

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Table with 2 columns: Rate description and Price. Includes rates for one square, one inch, one month, one year, and local advertisements.

There are 3,000 persons in the United States who profess to be able to heal the sick by the Christian science, or faith-cure formula.

The prize for the effectual destruction of rabbits offered by the New South Wales Government is being warmly contested. Already 356 conventions have been sent in to compete for the \$250,000.

The Church of England is getting so pressed for money that Canon Gregory proposes to cut down the salary of the Archbishop of Canterbury from £15,000 to £12,000, and the salary of the Archbishop of York from £10,000 to £5,000.

It may not be generally known that Arkansas has very fine apples, and a greater variety than is grown on the Pacific coast. Arkansas has now competed at all the fruit shows in the United States, and has at each place won the highest award for apples.

The insurance companies last year collected \$2,180,000 net money in Chicago, for premiums, while they paid out for fire losses a little over \$3,000,000. The showing was nearly as bad as this in New York, and all around the year seems to have been an unprofitable one for the companies.

The fashionable butter makers of America, such as Mayor Hewitt, of New York, and William B. Dinmore, are far in advance of their English colleagues. They get a dollar a pound for their butter, but the Duchess of Hamilton offers her for sale for one shilling and seven pence per pound.

The Boston Young Men's Christian Association, establishing a library, invited George W. Cable to deliver a lecture in behalf of the enterprise. No tickets were sold. Admission was given to anybody who brought a book for the library. The scheme made a happy hit; a good many library shelves were filled.

The queen of the Cowling River tribe of Indians died near Freeport, Washington Territory, a few days ago, and was buried with a great Indian pow-wow. She was more than one hundred years old and was one of the surviving members of a tribe that was once a power among the Indians of the Northwest.

Professor Kirchhoff, to decide a bet, recently stated that Chinese was the most popular language in the world. It is spoken by 400,000,000 persons; Hindostani by upward of 100,000,000; English by more than 100,000,000; Russian by more than 70,000,000; German by 58,000,000; Spanish by 48,000,000, and French by only 40,000,000.

The night school for convicts, lately started in the New Jersey State Prison, is producing good results. One of the scholars has started a dictionary in his cell. When he hears a new word he writes it down on a slip of paper. He then asks a deputy keeper what it means. He writes down the meaning opposite the word and files the slip on a book in his cell. In the evening he studies these slips for an hour or two. His unique dictionary now consists of about 800 words.

General Greeley now wisely supplements his monthly 'Summary of International Meteorological Observations' with a series of daily charts covering land and sea, most of the way from the equator to the Arctic circle. The changes taking place in one part of the globe have such intimate relations with those at a distance that the highest efficiency in forecasting can be obtained only after careful study of simultaneous phenomena in adjacent regions. These maps conduce directly to that end.

If this winter who waded humors over the purchase of Alaska twenty-one years ago could read some of their 'jokes' today, they would scarcely be pleased at their exuberance, says Frank Leslie's. The average annual market value of the products of that locality in recent years has been almost equal to the entire sum which the United States paid for the whole region. With a Territorial Government organized there, to give security to titles and afford encouragement to emigration, the annual gold product alone, a few years hence, would undoubtedly exceed the original cost of that entire section of the country.

Though considerably past seventy years old, Prince Bismarck still works as hard as he did when he was twenty years younger. He never goes to bed until two in the morning, and eats a hearty supper shortly before midnight. He rarely rises much before noon, as he has always been a heavy sleeper and is often drowsy during the night by the arrival of dispatches which require instant attention. The Chancellor is becoming a rich man. The salaries from his offices are by no means extravagant, but added to the revenues of his estates and the profits of his saw-mills and distilleries; they bring his income to between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year. And, as the Prince is notoriously economical, a very large proportion of this comfortable income is annually saved.

MY NEIGHBOR AND I.

My neighbor's acres held in fee I'll broad, and green, and fair; In slender feet of ground for me, My motto with many a prayer, To have and hold what I shall be Heedless of time that flies.

—C. Richards, in Home Magazine.

"AT THE PATGO."

There is a very peculiar custom which prevails in the rural districts of Louisiana, of which the oldest inhabitant cannot tell the origin. In some points it resembles the old Scottish game of the "Wappanaw," but it has local and special features of its own, which only some dead-and-gone Acadian ancestor could explain.

"You ain't be balked of your shot. You shall take my rifle; it's a first-rate one. You'd better try it now, with the other marksmen, till you get accustomed to its weight."

"My name is Scott," said the stranger, "Captain Scott, from the Barracks at Baton Rouge."

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Comment to Mend Iron Pots and Pans.

The following comment is suggested by the Scientific American to mend iron pots and pans: Take two parts of sulphur and one part, by weight, of fine black lead; put the sulphur in an old iron pan, and melt it over the fire until it begins to melt; then add the lead until all is melted and smooth; then pour out on an iron plate or sheet of tin.

A Gold Family Dessert.

Apples and stale bread make one of the best of family desserts, according to Miss Corwin. Peel ten good sized apples (preferably apples with a strong, tart flavor), and slice them, and stew them in the pot, drive a copper rivet in it and then solder over it with this cement.

A Clothes-Basket Crib.

The nicest kind of a crib for a new born baby is a clothes basket. Get the largest size of wicker clothes basket—a square one with handles at each end. Have a small hair mattress made to fit the bottom of it, as hair is much more wholesome to sleep on than feathers, but for sudden emergency any ordinary pillow will answer the purpose.

Charity in China.

On the first day of the tenth moon (15th of November) the winter charities are opened in Peking for the dispensing of food. When the cold season is further advanced the distribution of clothing is made and the almshouses become filled. Two members of the staff of the Chinese Times recently made a tour of inspection among the charities in the city of Peking.

Household Hints.

Clean piano keys with a soft rag dipped in alcohol. Egg stains on silver can be taken off with table salt and a wet rag. Apples that are not properly looked after will decay in the barrels very fast.

On Hangman's Day.

A Philadelphia job printer who began business on Friday has circulated the following card bearing a list of interesting events that have occurred on that day: Washington born on Friday.

China's Solomon.

Another Solomon has arisen at Shanghai, China. A man was accused of having stolen a table. He professed to be so weak and sick that he could not have carried away the table. The judge listened sympathetically and then said: "I think you are right. I pity you. Take that bag with \$2,000 and spend it in getting thoroughly cured."

A Novel Lawsuit.

In the United States Circuit Court at Springfield, Ill., a judgment has been rendered for the defendant in the ejectment case of John H. Decker against Roderick E. Rambour. The defendant has been for twenty years the occupant of a piece of land of 700 acres known as Cobb Island, in the Mississippi river near East St. Louis.

A MAGNET'S GREAT POWER.

SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT OF TWO DISMANTLED GANNONS.

Interesting Experiments With the World's Largest Magnet—A Watch Stopped Three Feet Away. Willett's Point, on Long Island Sound, is used as a post graduate school for West Pointers. It is designed especially for the instruction of those enlisted in the engineer corps.

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BALLAD OF THE PAID FIELD.

Broad bars of sunset slanted gold.

Are laid along the field, and here The silence hangs, as if some old Elf had, that once rang long and clear, Come softly, standing to the ear Without the aid of sound. The air Is voiceless, and the grass is sere; But beauty's soul abideth still.

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