

on both sides of the general exhibition building. The polygonal form of the latter facilitates a methodical classification of the exhibits. The visitor follows scientifically, in his way from the center to the perpihery of the building. the gradual transformation of raw materials into manufactured goods. The central dome is the reflector of an intensive electric lamp placed at a height of one hundred and fifty feet. Electricians intend that the latest applications of electricity shall be exhibited in every variety. The exhibition is to be closed November 1.

### ABSENT-MINDED SENATORS. John Sherman Often Unable to Call the

Names of His Friends.

There is many a man who has felt himself aggrieved that Senator John Sherman was unable to remember him or to call him by name. It is a faculty says the Washington Times, the lack o which seriously handicaps a man in public life. Perhaps the great Ohioan might have been president but for the lack of it. But the fact of his forgetting a man's name is no evidence in John Sherman's case of his wanting in esteem for the forgotten one.

In a recent speech he paused confusedly when he wanted to refer to something that had been said by "Mr. -Mr.-my neighbor on my left-the senator from Massachusetts." Senator Aldrich, sitting just behind him, suggested Hoar. Sherman and Hoar have been associated in public life for an in definite number of years. They are friends and what may be termed intimate acquaintances. The Sherman and the Hoar families are related. Yet the senator from Ohio was made to come out of the absorption in his subject in which he was invested to call the name of Senator Hoar.

It is related as a fact of a wealthy old resident of a western town that he wandered all over the town in a fit of profound abstraction one morning. Some one stopped him to say: "Good morning, Mr. Hayden."

The old fellow looked up excitedly and exclaimed: "That's it! That's it I've been trying to think of that name all morning, and I couldn't sign a check at the bank."

Forgetfulness of names is not an un usual peculiarity among men, but it is a fatal lack in a man who seeks popularity with the masses of the people.

### Cut Off from the World.

There is a little group of islands in the Pacific ocean, half-way between Hawaii and Samoa. One of them is called Fanning island, and it is the property of an American family named Greig, who work it for guano. It is a coral islet, with a fine lagoon, which has been entered by American and British warships. The proposed cable across the Pacific ocean, from Australasia to British North America, will, it is expected, cross the island. The Greigs lead an ideal life, apart from all others of their kind, save a hundred natives, who do their work. Once only in six months do they hear from the world, and then a little sailing ves sel comes to them, laden with mail, books, newspapers and provisions. It is always summer on the island-always so warm that one can swing in a hammock all night with little covering save the clear sky.

No Prohibition About It. During a certain court-martial trial held recently in New Mexico, a colored sergeant was called to testify against a lieutenant, formerly his troop-com mander, now charged before the court with intoxication and neglect of duty. "You say that the lieutenant told you QUINEPTUS Cents per Pint Bottle. Pr

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SHORTHAND WON HIS TITLE. Isaac Pitman Has Earned His Knighthood by a Busy Life.

When Queen Victoria one day recenty with a stroke of sword and formal ourtesy exclaimed: "Arise Six Loose "i man." she not only conferred the knighthood on the aged inventor of phonetic shorthand, but illustrated the fact that in England honors are a reward sometimes long delayed. Sir Isaac Pitman, says the New York World, is now eighty-one years of age, and knighthood, although it carries the lowest title in the realm, and one that lacks the hereditary principle. comes to him as a graceful recognition

of a life's work well done. For sixty seven years he has worked ten to fourteen hours a day, almost without a vacation. His phonetic shorthand was not a pure invention, but he andoubtedly did more to extend and popularize the art and to bring it into use than any other man. Shorthand somes down to us from the ancients. The first crude hieroglyphics in Egypt were a kind of shorthand, while Pepys'

diary was written in a system used in his day. In 1837 the system of Isaac Pitman was published. He popularized the art y cheap publications, which brought schools of shorthand into existence and made his system the standard. Dick ens, who had been a reporter in the iouse of commons, has drawn in "David Copperfield" an amusing picture of the struggle of the early shorthand writers before Pitman's day. when the art lacked the clearness and brevity which he gave it, but it is a curious fact that the official stenographers of the house of commons use the system of Gurney to the present lay. Pitman, however, justly deserves the title of "The Father of Shorthand." which far eclipses in glory that which the queen has conferred upon him, for

as Labouchere says: "Every coal heaver n these days is a knight." "PAYING THE PIPER."

