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EDISON'S LATEST.

Thomas A. Edison, the famous electrician and inventor, is preparing to astonish the world, by the exhibit he will make at the World's Fair in 1893. "I shall have two or three things to show,' said he recently, "which I think will both surprise and please the visitors to the electrical department at the Exposition, which by the way, I am fully convinced, will be a great success. Two of these inventions are not yet ready to be described, or even characterized. The third, however, is so nearly perfected, that I do not hesitate to say something about it.

I hope to be able by the invention to throw upon a canvas a perfect picture of anybody, and reproduce his words. Thus, should Patti be singing somewhere, this invention will put her full length picture upon the canvas so perfectly as to enable one to distinguish every feature and expression of her face, see all her actions and listen to the entrancing melody of her peerless voice. The invention will do for the eye what the phonograph has done for the voice, and reproduce the voice as well, in fact more clearly. I have already perfected the invention so far as to be able to picture a prize fight—the two men, the ring, the intensely interested faces of those surrounding it—and you can hear the sound of the blows, the cheers of encouragement and the yells of disappointment. And when this invention shall have been perfected," said Mr. Edison with the trace of enthusiasm's glow in his face, a man will be able to sit in his library at home, and, having electrical connection with the theatre, see reproduced on his wall or a piece of canvas the actors, and hear anything they say. I can place one so it will command a street corner, and after letting it register the passing sights for a time, I can have it cast them on a canvas so that every feature and motion of the passers, even the twitching of the face, can be seen, and if a friend passed during the time, you may know it. This invention will be called the "Kinetograph." The first half of the word signifies 'motion,' and the last 'write,' and both together mean the portrayal of motion. The invention combines photography and phonography."

Mr. Edison occupied nearly an acre with his exhibit at the Paris Exposition. As he wishes to show at Chicago all that he exhibited at Paris, and numerous other things besides, he is desirous of being accorded a greater space in 1893. The electrical exhibit is expected to be the wonder of the Exposition.

A NEW LIEN LAW.

The new lien law signed by Governor Pattison provides as follows:

"That no contract which shall hereafter be made for the erection of the whole or of any part, of a new building, with the owner of the lot on which the same shall be erected, shall operate to interfere with or defeat the right of a sub-contractor who shall do work or furnish materials under agreement with the original contractor in aid of such erection, to file mechanics lien of the amount which shall be due for the value of such work or materials furnished, unless such sub-contractor shall have consented in writing to be bound by the provisions of such contract with the owner in regards to the filing of liens. Without such written consent of the sub-contractor all contracts between the original contractor and the owner which shall expressly or impliedly stipulate that no such liens shall be filed shall be invalid as against the right of such sub-contractor to file the same.

"All persons contracting with the owner of grounds for the erection and construction of the whole, or any part, of a new building thereon shall be deemed the agent of such owner in ordering the work and materials in and about such erection or construction, and any sub-contractor doing such work or furnishing such materials shall be entitled to file a mechanics' lien for the value thereof notwithstanding any stipulation to the contrary in the contract between the owner and the contractor, unless such stipulations shall have been consented to in writing by such sub-contractor."

ENGLISH WAR SHIPS.

By 1894 England will have added to her navy twenty first-class and four second-class battle ships, twenty first-class, twenty-nine second-class and 25 third-class cruisers and thirty torpedo gunboats, a total of 137 vessels. Germany will this year add nineteen new war vessels to her fleets—two first-class and four second-class battleships, three first-class, two second-class and four third-class cruisers. France will turn out no vessels this year, having put afloat twenty-four vessels last year. Italy will put afloat this year two first-class battleships, five first-class and nine second-class cruisers, and four torpedo boats. Russia will commission this year two first-class and one second-class battleships, four first-class cruisers and five torpedo gunboats. Austria will have three first-class battle ships and two torpedo gunboats. Spain will put afloat six first-class and two second-class cruisers and four torpedo gunboats. The United States has three first-class and two second-class battleships, three first-class, five second class and two third-class cruisers and one torpedo gunboat under way for this year's work. Nearly two hundred and fifty terrible engines of war, but perhaps never one will be engaged with an enemy.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Some interesting facts regarding New Mexico are contained in the census bulletin recently issued. It appears that crops were raised by irrigation in the year ending June 30, 1890, on 91,745 acres, or 142.35 square miles, a little more than one-tenth of 1 per cent. of the entire area of the territory. The aggregate number of farms was 4,174 (not including those of the Pueblo Indians), and of these 3,085, or nearly three-fourths, depend on irrigation.

