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An Important Parasite.
The last report of the United States Secretary of Agriculture states that the introduction into California of the insect which fertilizes the Smyrna fig has proved successful. In one locality more than six tons of Smyrna figs have been produced. An important parasite has also been introduced to prey upon the olive scale, so injurious to the olive growers of California.

Why She Told Her Age.
"Yes, George asked me how old I would be on my next birthday." "The impudent fellow! Of course, you said 19?" "No; I said 26." "Mercy, girl, you aren't but 21!" "No; but George is going to give me a cluster ring with a diamond in it for every year."

How to Carry a Gun.
There are only two directions in which a muzzle of a gun can safely be pointed; these are up or down. A shot fired in the air can scarcely injure any one or anything, and one discharged into the ground is equally harmless. Therefore, in all the different positions which the gun assumes, see that it is pointed either up or down. Sometimes a man will be seen who carries his gun reversed, holding it by the muzzle while the fore-end rests on the shoulder and the stock projects behind. Happily, this practice is not common, for it is extremely dangerous, and many men have been killed by carrying their guns in this way. If a man stumbles or steps in a hole, or catches his foot on a root and falls, his gun may very likely be thrown forward with the muzzle directly toward his body, and may easily enough be discharged.

Sometimes one may see a boy or even a man who will carry the gun across the back of the neck, with one arm over the stock and the other over the barrels, sometimes with the hand resting on the muzzle. This is certain to give a very uncomfortable feeling to anyone who happens to be walking by the side of the person carrying his gun in this fashion and opposite the muzzle end. While the danger of a discharge is, perhaps, not great, it is unpleasant to be walking along with a gun-pointed at your neck or head.

Evolution of the Pocket.
The ancient wore a single pouch at his belt; the modern has—how many pockets in an ordinary costume for outdoors? Let us count them: In the trousers five, in the waistcoat five, in the jacket five, in the overcoat four, making 26 in all—a full score of little pockets or bags, and arranged so conveniently that they are scarcely noticed. Truly, this is an evolution. How long may it be before we have pockets in our hats, where the Irishman carries his pipe, the American soldier his pocketbook, the lawyer his papers, the traveler his trunk, the man in England thrust into his typical "green bag" how long before there may be pockets in our gloves—for there are, I believe, patents covering this invention—and in our shoes? The case also, with its screw top, begins to be a useful receptacle. Two centuries from now, so the man with a long foresight can clearly see, the main idea underlying the wearing of clothing will have entirely changed. The chief purpose of garments will not longer be considered to protect the body. They will be regarded, first of all, as textile foundations for innumerable pockets.

It is estimated by Grove that the idea of the pipe organ was borrowed from the human chest, mouth and larynx.

The Empress of China is said to carry with her 3000 dresses when she travels. These fill 600 boxes, and are taken care of by 1200 coolies.

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During the month of December Mexican railroads bought \$188,000 worth of cars in the United States.
Millions Use Carter's Ink which is sure proof of its excellent quality. It is made chemically accurate. There are the best.
Of the 16,000 islands scattered between Madagascar and India, only about 600 are at present inhabited.
The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TABLETS. It is simply iron and quinine in a palatable form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.
The proposition is made in British Cabinet circles to enroll 10,000 cavalry reserves in Canada and equip them to be liable for service in war time.

PITTSBURG'S FERRY MAID.

How a Girl of Sixteen Supports Her Mother, Sister and Brother.

Young in years, but full of vigor and buoyancy of youth, pretty Bertha Walz, a girl of 16, has a career as a ferry maid on the Ohio river that for the novelty of its features is rarely surpassed.

For months the young girl has been the sole support of her mother, younger sister and brother. Week in and week out, unaided and alone, she has plied her big ferry skiff back and forth across the Ohio to secure means for providing for her helpless mother and sister.

Bertha lives with her mother in an old, but neat-appearing houseboat, on the banks of the Ohio river, near the Pressed Steel Car Company's works, in lower Allegheny. This boat has been her home for the past six years.

