

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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At Four Mile Run, near Pittsburg, on the evening of the 17th, Mrs. James Smith was fatally burned and her husband and sister-in-law were severely injured by the explosion of a can of coal oil with which Mr. Smith was starting a fire in the stove.

The plate department of Hammond & Sons' iron works, at Pittsburg, was burned on the evening of the 17th, except the puddery. The loss is estimated at \$150,000; insurance, \$75,000.

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SWISS LANDSLIPS.

Many of the Swiss villages exist almost on suzerainty. The avalanche of snow or the avalanche of earth may at any moment sweep them away, or what is equally ruinous, overwhelm with the debris of the mountain at the foot of or on which they are built.

Such an instance is supplied by the fall of the Rossberg, a well known mountain 5,000 feet high, situated just behind the better known and loftier Rig. In 1806, after a very heavy rainy season, a large portion of the mountain, consisting of beds of hard sandstone and pudding stone, resting on soft sandy layers, suddenly swept across the valley of Goldau, burying four villages, comprising over 300 houses, nearly 500 inhabitants and more than 85 square miles of fertile land.

Another example of a disastrous landslide is that in which, by the sliding of a portion of Monte Como, the entire village of Plurs, with 2,430 inhabitants, was in 1618 overwhelmed. For several days before the catastrophe masses of rock had become detached from the mountain, and numerous fissures were observed to form or widen on its sides.

It may almost be said that these catastrophes are so frequent that history preserves the memory of only the most disastrous. Such a one was that by which the village of Elm was overwhelmed only a few years ago. At that time the place contained fifty houses and nearly 250 inhabitants, most of them children and old people.

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What a vast amount of material this pile contains may be grasped by a simple illustration. Zurich is a city with 76,000 inhabitants. Yet in the debris shot from the side of the Tschingel Alp there was stone enough to build two Zurich's. Some of the blocks are heaped 300 or 400 feet higher than the village of Elm.

MEXICAN WITH RED ROSES. What is Considered the Height of Fashion in Mexico.

Mexican ladies generally take their exercise in closed carriages, as etiquette forbids them to ride on horseback unless accompanied by husband, father or brother, writes a correspondent.

On pleasant afternoons (and all afternoons are pleasant here except during the rainy seasons) everybody who owns a carriage or is able to hire one drives out to the Alameda or Pasco—the fashionable boulevard attached to every Mexican town.

In all Mexico there is not a phaeton or any other open vehicle above a cart; but though hermetically sealed up in closed carriages, one may catch glimpses of bright eyes and beautiful faces—for the fair occupants are not averse to admiration, despite their rigid adherence to etiquette, and are generally about the easiest creatures in the world to flirt with.

Many of the handsomest carriages of the wealthiest people are drawn by mules, for "blooded stock" of that description brings fabulous prices here. In truth a pair of snow-white mules, closely clipped and carefully groomed, decorated with gold-mounted harness and bunches of red roses at the base of their ears, make a turnout by no means to be despised.

Training Children. "Good breeding, like charity, should begin at home. The days are past when children used to rise the moment their parents entered the room where they were, and stand until they had received permission to sit.

"If a child is brought up in the constant exercise of courtesy toward brothers and sisters and playmates, as well as toward parents and uncles and aunts, it will have little to learn as it grows older. I know a bright and betwixting child who was instructed in table etiquette, but who forgot her lessons sometimes, as even older people do now and then.

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NATIONAL SPORTS.

It is a striking fact, that of all European races, those inhabiting the British Isles, with their branches scattered over the world, are the only ones which prefer athletic and open-air games to all others, and practice them with the zest of true enthusiasm.

English colonies we find that the most popular pastimes are those which exercise the muscle, and which test physical skill and endurance; and this is true of the recreations of both sexes, and of persons of mature age as well as of young people.

Cricket in England, "golf" in Scotland, and base-ball in the United States, may be called, from the extent to which they are played, national games. Football is practiced in the schools and colleges of both countries; and boat-rowing has become in both a regular and established custom of effort and rivalry.

A new out-of-door game—like polo or lawn-tennis—is eagerly taken up by English and American, and soon becomes a popular habit. The English are too conservative to borrow base-ball from America, but the Canadian game of lacrosse is rapidly becoming popular in "the States."

The chief sport of adult Englishmen—hunting and shooting—are also practiced in this country, especially in the regions of the far West.

If we turn our eyes to the European continent, we find that the out-of-door games so popular in England and America have scarcely a foothold there at all. Such recreations as cricket and base ball are almost, if not wholly, unknown to the boys and young men of France, Germany and Russia.

Indeed, the favorite pastimes of the young people of the continent are sedentary ones. Instead of romping after balls in open spaces, they prefer to stay in-doors, and to play billiards, chess or dominoes. Even horse-racing and boot-racing are regarded by the French and Germans as foreign customs, and are not pursued with any thing like the zest that they are in English-speaking countries.

A favorite exercise with the French and Germans is that of fencing small swords and rapiers. But this is not practiced merely as an amusement. The custom of duelling still survives feebly in those countries, to such an extent, at any rate, that it is regarded as a desirable, if not an important, part of a man's education to be expert with the sword.

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THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other goods with their respective prices and units.