

AN ERA OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

HOW MILLIONS ARE SQUANDERED IN NEW YORK.

Fortunes Spent Every Season on Glistening Finery and Perishable Luxuries—"Mob Proof" Safes.

A New York letter to the San Francisco Argonaut draws the following vivid picture of the extravagant ways of metropolitan life: The advertisement of the new storage company in this city announcing that its building is burglar-proof, fire-proof and "mob-proof," is an interesting sign of the times.

The other day I met two young society men in front of the Windsor Hotel, and while we were talking one called the other's attention to the beauty of a young woman just approaching.

"Oh, we have to have some professional to dust the ornaments in our parlors every day—some one trained to do the work, you know, who won't smash the more delicate articles of bric-a-brac, and who will know how to arrange and constantly rearrange the furniture and pictures and fancy things, so that the room doesn't always look the same, you see.

The same young man told me, not long ago, that there was not a house on the block he lives on that is not visited periodically by a professional clock-winder, who sees that every clock and watch in each building is regulated, and who winds the clocks whenever they need it.

It was formerly customary for the congregation of the church of Kingston-upon-Thames to crack nuts during the service on the Sunday next before the eve of St. Michael's Day.

The custom was not restrained or confined to the younger branches of the congregation, but it was practised alike by young and old; and it is on record that the noise caused by the cracking was often so loud and so powerful as to oblige the minister to break off for a time his reading or his sermon until silence was restored.

The Man Without a Face. There is to be seen at Landreies, in the Department of the North, an invalid artillery soldier, who was wounded in the late Franco-German war, when he was horribly mutilated by the bursting of a Prussian shell.

Now, this is only one household in a thousand or more. If you were to read the above out loud in any gathering of our New York rich folks, they would not find it.

Come with me to Tiffany's and you will get a further idea of how money is flung away. You will get suggestions of what you would see if you could peep into the boudoirs and bedrooms of such girls and mothers as those referred to.

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when their simple parties and solid dinners were fit to be considered.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Twenty-eight years ago Henry Clark, of Hanksville, Ga., put a catfish in his well, and it has grown from two inches in length to sixteen.

Girls in Japan from nine to fifteen, wear their hair interlaced with red crape, describing a half circle round the head, the forehead being left free with a curl at each side.

In Shakespeare's plays ninety deaths take place either on the stage or immediately behind. The modes of death are various. Cold steel, the dagger or sword, accounts for two-thirds of the whole.

There is a Japanese butterfly which almost exactly imitates, in its color and appearance, the leaves of the trees among which it lives.

It sits on a twig, the wings closely fitted back to back, concealing the antennae and head, which are drawn up beneath their basis.

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QUEEN OF THE BANDITS.

SHOT DEAD AFTER AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF CRIME.

How She Murdered Fellow Stage Passengers and Held Wealthy Men Prisoners for Ransom.

A letter from Queretaro, Mexico, to the New York Sun, says: La Carambola, the woman brigand, long a terror to travelers in this region, is dead at last, with a bullet in her heart.

Her operations extended over a number of years, and were of the most daring description. For a long time the authorities found it very difficult to trace or even to explain the crimes which she committed, for no one suspected that a woman was the guilty person.

One of her schemes, it has been learned, was to hide her time in some town until she found one or two men of means who were going by the diligence to some distant point, and then to take passage with them.

It was known that the highways were infested by robbers, and it was not thought strange that an occasional murder was perpetrated, but the similarity between several cases soon attracted attention, and various experiments led to the discovery that a woman, operating first on one road and then on another, was at the bottom of them.

When the woman found that she was suspected she abandoned this plan of operations, and, remaining with the robber band to which she was attached, devoted the greater part of her time to the abduction of wealthy agriculturists.

Her plan in these cases was very much the same as in her stage robbery enterprises. First winning the confidence of her intended victim, she would betray him at the proper time into the hands of her associates, who would spirit him away and presently open negotiations for his return.

La Carambola's latest exploit was unsuccessful. She was hovering about the San Juanico hacienda with the intention of securing the abduction of Don Civeio Vasquez, or one of his sons, when a fellow, who had long served in her train, deserted and communicated her secret to the authorities.

The troops returned the shots and a lively engagement ensued, in the course of which three of the bandits were killed and the others put to flight.

Higher Prices for Butter. All dairymen who use Wells, Richardson & Co.'s Improved Butter Color, agree that it increases the value of butter several cents a pound.

Mothers. If you are failing, broken, worn out and nervous, use "Wells' Health Renewer." It restores vitality, cures, dyspepsia, sexual debility.

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WISE WORDS.

By other's faults wise men correct their own.

The secret of living is to say everything that can be said on the subject. Popularity is not infallibility. Errors exist only while they are popular.

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There is nothing so true that the damps of error have not warped it; nothing so false that a sparkle of truth is not in it.

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A Cure of Pneumonia.

Mr. D. H. Barnaby, of Oswego, N. Y., says that his daughter was taken with a violent cold which terminated with pneumonia, and all the best physicians gave the case up and said she could live but a few hours at most.

There are 40,000 bicyclers in the United States.

Biliousness

Is more prevalent at this season than any other time, the symptoms being bitter taste, breath offensive, tongue coated, sick headache, drowsiness, distaste, loss of appetite.

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