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An English naval officer estimates that there are \$300,000,000 in gold and silver under the sea which could be reached by good luck.

A South American traveler claims that going in the United States is an unknown world, when it is compared with the whole of the everyday deception resorted to in Guatemala.

A Mississippi paper says the South's greatest songsters, the mocking birds, are becoming fewer, and the change is attributed to the advent of the Eng- quatters.

The question of woman suffrage in Washington Territory came up before Judge Nash at Spokane Falls, and the legislature decided the act of the Legislature conferring the franchise to women unconstitutional.

European nations have already appropriated about 6,500,000 of the 11,000,000 square miles of Africa, and as the Great Britain occupies 2,500,000 square miles, about 2,500,000 square miles remain to be scrambled for.

A new forage plant, called the asperugo from Germany, which is said to grow in the dry, sandy locations, where little rain falls, and which is highly valued by all classes of stock, is expected to be introduced into this coun- try.

That a breaking of shackles from the hands of Russia has taken place in the last seven years, explains the Detroit Tribune. In that time Russia has had 1,500,000,000; Poland, 5,000,000,000; United States, 4,000,000,000; and Brazil, 1,000,000,000.

It seems almost incredible, but Mr. Renon, the Russian traveler, in one of his articles in the Century Magazine says that the territory of Siberia would include the United States, Alaska, with all the States of Europe except Russia, and would still be 500,000 square miles square.

A railway syndicate has been formed with the purpose of constructing railways for encouraging colonization in Brazil. The capital of \$100,000,000, and it proposes to build lines of railroad penetrating to regions hitherto inaccessible to commerce, but rich in diamonds, metals and agricultural re- sources.

General Boulanger, the French mili- tary leader, recently declared at a dinner, in the New York Graphic, that in case he should conquer the Germans he would send them back to the land of their fathers, and that he had been indi- cated to work for the finger of God. "You must be a masculine Jeanne d'Arc," said one of the clerical gentlemen present. "Exactly," replied Boulanger, "that is just what I want."

Referring to an invitation for Chi- cago to take part in an Exposition at Philadelphia, Italy, the Tribune of that city says it is significant that the acknowl- edged champion and pure-lard emporium of the world should have this evidence of feeling shown to it by the people of a city whose far-famed sausages en- viron the world with a chain of pungent, delicious yet mysterious and unfaith- ful links.

The five stones erected to mark the Mason and Lixon's line" between Maryland and Pennsylvania, have had their annual visitation by commissioners, who report one in good condition, one lost, one broken, one dislodged by mining operations, and the fifth, which bears on one side the arms of Penn- sylvania, on the other those of Lord Baltimore, badly damaged by vandal relic-hunters.

Prince Alexander, so it is stated by the Chicago Herald, has been informed semi-officially that he can resume his courtship with the Princess Victoria, with the approval of the German Court, just as soon as he furnishes the latter with satisfactory proofs that he renounces the Bulgarian throne forever. Otherwise Bismarck will continue to regret that Victoria can never be anything more than a sister to him.

The proposed bridge across the channel between England and France is the largest engineering scheme of the age, says the Atlanta Constitution. It is a little singular that the idea of a bridge should be received with favor in England when the tunnel was so bitterly opposed. The plan contemplates an iron bridge twenty miles long and 160 feet above the level of the sea. The whole cost will not be more than \$100,000,000.

A. G. Armstrong, a merchant of Mex- ico, Mo., has just had to pay \$500 for attempting to collect an alleged debt of \$50 from a poor widow, who holds a position in a dry goods store in St. Louis. Armstrong was charged with having employed a collecting agency of Chicago, which, in order to gain their ends, resorted to the practice of sending an envelope to the widow bearing the inscription in large black letters, "Bad Debt." The jury which tried the case, says the St. Louis papers, was a very in- telligent one.

TWILIGHT.

Through silent air, o'er miles on miles of gray. No sound is heard. Where to the quiet plain the waning day Whispers her latest word.

THE MAN IN BLACK.

Major Dalton was in trouble. He had been detailed and sent to one of the largest inland cities in the Confederacy to superintend the manufacture of bombs and torpedoes.

The interview resulted in the engage- ment of Pellico, and on the following morning he went to work.

Cuban Railways.

Railway traveling in Cuba has some very curious aspects. For instance, when trains arrive at and depart from cities or villages it is rather a queer thing to see, between the depots and limits of all municipalities, men on horseback preceding the engine.

How Were the Pyramids Built?

The answer to this question is beyond modern conjecture, so imperfect is our understanding of the extent of the mechanical knowledge of the ancients.

Canine Arithmetician.

Among the dogs entered at the Washington (D. C.) Kennel Club's annual bench show is Jack, a little black-and-tan dog owned by R. A. McMurtry.

Latter Day Philosophy.

Sweet are the uses of Adversity! For aye, but some folks care not for Christians on Pork scraps.

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY IN THE CAPITAL ISLAND OF THE WEST INDIES.

Dwellings Without Chimneys or Fireplaces—Difficulties of House-keeping—Polished Floors. The climate of Jamaica surprised me, says a writer in the New York Observer, for though very hot in the sun, it is so tempered by the land and sea breeze that in the houses the thermometer rarely rises above ninety-five degrees.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A Delicious Sponge Cake.

A delicious sponge cake, which made with due care never fails, is worth know- ing how to make. If these directions are followed the result will be as near perfection as is possible for anything in a terrestrial state of existence to be.

BOTTLES AND THEIR CONTENTS.

