ECHOES OF VANISHED DAYS.

Renan in His Old Age Compared Youth to the Vanished Atla tis.

The beautiful allegory, of which so pathetic a use was made by M. Renan in his "Recollections of My Youth," says the Cincinnatl Commercial Gazette, is thus translated, the translation being written by C. B. Pitman, and revised by Mme. Renan:

"One of the most popular legends in Brittany is that relating to an imaginary town called 1s, which is supposed to have been swallowed up by the sea at some unknown time. There are several places along the coast which are inted out as the site of this imaginary ity, and the fishermen have many strange tales to tell of it. According to them, the tips of the spires of the churches may be seen in the hollow of the waves when the sea is rough, while during a calm the music of their bells ringing out the hymn appropriate to the day rises above the waters. I often fancy that I have at the bottom of my

eart the city of Is; with its bells callng to prayer a recalcitrant congregaion. At times I halt to listen to these gentle vibrations, which seem as if they came from immeasurable depths, like voices from another world. Since old

age began to steal over me, I have oved, more especially during the repose which summer brings with it, to gather up those distant echoes of a van-

ished Atlantis." **Condemned** to Death Thrice Hans Nielsen, of Copenhagen, has had the probably unique experience of being sentenced to death three times. according to the London News. Such is the lenity of Danish law, or rather the indisposition of the authorities to proceed to extreme measures, that this notorious criminal has already been re-

o their fellows from tree to tree in thrill head tones, the natural vocal expression of a weak and timid race, in whose physical formation the head had segun to hold an important place. The apper notes of the register were characteristic of the first men, as they still are of savage tribes and peoples and of the half civilized members of modern ociety, whose volces have never been abjected to discipline.

The voices of country people accusomed to magnificent distances and conersation at long range are, if not keyed higher, oftener used in the upper ranges than those of the city people, who feel obliged by the necessities of good breeding to moderate their tones. When a man is self-contained he uses

the middle and lower tones of his voice; when angry the voice mounts gradually to the head. If the gentler sex would oftener bear in mind the eulogies of Shakespeare and Stott of that voice gentle and low which is an excellent hing in women, they would more rarely nave occasion to wonder why they have ceased to be attractive. The music of the Chinese, Japanese

and of all wild tribes is keyed high and ung usually in falsetto, the lower notes being obtained by drums, tomoms, or some other instruments of the and. Although their songs are far rom agreeable to the ear, they still think they sing, an illusion shared, it must be confessed, by a considerable

Virginia laments that the unsenti mental authorities at Washington have interfered with the old-time spelling of the historic names of her counties and towns, and changed Burnt Ordinary to Toano, Powhatan to Powattan, Newport's News to Newport News, Charottesville to Charlotteville, and committed other outrages on the established orthography. But the "Mother of Presidents" may find consolation in the fact that she still has Culpepper,

How the Hard Stone Is Turned Into Shape.

Granite for columns, balusters, round posts and urns is now worked chiefly in athes, which, for the heaviest work, are made large enough to handle blocks twenty-five feet long and five feet in diameter. Instead of being turned to the desired size by sharp cutting instruments, as in ordinary machines for turning wood and metal, granite is ground away by the wedge-like action of rather thick steel disks, rotated by the pressure of the stone as it slowly turns in the lathe. The disks, which are six or eight inches in diameter, are set at quite an angle to the stone and move with an automatic carriage along the lathe bed. Large lathes have four disks, two on each side, and a column may be reduced some two inches in diameter the whole length of the stone by one lateral movement of the carriages along the bed. The first lathe for turning granite cuts only cylindrical or conical columns, but an improved form is so made that templets or patterns may be inserted to guide the carriages, and columns having any desired swell may be as readily turned. For fine grinding and polishing the granite is transferred to another lathe where the only machinery used is to produce a simple turning or revolution of the stone against iron blocks carrying the necessary grinding or polishing materials.

A Bird of Evil Omen.

The pigeon is considered to be essen tially a bird of death, says the Fancier's Journal. Thus if a white pigeon settles on a chimney some one of the occupants of the house will pass away ere long, but should the bird enter and perch upon the table it is considered a less portentous omen and to testify sickness. There is a widespread belief through England that no one can did happily on a bed in which there is even a single pigeon's feather. There is a similar superstition about partridge feathers and there is an old saying that he who is sprinkled with

the big morning dailies will contribute one page to it. This page will be an exact duplicate of the corresponding page of the paper that contributes it. Each paper will send to Jackson park one of those pulp molds known as a matrix, and from this the metal plates will be cast and the papers run off in full view of spectators. On other pages of the paper official announcements will e made

JAPANESE ART WORKS.

Chief Ives Assured That Japan's Best Paintings Will Be Here.

