

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Sing-Song. Sing a song of snow-flakes, Icicles and frost; Four and twenty snow-birds In the woods were lost.

DR. CARVER.

An American Rifleman Astonishes the Prince of Wales.

The London correspondent of the Baltimore Sun gives the following interesting particulars of the wonderful display of marksmanship made by Dr. W. F. Carver, of California, before the Prince of Wales and a distinguished company at Sandringham, the park-domain of the prince.

Dr. Carver, who was nearly half an hour behind his time—a delay unavoidable, but in an English subject I may say unpardonable. The sun shone out for the first time in several days; the emerald turf of the lawn in its spring-time verdure and magnificent dimensions made a superb carpet for the distinguished guests.

The Prince of Wales, walking up to him, says, pleasantly: "I have heard so much of your unrivaled skill that I am pleased to see you here."

Dr. Carver, at the special request of the prince, broke fourteen out of sixteen balls in fifteen seconds. He also discharged fifteen out of sixteen cartridges, in four seconds, to prove rapidly in firing the sixteenth cartridge failing to go off.

The world averages an annual product of 681,000,000 pounds of tea, China producing 600,000,000, Japan 40,000,000, India 35,000,000 and Java 6,000,000.

Three Successful Efforts.

Three notable feats of human effort and endurance have just been brought to successful issue. The first was of a questionable utility in spite of the possible advantage of knowing the maximum capacity of the human frame for long-continued and severe exertion.

The second achievement was also of doubtful utility. As a means of advertising his already sufficiently advertised swimming suit, designed for life saving in case of disaster at sea, Captain Paul Boyton undertook last winter the terrible task of floating and paddling from Pittsburgh to New Orleans.

The men who planned and cut the relief drift were not surrounded in their labors by admiring crowds, like the contestants for pedestrian honors; they had not the almost daily "grand receptions," "ovations," and the like which gave the river swimmer an abundance of noisy notoriety and substantial encouragement.

An Italian physician claims to have made a valuable discovery—one that should be warmly welcomed in this country. It is a method of tuning up nerves, just as the strings of a violin, guitar or harp are tuned up, and bringing them into such harmony that the nervously-disordered person shall be instantly and entirely relieved.

Tuning Up the Nerves.

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The Prospects of Cotton.

Mr. Edward Atkinson, one of the shrewdest business men of New England, has lately made a trip through the cotton States to investigate the prospects of cotton culture in the South.

A record kept in Raleigh, N. C., in the closing Confederate days of February, 1865, shows that apples were \$6 per dozen, bacon \$7 to \$9 per pound, beef \$2.50 per pound, butter \$10 per pound, corn \$30 per bushel, coffee \$40 per pound, eggs \$4 per dozen, flour \$455 to \$525 per barrel, sugar \$17.50 to \$20 per pound, syrup \$25 per gallon, sheeting (4-4) \$6 per yard, salt \$75 to \$100 per bushel, calico \$15 per yard, wood \$85 to \$100 per cord.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Although the existence of petroleum in several of the provinces of Japan is said to have been known for 1,200 years, the Japanese did not know how to refine it till about six years ago.

Taking the entire length of the New York Elevated railroad, on both the east and west side lines, and multiplying it by the number of trains run during the twenty-four hours, and again by the number of locomotives and cars, it is found that the distance traveled in one day is 36,352 miles, or nearly one and a half times around the world!

A business letter from New Orleans to a firm in Providence says: "We are now organizing a Citizens' Sanitary Corps that just means business, and if we cannot keep yellow fever out of here this season, then we give it up."

The experiment of homes for inebriates is to be tried in England under the sanction of an act of Parliament. Inebriates, according to the provisions of the statutes, may determine for themselves whether they will enter the "retreat" or not; but having signified before a justice of the peace their wish to be confined, they will no longer be free agents, but must stay out the time for which they have bound themselves, and conform to all the regulations of the establishment.

"You attempted to take the life of the king; the king gives you life," were the words of the Italian attorney-general, who communicated to the assassin Passanante in prison King Humbert's commutation of his sentence of death to imprisonment for life.

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Mr. McCormick, the commissioner to the late Paris Exhibition, is of the opinion that the proposed world's fair in New York in 1883 is all right, except as to time.

The great tunnel under the Detroit river will be completed within two years, and will cost about \$1,500,000. Mr. Tillinghast, the president of the Canada Southern Railway Company, says that the location chosen for this great undertaking is the only one where the tunnel can be made through the rock as it comes within twenty-two feet of the surface of the water at the points selected.

Hereafter let nothing be said disrespectfully of the mule! The poor man imprisoned in the mine at Waukesha, Pa., who was rescued in a fair condition, after being entombed for over five days by the fallen roof, owes his lives to a member of this much-abused species, for they killed him and for four days lived upon him.

John A. Sutter, the discoverer of gold in California, is living in comparative poverty at Little, Pa. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Times visited him recently, and found him a hale old man, fond of relating his Pacific coast experiences.

The man who first found gold in Arizona is equally unrewarded, according to a correspondent of the Chicago Times, who came across him at Horse Head. He is an old Spaniard named Barardo Treves, and keeps a miserable tavern; but once he was wealthy, the yield of his first "find" being \$60,000. Rascally companions robbed him.

Speaking of General Fremont's plan to make a highway of commerce by tapping the northern end of the Gulf of California, and letting it run into and fill up the Colorado desert, the New York Tribune says: Every now and then some unwise person, who disapproves of the surface of the earth as at present arranged, steps forward with a plan to cover up some of the land with navigable water.

John J. Andrews, a Philadelphia merchant, lost the sight of his left eye twenty years ago, and physicians told him that there was no cure. The useless member gave him no trouble until 1877, but thereafter it was occasionally so painful that he writhed on the floor until the attack was over.

In his thirty-nine years of journalism the late M. de Villemessant, proprietor of the Paris Figaro, established nineteen papers. Alphonse Daudet tells a story of the "brutality" with which Villemessant got rid of his writers the moment they ceased to draw.

A New York scribe has paid Edison, the great inventor, a visit at his workshop in Menlo Park, N. J., and says of him: "He looked little enough like a man who had succeeded half a dozen times in his short life of thirty and odd years in setting the world agog, and no one would have guessed that he had an income of an indefinite number of dollars a year and had recently solved that much-mooted problem of an economical electric light."

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Siberia has long been not merely the political but the universal prison of Russia, capital punishment being now reserved for cases of high treason and murder punished with transportation for life. But in this transportation there are many different grades.

communication with Russia, offers so many advantages that more than one criminal whose term had expired has remained there in preference to returning home. Eastern Siberia, called by the Russians "Za Baikalski" (beyond Lake Baikal), is dreaded by the convicts for its remoteness and sterility, it being a common saying among them that "one year in the East is worse than two in the West."

A Professional Female Swindler.

One of the most successful swindlers in New York, writes a correspondent, is a girl not more than twenty-three or twenty-four years of age. She is hump-backed, but has a very sweet, ladylike face, and works upon the sympathies of all with whom she comes in contact.

Maritime Disasters.

A supplement to the American Ship furnishes the public with an elaborate table of maritime disasters, compiled by Mr. G. B. Winslow from records in the archives of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company. It will be invaluable for future reference. It shows the number of vessels lost in transatlantic steam navigation from 1838, when the Sirius first crossed the ocean.

Ice in the Sick Room.

Mention is made in a foreign paper of a plan pursued by an ingenious physician for insuring a supply of ice for use in sick rooms during the hottest nights, and without disturbing the patient.