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Dr. Charles Terrell, of Eastview, Va., recently shot a quail, the plumage of which was pure white. A white quail is about as rare a sight as a blue monkey.

The Mississippi River has been so low the past year that steamboat men have found it very difficult of navigation, and are almost ready to abandon water transportation from St. Louis south.

There is no limit to the morbid curiosity of some people, as evidenced by the fact that a showman has offered \$10,000 for the body of Lingz, the dead Chicago anarchist, for exhibition purposes.

It is regarded as a remarkable fact that the Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmon dictates his sermons to his secretary at the rate of 150 words a minute. These sermons are read weekly by millions of people in this country and abroad.

It is estimated that pin factories in England turn out 10,800,000,000 pins yearly, and that other factories in the Union bring the number up to 18,000,000,000. This is equal to about one pin a day for every inhabitant in the United States.

The London firemen are about to be uniformed for duty in asbestos cloth, a material which has already been adopted by the Paris fire brigade with satisfactory results.

Paper, like electricity, has not begun to reach the end of its rope. Paper bottles are among the novelties. These are lighter than glass bottles and less liable to break.

A Chicago paper recalls an extraordinary piece of accountant work performed by C. H. Henrotin, of the Merchant's Loan and Trust Company, just after the big fire.

Pasteur's method of inoculation has been simplified by a Hungarian physician. Instead of taking the spinal cord of an infected rabbit and attenuating its poison by drying, Dr. Hoegyes takes the spinal cord, rubs it up with water containing chloride of sodium, of which a solution of any strength can be made.

This is not the first period in the world's history when great men have lived to ripe old age. George Washington was 70 far from three score and ten when he died; and his great antagonist, George III., died at the age of 82.

The year 1887 was one of almost unprecedented railroad construction and earnings. According to the Railway Age nearly 13,000 miles of road were built, at an expense of about \$25,000,000, or \$25,000 per mile.

A Boston woman of brains has invented a new way of making herself useful and making money at the same time. She studies the newspapers, puts herself on what is going on in the world, uses the scissors freely, pastes, writes, and revises carefully until she has a condensed digest of the live topics of the day.

What startling results one finds in our railway statistics! We have 340,000 miles of tracks—enough to girdle the earth a dozen times, with several thousand miles left for side-tracks.

Indians had murdered the driver of the water wagon, and the company had considerable difficulty in getting any one to undertake the dangerous and monotonous task of hauling water to the men and animals at Van Horn.

PEPIA.

Up in her balcony where Vines through the lattices run, Spilling a scent on the air, Setting a screen to the sun, Fair as the morning is fair, Sweet as a blossom is sweet, Dwells in her rosy retreat Pepita.

I who dwell over the way Watch where Pepita is hid— Safe from the glare of the day Like an eye under its lid; Over and over I say,— Name like the song of a bird, Melody shut in a word,— "Pepita."

TOM'S EXPLOIT.

"Allo! 'Ead 'im hoff! 'Ead 'im hoff! There hain't henny meat hat the station!" "English Tom," as the boys called him, was a tenderfoot if ever there was one.

From Fort Worth to El Paso, a distance of 700 miles, there was not a town. The first place of any importance west of Fort Worth was Fort Concho, over 200 miles away, and one of the frontier outposts.

The men took turns standing on guard that night, and early the next morning White Buffalo and English Tom started for Van Horn with the water wagon.

Long after Rameses II., Cambyses came, and on the pyramid plain conquered the Egyptians, mutilated the face of the Sphinx, and razed the true outlines of the pyramids—ruthless conqueror, vandal and destroyer that he was.

The bloated armaments of the great military powers of Europe display their proportions in a very striking manner in Colonel Vogt's work on "The European Armies of the Present."

The name John Bull, as applied to the English people, is first found in Arbuthnot's ludicrous "History of Europe," a book sometimes erroneously ascribed to Dean Swift.

hand and he fell on the seat in a fit of laughter that threatened to result in serious convulsions. It would be easier to catch an antelope than a coyote, and even if it has been shot no civilized man ever heard of eating one.

The summer had nearly passed away, no more Indians had been seen, and the Superintendent was thinking about putting a cheaper man in White Buffalo's place, when one morning the station-keeper at Eagle Springs found a sign near the water.

For years it has been the privilege of the pages in the Capitol at Washington to make quiet lots of pocket money each season by collecting autographs.

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BOWSER AND A BURGLAR.

THEIR MIDNIGHT MEETING DESCRIBED BY MRS. BOWSER.

The Appearance of an Intruder Suddenly Taken the Courage Out of Her Boastful Husband.

"It's simply to give you more confidence; understand? For my part I'd give \$500 to find a burglar in my house."

"It's infernal old cat!" he growled in reply. "You've got burglars on the brain, and I hope one will come!"

"Take all we have, but spare our lives!" pleaded Mr. Bowser. "That's what I'm going to do, old duffer! Climb out of that and hunt me up your wealth!"

"You won't kill him!" I gasped. "No, marm; I haven't the time to spare for that. What's that gun and club for?"

"Who's to blame? Am I?" "Who else can be? Here for forty consecutive nights you've kicked me awake from two to ten times to whisper 'Burglars! into my ear! You got me off my guard!'"

"I did, eh? You, lying there in a dead faint, knew all that went on, eh? Very well, Mrs. Bowser; I'll send the doctor up to examine into your mental condition. The strain has probably been too much on you. Poor woman! Poor woman!"—Detroit Free Press.

The distinguishing point in one of the counterfeit hundred dollar bank bills floating about the country is a black eye worn by the goddess of Liberty.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Good Gruel.

There are times when gruel is about the only fare allowed the invalid by the physician. When things come to this point, it is fortunate for the patient if some one in the house happens to know how to make it.

How To Hang Pictures. When there are to be many pictures hung in a room, the walls should be quiet in color and not elaborate in decoration.

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OUT OF THE SKY.

Earth is dumb when I call her now; What ears clois, though the soul entreat? She could laugh, if I laughed, I trow, Cold is her heart in its wining shoo.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY.

We have always pitied the calendar. It could never get a day off.—Burlington Free Press.

The camel has four stomachs. The greedy boy is apt to envy the camel.—Boston Post.

Don't run against a chimney sweeper; he's liable to bring soot against you.—Lowell Citizen.

It was a bald headed man who originated the motto: "There's plenty of room at the top."—Boston Budget.

It was the man who picked up the dollar which some one else dropped that met with a loss.—Statesman.

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Recipes.

PLAIN LIGHT PUDDING.—One pint of boiling milk and nine tablespoonsful of flour—mix first with a little cold milk.

PLAIN LEMON PIE.—Add to boiling water enough of the pulp and juice of lemons to render it quite acid; then sweeten to taste, and thicken with a cornstarch to make it like a thin jelly.

MEAT CROQUETTES.—Two cups of chopped meat, two cups of bread crumbs, two cups of hot milk. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Beat the yolks of one egg, add the milk, a teaspoonful of melted butter, bread crumbs and meat.

ORANGE PUDDING.—Grate three sponge biscuits in enough milk to make a paste; beat three eggs and stir them in with the juice of a lemon and half the peel grated.

DIET OF THE STONE AGE. Some curious evidences of the diet of our prehistoric ancestors of the "stone age" were recently brought before the (Ontological Society of Great Britain by Mr. Charters White.

DISEASES OF IMAGINATION. Physicians are just now having a crush of patients who have, or think they have, throat troubles and are afraid of cancer.

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