Russian, Spanish and Mexican ladies smoke cigarettes habitually in their own and their friends' houses, writes George Augustus Sala. That Turkish and Greek ladies also indulge in "the weed" at home I have often heard. Multitudes of French ladies smoke, but I have never seen them indulge in the practice in public. The most inveterate female "tobacconists" are, perhaps, the Italians. I have seen Italian ladies in railway carriages pulling lustily not only at cigarettes, but at "Cavours" and "Minghettis."

One of the most remarkable old gentlemen in New York is Colonel Charles B. Tappen. He is ninety-six years old, but on almost every weekday of the year he walks from his home on Sixty-eighth street, where he lives with his son, Frederick D. Tappen, President of the Gallatin National Bank, to Wall street and back again. This is a walk of over eight miles. Colonel Tappen received his military title from Governor Marcy in 1843, while a member of the State militia; but he was also a soldier in the war of 1812.

The statistics of the Wesleyans of England, just published, give a total membership in Great Britain of 424,303, which shows a net increase of 688 in the year, with 28,095 on trial for church membership, and 62,416 young persons meeting in junior society classes. Last year the increase was 2,633, and in 1889, 5,161. The Methodist Recorder gives a diagram which shows that the increase in British Methodism for the past forty years is 143,020, or just over fifty per cent. and that during the past thirty-five years, in which there has been no secession, the increase has been 103,445, or a little over fifty-two per cent.

Last year the deposits of individuals in savings banks in the six New England States and New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, amounted to $1,279,000,000 against $1,214,000,000 the year before, an increase of $65,000,000. The number of depositors last year was 3,520,000, or rather more than one in every five inhabitants, as the population of those States was about 17,300,000. The average amount to the credit of each depositor was about $363.33. According to the census of 1880, about one in three was engaged in some gainful pursuit. Assuming that the same proportion holds now, the average amount deposited for each person so employed is about $234.

Strange are the things which some women do. The women of Blairstown, N. Y., have formed an "Indignation Club," to discourage gambling and unseasonable hours among their husbands. A Chicago schoolma'am, about to wed, and being short of funds, called on John Wanamaker for $500. A New York woman entered a pattern store and inquired if they kept shrouds for middle-aged widows. She said she had made herself a shroud eight years before, but had not died, and that in the interim her hair had grown gray, and her complexion has so changed that the home-made shroud was no longer a tasty one. "Do you not think that the lace on the neck should be a little narrower to suit me now?" said she.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." So the Bible says, remarks the New York Observer, and the late Thomas Charles Baring, of London, evidently thought so. It is recalled to his honor that although he had previously retired from the great banking firm with which his family had been identified, yet when the embarrassments of last winter overtook the house he placed his whole large fortune to its credit, and on the reorganization the concern he became the chairman of the limited company to which its business was turned over, being a subscriber for four hundred of the two thousand shares into which the capital stock of the new company was divided.

Fifteen Nails in Her Foot.

Miss Addie Handwerk, aged 15, the daughter of Horace Handwerk, a well-known farmer of Chester county, had fifteen nails taken from the heel of her left foot one day recently. Several were over half an inch long, and how they got in her foot is a mystery that neither she nor her parents can solve. The first evidence she had of a foreign substance being there was a few days before when she made a misstep. A little red mark was noticed on her heel and she had intense pain. Her mother put a poultice on the sore part, and in a short time the nail was noticed working its way out. With a pair of tweezers it was removed. Dr. Christman was called in and as other nails of a smaller size appeared they were removed, until the number was fifteen, most of them very small. The young lady is now able to walk, and only evidence of the nails having been in her foot are little marks where they were taken out.

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ARTESIAN WELL IRRIGATION.

Among the most interesting investigations now being conducted by our Government is that into the presence of water underneath the Western plains. It is a unique field of inquiry, and its results from both a scientific and practical standpoint are likely to be of considerable importance. It was prompted by the query whether it were not possible to reclaim large sections of arid lands by means of water from artesian wells, and, while other interesting facts have been developed, that is the most emphasized in the lengthy Government report now ready for distribution. The volume contains 400 pages, and has returns from the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. In Dakota a large basin has been found to exist about 400 miles long by forty or fifty miles in width along the James River, and has been given its name. Its eastern boundry is marked by the watershed between the Red River of the North and the James River, and it extends thence about fifty miles or more west. It is pronounced the largest and strongest artesian basin in yet discovered in this country. The water is found in a great bed of white sand, which is thrown out in great quantities by the wells where they are allowed to flow freely. In Kansas there are large areas where the water does not rise to the surface, though an an abundant supply is obtainable by pumping. The same is true of many sections in Texas, Colorado, and other states. In all such areas it is suggested that the wind be utilized to raise the water.—New York Witness.

A NOTE FROM THE GRAVE.