The idea of running a regular ferry came to her through the suggestions of mill men who cross the river at this point to the McKees Rocks side and from their work in the big mills.

Partly through the efforts of generous contributors a skiff was procured and the girl entered upon a new career. She found her task rather arduous at first, and her fair young hands were covered with many a blister at the end of a day's toil. But soon the muscles of her arms bade fair to rival those of the crack oarsmen of a 'varsity crew. Now she thinks nothing of rowing six or eight stalwart men over the river on a single trip. Some days she makes as many as forty trips, and has been known to take in as much as \$3 a day as a result of her toil.

The widespread popularity of her ferry, however, aroused the ire of less favored ferrymen living in shanty boats near by. First, her best skiff was stolen, and later a new one was turned loose on the river. Finally, she was not permitted to land her skiff on the McKees Rocks shore at the large landing, but was made to run her boat in at some obscure point. Considerable trouble arose over the ownership and use of a pair of wooden steps leading down the river embankment to the shore. The climax was reached one night last week. Richard Griffiths, a ferrymen, tried to lay violent hands on her. Only the timely appearance of a mill man and the presence of her faithful dog, which usually accompanies her for protection, saved her from serious injury at his hands. As a result, suit was promptly entered against Griffiths on a charge of disorderly conduct before Alderman Lynch.

At the hearing Griffiths was fined \$10 and costs, or 20 days in jail. The steps claimed by Griffiths as personal property were declared to be government property, and it was directed that the fair prosecutor was fully entitled to their use.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Guarding the Telegraph.
When the electric telegraph was first introduced into Chile a stratagem was resorted to in order to guard the posts and wires against damage on the part of the natives and to maintain the connection between the strongholds on the frontier. There, were at the time between forty and fifty captive Indians in the Chilean camp. General Pinto, in command of the operations—called them together, and, pointing to the telegraph wires, said:
"Do you see those wires?"
"Yes, General."
"I want you to remember not to go near or touch them, for if you do your hands will be unable to get away."
The Indians smiled incredulously. Then the general made them each in succession take hold of the wire at both ends of an electric battery in full operation, after which he exclaimed:
"I command you to let go the wire!"
"I can't; my hands are benumbed!" cried each Indian.

The battery was then stopped. Not long after the general restored them to liberty, giving them strict instructions to keep the secret. This had the desired effect, for, as might be expected, the experience was related in the strictest confidence to every man in the tribe, and the telegraph has ever since remained unmolested.—Tit-Bits.

Australian Herders' Lonely Lives.
Not even its greatest admirer could call the Australian bush beautiful. It is a somber sage-colored wild of eucalyptus forest, interspersed with arid tracks of thorn and spinifex. There is no shade, and the silence is intense. At far intervals you come across a squatter's clearing, with its little community of human beings. Deeper still in these solitudes, alone and almost lost, live the shepherds and bushmen, each an Alexander Selkirk marooned in a great waste of grass or forest. Once a month they are visited and their rations carried to them, but for the rest they live in solitary exile, the only companions their sheep, cattle and dogs. Cut off from human intercourse, they almost lose the faculty of speech, and become as witless as their sheep or cattle. And when they return to civilization for the short holiday that is allowed them it is so probable that they hand their "cheque" for the half year's wages to the proprietor of the shanty known as the "Bush Hotel," and stay there to drink it out.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

A Unique Mineral.
Before a recent meeting of the Chemical Society, of London, Mr. G. A. Goyer read a paper on a new mineral from Burma in South Australia. The fact of special interest about this new substance, which is named vanvanite, is the fact that it contains the rare element vanadium in combination with sulphur and copper. The presence of vanadium in this combination makes it unique among minerals.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The names suggested to replace that of America for the United States have been Columbia, Alleghenia, Appalachia, Vesperia, Freeland, Fredoria, Cabotia, Vineland.

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that while a pupil is in school he or she is in the teacher's care and may be punished, within reason, in such manner as the latter may see fit.