The Origin and Significance of the Proverbial Expression.

How many times we have heard the xpression "pay the piper," and wonlevel where it originated. Perhapone of you have heard the legend but for the many who have not I will tell it. In all likelihood it came from the old and celebrated German legend of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." Robert Browning has given us a pretty description of the legend in a poem of the same name. The story tells us that a young musician, dressed in disguise. came to Hamel, a flourishing town in Brunswick, and offered to rid the town of the rats which had infected it for so long a time. He wore a fancy coat of many different colors, hence he was called the pied piper. The commissioners of the town give him orders to destroy the rats, and promised him a reward when he should have done so. But after the work was completed the promised reward was withheld, and he piper in revenge blew his magical ipe again and by its wonderful tones irew all the children of the town to a cavern in a hillside. The opening of the cavern was closed as soon as the children had entered, and their parents never saw them again. And so our proverbial expression, "pay the piper," sprang from this legend, and it conveys a warning to all men to pay everyone his just dues, or be on the ookout for a revenge as cruel as that of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

How a City Was Started. The little city of Mt. Vernon, New York, owes its origin to communistic

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### was usual to name a child after the saint on whose day he happened to be born. A writer to Notes and Queries in 1853 states that he had recently baptized a child by the name of Benjamin Simon Jude. On his expressing some surprise at this some what singular conjunction of names he was informed that the birth had taken place on the festival of SS. Simon and Jude, and that it was always considered very unlucky to take

the day from a child. The custom of naming children after any particular saint has fallen into general disuse, except in those countries where the population is composed almost entirely of Roman Catholies. The giving of a name in baptism is really no essential part of the rite, but is merely a custom derived apparently from the Jews, and which through long practice has become an important element in the ceremony.

Many instances might be furnished of children who have inadvertently received wrong names. The registers in Warminster church contain the following entries:

"1790, January 17. Charles, daughter of John and Betty Haines. This child ought to have been christened Charlotte, but owing to a mistake of the sponsors, it was wrong named." 1794, July 31, William, daughter of William and Sarah Weiddick. N. B .-It was intended that this child, being a girl, should have been christened Maria, but through a mistake of the godfather it was named William."

### WILL WITH A TIME LOCK. Odd Testamentary Freak of an Eccentric Polish Land Owner.

The contents of a most eccentric will. left by M. Zalesky, a rich Polish landed proprietor, who died in the province of Faurida in March, 1889, were recently published, says the London Telegraph. The property left by the deceased was valued at seventy-five thousand dollars, and his will was inclosed in an envelope bearing the words: "To be opened after my death." On this envelope being opened, the executor

found a sealed envelope, on which was written: "To be opened six weeks after my death." The stipulated time having elapsed, the second envelope was opened and a third was found with the words: "To be opened a year after my death." At the end of the year a fourth envelope was discovered which was to be opened two years after the death of the deceased.

This continued for five years, and when, at length, in 1894, the actual will was read, it was found to be as eccentric in its dispositions as in the directions attaching to its opening. The testator bequeathed half of his fortune to such one of his heirs as has the greatest number of children. The rest of his money he directed to be placed in a bank, and at the end of one hundred years, distributed, with the accumulated interest, among the descendants of the testator.

The heirs of the deceased, however, have taken proceedings to test the legality of the will, on the ground that M. Zalesky was not in a sound disposing mind.

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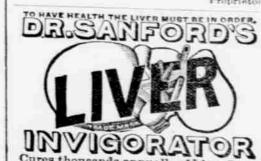


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