Tegima and his tall secretary, Yambe, who represent the Japanese commission in Chicago, attended a meeting of the fine arts committee recently. Tegima never comes around unless he has an announcement to make from the mikado of Japan. Tegima told Chief Ives and the art committee that the artists of Japan would make a fine display of paintings and sculpture work at the fair. This announcement caused Chief Ives to look at the little fellow sternly. The Jap never winced, but repeated the statement. It surprised Chief Ives, for Japanese artists have never shown any of their paintings at great expositions Their displays in this line have always been in the form of fantastic decorations. Tegima speaks English well. "We are going to show our best paintings," he said, "and want all the space we can get. And statuary, also, and many fine carvings, all very beautiful, will be brought over. Americans will

be the first to see them." Tegima then told the committee that Japanese artists were now ready to begin decorating their section of the art building. He said the royal artists had made their designs and were now prepared to transfer them to the building.

Columbus' Descendant.

The duke of Veragua, the descendant of Columbus, who has promised to visit America as the guest of the nation next year, has received the famous order of the Golden Fleece from the queen regent of Spain. The decoration was

Now turn to the United States. Our mileage now amounts to 171,000 miles. more than eight times as large as that of Great Britain. The gross earnings last year amounted to over a thousand millions of dollars. During this time there were railroads of a total length of nearly 4,000 miles constructed. In other words, every three or four years we build as many miles of railroad as the total number that suffices the English Scotch and Irish people And the American task is not done by any means. The growth along exist-

ing lines can well be imagined when it is considered that the English railways serve a population of 38,000,000, or one mile for every 1,900 inhabitants, while our 170,000 miles serve for 60,000,000 of people, or one mile for 360 inhabitants.

THE WORLD'S ODD COUNTRIES.

THE Egyptian is taxed fifty cents on the palm tree that grows in his garden. THE average depth of sand in the African desert is thought to be thirty to forty feet.

THE natives in Vera Cruz do a large trade in fireflies, which they catch by waving a blazing coal at the end of a stick. The insects fly toward the light and are captured in nets.

A NUMBER of remarkable figures of hammered silver, representing men. women and animals, have been exhumed from a peat bog in Jutland, Denmark. and placed in the National museum at Copenhagen.

THE highest place in the world regularly inhabited is the Buddhist town of Haine, in Thibet, which is 16,000 feet above sea level. The highest inhabited place in the Americas is at Galera, Peru, 15,635 feet above sea level.

A DONKEY named Mirambo was Henry M. Stanley's chief reliance when passing through one of the most savage districts of Africa. At the explorer's word of command, he would bray in the most stentorian manner, to the great alarm of the natives.

Decrees of Cold in Montana

the scoundrels, and just before we reached the Rio Grande we saw two horsemen off to the left who acted suspiciously. After them we went, and it was a pretty race for awhile till they disappeared behind a clump of trees. We had shot to stop them, and when we got in sight of them again we found that one horse had been shot and they had deserted him, while both were riding the other. They were evidently Mexicans-a man and a boy-and the man showed fight, turning and firing at us, finally hitting our deputy sheriff. We gained on them rapidly, and presently a well-directed fire sent them all

"When we reached them the 'boy' was kneeling in front of the dying Mexican, sobbing and moaning as if her heart would break, while her hair, which had fallen from her cap, fell below her waist. It was a case of elopement and they had taken us for her father's servants, while we had been equally stupid and had taken them for horsethieves. When he began to gasp she drew a little pearl-handled revolver, and before anyone could think of stopping her placed the muzzle under her car and fell into his arms a corpse. No, we never heard who they were. We buried them and went after the horse-

Adulteration is bad and sanitation is good, but some of the results shown by vigilant inspectors and clever chemists in their efforts to show the frightful dangers that surround us and run down offenders against sanitary laws are very funny. A wholesale and highly respectable grocer was tried in a London court. a few days ago for selling tartaric acid adulterated with lead. The acid was used in making lemonade, and the lead in it got there from the vessels in which it was manufactured. The prosecution showed that the tartaric acid contained .00026 per cent. of lead. The defense showed that in order to get a twentieth part of a grain of the poison into one's system it would be necessary to drink lemonade every day for six months at the rate of 220 bottles a day. The experts added gravely that before the twentieth part of a grain could be taken in that manner the experimenter would die of dyspepsia. The charge was dismissed, but to satisfy the sanitary officials the judge agreed to "state a case," presumably as a warning to other evil-

Elephants as Financiers.

The penny-in-the-slot machine has been adapted to the use of the elephants at the Manchester zoo. When a visitor gives the elephant a penny the animal drops it in the slot and gets a biscuit. There is no use in trying to deceive the animals by half-pennies. Those despised coins are always flung in the face of the giver. The other day a visitor gave a baby elephant a number of half-pennies in succession, but all were thrown back. The animal was then given two half-pennies at the same time. The creature's demeanor changed. For more than five minutes he held the two coins in his trunk rubbing them together and seeming to be pondering deeply. At last he dropped the two half-pence in the box together, with the result that the combined weight gave him the desired biscuit, at which he gamboled about in a manner which exhibited extravagant delight.

A LITTLE MIRTH.

ST. PETER-"Wont you walk in?" Boston Spinster-"Is Browning here?" -Kate Field's Washington.

"PAPA," asked the small boy, "what is dignity?" "Dignity, my son," re-plied the father, "consists principally

number of persons in the most refined modern society. Queer Old Virginia Names.

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