A San Francisco girl, engaged to marry a bootblack has just fallen heir to \$250,000. The peculiar thing in this connection is that the girl holds the bootblack to the engagement.

The Minneapolis Board of Education is agitating the matter of introducing the study of agriculture into the public schools. The idea is to pursue a somewhat practical study of the subject under skilled teachers during the summer months.

A cube of red sandstone, two feet square, suitably inscribed, has been erected in the old cemetery at Deerfield, Mass. It will mark for the first time in an appropriate way the grave where 48 men, women and children were buried after the massacre in 1704 by the French and Indians.

The naval authorities of the United States recommend the construction of a floating machine shop for the use of the squadrons in various parts of the world. The recommendation is a good one, and can only be improved upon by building a floating machine shop for each squadron.

England would seem to be an encouraging market for the American equine. The average price of a good railway dray horse in England is about \$300, and each animal costs about \$25 per week for fodder alone. Under fair conditions railway companies work their horses about ten hours a day.

The boundary line between the United States and Mexico has recently been resurveyed and marked by stone monuments in the form of obelisks located about five miles apart. The shafts are ten feet high, four feet square at the base and two feet at the top, and stand on foundations five feet square.

Satisfactory results are reported in the system recently inaugurated in the navy and marine corps of the United States under which certain officers under sentence by court-martial are released from arrest and restored to duty on probation, the executor of the sentence remaining in abeyance during good behavior.

A speaker in the French Chamber of Deputies in a debate the other day on the proposed prohibition of absinthe said: "The increase in the consumption of absinthe marches arm-in-arm with the increase of cases of driving insanity, which will end by becoming a national malady." It would be interesting to know what it is at present.

A Parisian has conceived the idea of publishing a Journal for the Seasick, which is to have for its main purpose the discovery of a specific for seasickness. All the travelers of the universe are to be invited to write all they know about every symptom, remedy, alleviation or aggravation of seasickness. A prize of \$20,000 is to be offered for the discovery of an infallible specific.

The San Francisco Call observes: "City government is no longer the simple thing it was in the days of our grandfathers, or even of our fathers. Civilization is demanding more and more of its community. The kind of streets, sewers, parks, schools and lighting that would have pleased men of fifty years ago would now be denounced as relics of barbarism. The gratification of each need of civilized life at once raises another need and municipal work but only arguments in magnitude, but increases in variety and scope."

Paris is suffering from the inevitable reaction after its great World's Fair. Philadelphia passed through months of depression as the sequel of its international exhibition. An army of unemployed were victims of destitution in Chicago in the winter which came after the famous show of 1893. World's fair booms are inevitably followed by a period of comparative stagnation and hard times. Crimes of all sorts are unusually frequent in the gay French capital, and the guardians of the peace find themselves subject to excessive strain and anxiety.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Education would indicate that public school enrollment in the South, while not so great as in the West, is much greater than it is in the East. Thus the enrollment stands in Tennessee, 25.54; in Kentucky, 24.89; in Alabama, 24.13; in Mississippi, 25.38; in Arkansas, 22.94; in Georgia, 22.01; in Carolina, 22.05; in South Carolina, 20.57; in Florida, 21.06; in Virginia, 20.85. Taking up the Eastern States, Massachusetts has a percentage of enrollment of 17.21; Connecticut, 17.02; New Hampshire, 16.09; New York, 16.94; and Pennsylvania, 18.76. In the West Iowa has 26.42; Kansas, 27.27; Neb., 26.70, only a fraction higher than the percentage of the Southern States.

An African who had visited England described snow as "rain gone to sleep."

POCKET TELEGRAPHY.

Some Business and Domestic Complications Hitherto Unforeseen.
If in the near future an electric bell concealed about the person of a man in the street is heard to ring, and he draws from his pocket a small case, listens to it, and then hurries off, it must not hastily be assumed that he is mad. The probability will be that he has just received a message by wireless telephony.