A New York chemist is now at work rehabilitating a note which has been buried in a Connecticut cemetary for seventeen years. In 1873 a New Haven woman died, holding a note for $225.00 against a well-known man. The man asserted that the note was paid and the relatives were unable to find the document. Recently the dead woman's son remembered that when a little boy he had observed a piece of paper sewed up inside of his mother's dress. That was shortly before the woman's death. As the incident recurred to him he became impressed with the idea that the paper was the missing note. He has had the grave opened and his supposition has proved correct. The writing on the note was hardly legible, and the chemist is now restoring it in good condition. The names of the people are now withheld, but the facts are authentic.

IN CASE OF FIRE.

Fire requires air; therefore on its appearance, every effort should be made to exclude air. Shut all doors and windows. By this means fire may be confined to a single room for a sufficient period to enable all the inmates to be aroused and escape; but if the doors and windows are thrown open, the fanning of the wind and draught will instantly cause the flames to increase with extraordinary rapidity. It must not be forgotten that the most precious moments are at commencement of a fire, and not a single second of time should be lost in tackling it. In a room, a table-cloth can be so used as to smother a large sheet of flame, and a cushion may serve to beat it out; a coat or anything similar may be used with an equally successful result. The great point is presence of mind—calmness in danger—action guided by reason and thought. In all large houses, buckets of water should be placed on every landing, a little salt being put in the water. Always endeavor to attack the bed of a fire; if you cannot extinguish a fire, shut the window and be sure to shut the door when making good your retreat. A wet silk handkerchief tied over the eyes and nose will make breathing possible in the midst of much smoke, and a blanket wetted and wrapped around the body will enable a person to pass through a sheet of flame in comparative safety.

HUSTLING FOR NEWS.

A great many people think a newspaper should have about a page of local news whether anything happens or not. Deluded mortals! Local editors cannot make people break their necks, commit suicide or do any of the other exciting things that go to make up the material out of which the local reported delights to weave paragraphs. Furnishing domestic news when there is none is very much like extracting blood from a turnip. It is no more than fair that those who grumble at the lack of local news in their paper should stop and think whether they could not give the editor an item or two worth printing, and, if so, let them hold their peace or growl at their own remissness.

Electric Shadows.

If you ever observe it, the electric light is responsible for many grotesqueries nightly painted on respectable walls and matter-of-fact sidewalks. Shadows are only shadows, but they give one the shivers sometimes, especially at a late hour, when honest folks are supposed to be in bed. Giants of despair then stretch out long arms at the corners of silent streets, and strange profiles are thrown against the unconscious houses, and weird traceries of dancing branches make the pavement rise and fall in a style that must puzzle a person who knows he is sober. Alone, without the presence of humanity, these electric shadows lend the sleeping city a mystic animation that even conventional moonshine fails to dispel. The sputter, the swish of the lights, too, add to the uncanny effect, and their fluctuations would in time drive the sane mad if thought was taken of them. Luckily, man can accustom himself to almost anything.—Boston Herald.

An astonishing case goes on record of a Chicago surgeon who actually touched the heart of a man through the opening in the diaphragm.

Forsyth county, in Georgia, has developed an infantile prodigy, who at four years of age can read difficult music correctly at sight. His voice is soft and tuneful, and he bids fair to become famous.

A Bethlehem, Pa., policeman who made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide some time ago, celebrated his recovery by having the bullet which failing to do its work mounted as a watch charm. He wears it every day.

The New Jersey State Prison recently received a deaf mute convict who is but eleven years old. He is dressed in conventional stripes, and has to do the lockstep with hardened sinners.

The colonists of Topolobampo, according to the statement of a member of the community, are troubled with tarantulas, dentipepes, scorpions, mosquitoes, gnats, buffalo flies, fleas and bedbugs.

That tired feeling now so often heard of, is entirely overcome by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives mental and bodily strength.

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Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away, but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial size free. At all druggists.

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In Amsterdam now it is said to be the fashion to announce the broken engagement of marriage.

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Almost Killed.

I was almost killed by the doctors, who treated me for bleeding piles. It cost me over $100 without relief. I took Sulphur Bitters for two months, and now I am well.—Gus Hall, Troy, N. Y.

A tramp stole a hive of bees at Godison, Mich., the other day, and after carrying it a quarter of a mile dropped it. The bees stung him so badly that the mere mention of honey makes him sick.

Startling Facts.

