

The electric light on the Eiffel tower is visible at Orleans, sixty-nine and a half miles away.

Amelia B. Edwards will give 100 lectures in America. She is the most learned Egyptologist who has visited America. But for all that she cannot solve for us the riddle of the sphinx. Everybody must do that for himself.

Richer and richer grows our country. A new silver mine, expected to prove of surpassing value, has just been struck in Arizona. The output of the mines of Idaho is increased \$9,000,000 over last year, having more than doubled. Perhaps all this will partly make up for the money Americans spent in Europe last summer.

The next great American work will be the irrigation of arid lands in the west. It will open millions of acres of the best land in the world to cultivation, and that means support for millions more people. One view is that the agriculture of the future will be wholly conducted by irrigation, thus making it independent of rains and droughts. A company of eastern capitalists have engaged to irrigate 1,300,000 acres of land in the Rio Grande valley. They have bought the land outright. This irrigation scheme will be one of the great industrial works of our time.

Do Animals Suffer Pain?

Dr. W. Collier records in The Nineteenth Century his belief that they do not to any great extent. What the animals might say, if they were consulted on the subject, does not appear. Their judgment might not agree with that of Dr. Collier.

Dr. Collier argues from man. People of nervous organization suffer more pain than those whose muscular system is prominently developed. In general, the more nerves the more pain. Pain bears a close relation to the size of brain. The larger the brain the greater pain. It is well known that savages endure without flinching physical torture that would kill a civilized man.

He says natives of New Zealand chopped off their toes without hesitation, so as to be able to wear the boots English traders brought them in the early days. This, to be sure, may be a traveler's yarn, and it is best to make allowance for it.

When we come down to worms and insects, Dr. Collier scarcely thinks they suffer pain at all, having no brain to speak of and only a rudimentary nerve system.

Useful Inventions.

It has been remarked time and again that the one department of industry which was behind the rest in the application of labor saving machinery was that of the household. But even that seems now to be catching the spirit of the age. An Indiana woman, Mrs. W. A. Cockran, has invented a machine which will perfectly wash dishes, the first one on record. It will thoroughly cleanse and dry five to twenty dozen dishes of all shapes and sizes in two minutes. At the same time it is warranted not to break the most fragile and shell like china. That is much more than any woman can be warranted not to do.

Another domestic invention worth noting is one that appeals to the aesthetic sense especially. Suppose a lady or a lone bachelor lives in one room, and wishes it to look always like a parlor. The folding bed was the first godsend to these lonely souls. Now there is another. It is for those who wish to save an honest penny by doing a little home cooking. Your friend comes into your room and sees a handsome antique Dutch clock. It is of mahogany, white wood gilt, or cherry. It is thoroughly ornamental. It has an honest face at the top, from which you tell the time of day as by any other clock. But concealed in its insides is a complete little gasoline cooker, with shelf for pots and pans, and a tiny china closet above. See.

John Morgan's Death.

It has frequently been denied that the Confederate general John H. Morgan met his death through having his whereabouts revealed by a Union woman. Capt. James Rogers, of Abbeville, S. C., sets the matter at rest, at length. The woman part of the story was undoubtedly true. On the night of Sept. 3, 1864, Morgan and his force were in Greenville, Tenn. Morgan's headquarters were at the house of a Mrs. Williams. The Union general, Gillem, with 3,000 cavalry, was at Bull's Gap, a few miles away. Knowing this, Morgan had all the roads leading to Bull's Gap carefully guarded. Morgan intended to attack Gillem on the 4th, and gave orders for his men to move at 3 a. m. But a tremendous rain storm came on during the night, and the order was countermanded. Some time in the night, too, a citizen of Greenville came in and informed a member of Morgan's staff that Mrs. Williams' daughter-in-law had been seen riding away from the town. It was known that young Mrs. Williams' husband was with Gillem. Morgan's officers at the outposts were notified of the information. Morgan's personal guards and orderlies were in the veranda, but the general moved them into the house out of the rain. At daylight there was sudden and heavy firing, and Morgan and his men looked out to find the yard full of Union soldiers. Morgan tried to escape through the yard, but it was too late. Rogers says Morgan was shot and killed after the whole party had surrendered, and that his dead body was treated with indignity.

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