Such things are not yet, but that they may be is not so very wide an assumption from a demonstration which took place yesterday at the Crystal Palace. In wireless telephony there are several Richmonds in the field. Best known is, of course, Marconi's system. But on Saturday Sir William Preece described to the British Association a system which he claims to be both earlier and simpler, and which may be used for telephony as well as telegraphy. Yesterday the first item at the Cafe Chantant of the Crystal Palace was an exhibition of Mr. Rosenberg's system. The chief point of difference between this and Marconi's method is in a slight but important alteration in the construction of the coherer, which arrests, as they travel through the air, the Hertzian waves on which all wireless telegraphy depends. Otherwise, the apparatus is much the same, and for long distances Mr. Rosenberg depends on vertical poles, just as Marconi and Sir William Preece do. Mr. Rosenberg uses an induction coil, supplied with electricity from an accumulator; a Morse keyboard is fitted to enable him to make or break the current at will, and the message is sent as usual by means of an oscillator. It is taken at the required spot by an instrument containing the coherer, a small brass tube filled with nickel filings, and a receiver, from which the message may be printed on tape in the usual way. This was demonstrated to the interested audience at the Cafe Chantant to their complete satisfaction. But with a view to obtaining further information, the representatives of the press present afterwards accompanied Mr. Rosenberg to the press room of the Crystal Palace and discussed the matter more at length. Mr. Rosenberg's claim is that he has provided a practical system which is clear of Marconi's patents and which can be much cheaper. With only two vertical poles, he maintains that he can telegraph two miles; with poles he can send messages forty miles, and is engaged on an automatic repeating device which shall enable them to be sent on indefinitely. But in the course of conversation he mentioned an interesting fact. When he leaves his office to lunch in a restaurant, a couple of hundred yards off, he takes with him a little box containing the receiving apparatus. This he sets on the table beside him, and if the bell rings, he knows that he is wanted at the office, even though his clerks might not be aware where he was, and he can receive a message from them.

Whether this introduces a new boon or a new terror to life cannot be hastily decided. It is not too much to suppose that before long the receiving apparatus might be improved and reduced in size, so that a man could easily carry it in his pocket; and the range of the message may be increased up to, say, half a dozen miles. Then the business man may carry his receiver about with him, and be in touch with his office all day.—London Telegraph.

Argentine Wants Japanese Farmers.
A novel experiment in colonizing is about to be made in the Argentine Republic. It has been found that the French, German and English immigrants for the most part have selected the cities and large centres of population for their residence. In these places they have got control of many industries and take a leading share in the commerce of the country. The Italians have been engaged heavily in river navigation, while the stream of Irish, which used to supply the demands for agricultural labor, filled up the ship yards and supplied the labor of the docks, flows no more. Some French, Swiss and German peasants have founded agricultural colonies, and in certain places the Russians and Poles form the bulk of the rural population.

But the Argentine government has decided that none of these nations supplies in sufficient numbers, a rural population for the development of the country, and has decided to import Japanese farmers. A great concession has been given in the province of Formosa for the first colony and arrangements have been made to bring over 20,000 Japanese farmers and settle them there.

German Luggage Stamps.
In order to simplify the transportation of small boxes or trunks by the railroad in Prussia, the Administration has just inaugurated a system of trunk stamps similar to postage stamps. As far as Frankfurt and Mayence, trunks or parcels weighing from 1 to 63 pounds now need only to have a stamp stuck on them and to be handed in at the station.

There are two divisions, one for distances of under 65 miles, the other for longer distances, and in each division three rates—namely, for packages weighing less than 15 pounds; between 15 and 20, and between 20 and 65. The stamps issued are 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents and 40 cents. All such parcels are sent by express. The time of transport is guaranteed to be not longer than ten hours for 65 miles. For an additional payment of 10 cents the package will be delivered to the addressee within 24 hours of the arrival of the train.

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The recuperative power of natural sleep is wonderful. Complete physical and mental exhaustion gives place, after a few hours of quiet slumber, to a full renewal of energy. The fatigue of body and mind disappears entirely while all the muscles are strong and the nerves absolutely calm.

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