The American people are rapidly becoming a race of nervous wrecks, and the following suggests the best remedy: Alphonso Hempfling, of Butler, Pa., swears that when his son was speechless from St. Vitus dance Dr. Miles' great Restorative Nervine cured him. Mrs. J. R. Miller, of Valparaiso, and J. D. Taylor, of Logansport, Ind., each gained 20 pounds from taking it Mrs. H. A. Gardner, of Vistual, Ind., was cured of 40 to 50 convulsions a day, and much headache, dizziness, backache and nervous prostration by one bottle. Trial bottles, and fine book of marvelous cures, free at Thomas, Lehighton and Biery, Weisport who recommends and guarantees this unequaled remedy.

"ONLY A PRINTER."

"He is only a printer." Such was the sneering remark of a leader in a circle of aristocracy—the codfish quality. Who was the Earl of Stanhope? He was only a printer. Who was Prince Edward William and Prince Napoleon? Proud to call themselves printers. The present Czar of Russia, the Crown Prince of Prussia and the Duke of Battenburg are printers, and the Emperor of China works in the private printing office almost every day. William Caxton, the father of English literature, was a practical printer. What were G. P. Morris, N. P. Wills, James Gales, Charles Richardson, James Parker, Horace Greely, Charles Dickens, James Buchanan, Simon Cameron and Schuyler Colfax? Printers, all, and practical ones. Mark Twain, Amos Cummings, Bret Harte and Opie Reed are plain, practical printers, as were Artemus Ward, Petroleum V. Nasby and Sut Lovingood. Senator Plumb, of Kansas, James S. Hogg, of Texas, are both printers, and the leader of science and philosophy in his day made it his boast that he was a journeyman printer. In fact, thousands of the most brilliant minds in this country are to be found toiling in the publishing houses of large cities and towns. It is not every one that can be a printer—brains are absolutely necessary.

PROGRESSIVE AUSTRALIA.

Australia to-day is so far advanced in civilization as any country in the world. The roads are better than any on this continent; the daily and weekly papers and the development of literature and art are far in advance of the age of the colonies or the population. The new commonwealth has all Europe and America as a field in which to seek the improvements of the time and the means to secure them. Its present wealth is almost beyond belief, and its resources almost incalculable. It produces more than one-fourth of the wool of the world—twice as much as the United States. It produces one-half of the tin of the world, and there is no precious metal that has not been found within its domain. Its coal fields on the coast, convenient for export to all countries, are inexhaustible. The inward and outward shipping of one port alone exceeds 2,500,000 tons per annum, and the value of its commerce with Great Britain alone exceeds £100,000,000 sterling.

Last year's estimate of the annual industrial productions of the population, including both agriculture and mineral wealth, was no less than £95,042,000.

Its cities also are among the finest of modern times. The public buildings, shops and parks compare favorably with any in Europe or America, while the floating palaces of the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company and the Orient Steamship Company give weekly communication with the Old World. In out-door sports the Australians excel, and their racing establishments and courses are the wonder and admiration of all visitors from abroad. Who has not heard of the champion boatmen and cricketers of Australia?

Austaalian Statesmen.

In the Australian Federation convention Sir Henry Parkes was the most conspicuous figure. Fifty years ago he emigrated from Warwickshire, England, to Australia, a penniless farmer. He tried farming in Australia and failed at it. He tried other things and failed at them. One day at Sydney he found himself actually starving. As he walked along the street in despair he saw something shine. It proved to be a sixpence. This was the turning point of his fortunes. With the coin he bought some bread and cheese, and then, refreshed, set out once more in search of employment. He succeeded in getting work as a longshoreman, and since then has risen to the highest station, though still poor in money. Many other delegates can tell similar stories, says the Illustrated American, Few owe their rise to any other cause than native strength of character. John Forrest, the foremost representative of Western Australia, won fame as an explorer before he developed as a statesman. Twice he crossed Australia by routes through wild and desolate regions that no other white man had ever succeeded in traveling. Sir Geo. Grey was Governor at the Cape of Good Hope in difficult times, was twice Governor of New Zealand, and each time conducted a successful war against the Maoris, and wooed hardships and adventure in the rudest forms as an explorer in Western Australia. The number of young men among the delegates was a characteristic of the convention. With men of such mould as the makers of Australia her future should be great.

THE ADVERTISER.

The advertiser in a small way often stands aghast at the large sums of money which certain masters of the art are known to spend annually in bringing their goods before the public. Having had experience only within his own narrow circle he asks in a bewildered way how it is possible that they can make it pay. He takes out pencil and paper and begins to figure it out. Supposing their profits on a single sale to be so much, he, determines how many sales they would have to make to cover their entire advertising expenditure. About the time he reaches this result he gives up in despair and falls back upon the old but safe conclusion that these princes of advertising and conducting their business for the purpose of making money, and that if they did not find their advertising paid they would not continue it.

A philologist estimates that the coinage of new words goes on at the rate of 100 annually in the English language.