I find it a good plan, writes a lady correspondent to the Detroit Free Press, to save a few of the wide-mouthed bot- tles like the larger ones in which pre- pared horseradish is bought, or small pickle bottles, or fruit jars will do.

RECIPIES.

RICE PUDDING.—Half cup soaked rice, one quart fresh milk, half cup raisins, one tablespoon sugar, half a teaspoon each of salt and butter, a squeeze or two of lemon and a little grated nutmeg; serve with sauce.

POTATO GEMS.—Three or four cups of mashed potatoes; one cup of milk, in which dissolve half a teaspoonful of butter and the same of salt; stir well with two beaten eggs; then drop in well-buttered gem pans, with a little flour sprinkled over the top, and put in a hot oven till nicely browned.

VINAGAR PUDDING.—Three pints of water, one cup of vinegar (unless very strong), one cup of sugar, a teaspoon of nutmeg or cinnamon. Let it boil, then add slices of hot yeast bread. Set in the oven and let it bake about ten minutes. To be served as soon as taken from the oven, with either sauce or cream.

CREAMED PARSNIPS.—Boil tender, scrape and slice lengthwise. Put over the fire with two tablespoons of butter, pepper and salt, and a little minced parsley. Shake the mixture well. Dish the parsnips, add to the sauce three tablespoons of cream in which has been stirred a quarter-teaspoonful of flour. Boil once, and pour over the parsnips.

SANDWICHES.—Potted meats, rolled tongue or ham cut very thin and in small pieces, with a very little touch of mustard, make excellent sandwiches. Tinned salmon sandwiches, if properly made, always meet with great approval, and have the charm of novelty.

TRIPLETS SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OLD.—"There stopped with me last week," said Mr. Tom Dams yesterday, "an old gentleman named Lawrence Hammond of Jones County. He is 74 years old and is yet strong and hale. His presence here reminded me of the remarkable history of a portion of his family. He has three brothers who are triplets. They were born in Jones County, and about the time they reached manhood they wandered apart; one went to Monroe County, where he still lives, and two went to Mississippi. Eleven years ago the three brothers met and celebrated their sixtieth birthday. I was present, and, as you may imagine, it was a remarkable and interesting occasion. On the 3d of last February they were 71 years old, and all of them are stout, healthy men. They were in Meigs at the late state fair and accorded with me, and if we live they will be here at the next state fair. The two in Mississippi are Jesse and Thomas and the one living in Monroe County is Ben. It isn't often you strike up with such cases, is it?"

Dr. Lawrence Hammond was in the city yesterday, and one would hardly suppose that he is 74 years of age.—Meigs (Ga.) Telegraph.

NEVER MORE.

Far away from the world her heart throbs as stealing Over field, over mountain, over river and hill; She hushes not the charm of their silent ap- pearing; She wanders in her musings, and it's peace to be still.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A head scenter—the nose. An assayer knows how to handle the ore. Roosters can generally chanticleer note.

A receiving teller—a gossiping woman. It is when a boot is new that there is music in the sole.

Is the soup likely to run out of the pot when there is a leak in it? Rumor says our poultry raisers con- template the formation of a Cochise club.

The dog who goes without a muzzle to save a trailing expense is penny wise and pound foolish. Nobody can paint pictures equal to the artist whose nom de plume is Jim Jams.

Don't the man who commits suicide by hanging himself die of his own free will and a cord? "You can live at home and make money," declares an advertiser. Keyrect. A good many young men found that out long ago.—Detroit Free Press.

In Kentucky—Runaway couple to Gretta Green magistrate. "Will you join us?" Magistrate.—"Thanks; I don't care if I do."—Washington Critic.

Servant.—"The mistress says, mum, that she's not at home. Who shall I say called?" Caller.—"You may say a lady called who didn't bring her name."—The Epoch.

He—"Your friend, Miss Wabash, is quite 'chie,' Miss Breedy." Miss Breedy (a trifle enviously). "Yes; Clara may be a trifle 'chie,' but she's no chicken."—Harper's Bazar.

"I would box your ears," said a young lady to her stupid and tiresome admirer. "If—" "If what?" he anxiously asked. "If I could get a box large enough for the purpose."

A man ill with consumption tried to engage a certain young man as his servant, but failed, because the latter said he did not want to be valet of the shadow of death.—Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mrs. Christopher Cross—"This is a pretty time of night for you to come home." Mr. Christopher Cross—"Sh, n' dea! I want to come home yet. Jes' called 'it shay' 'n' needn't sit up 'f me to- night."

A fashionable tailor of this city is making a summer suit from crash towel- ing for one of his customers. One would imagine that crash would make a pretty loud suit of clothes.—Commercial Bulletin.

"How is your husband feeling this morning, Mrs. Bentley?" "Oh, doctor, I don't know. He quarreled with me and threw a teaspoon at the baby because it cried." "Ah, favorable symptoms! He is getting better."—Judge.

"An exchange says the intelligence, 'Hats blocked while you wait,' frequently states you in the face on the line of the elevated railroad. It isn't as common as cars blocked while you wait, however."—Yankees Statesman.

Mrs. Della Creme (wearily)—"I know everything we eat is adulterated, but what can we do, Reginald? We must trust our grocer." Mr. Reginald Creme (dreadfully)—"Ah, yes, Della, very true; and if—oh, if—our grocer would only trust us!"—Tit-Bits.

Merriman—"Did you hear that the Locks and Canals Company had threat- ened to bring suit for damages against the Vesper Barge (Club)?" "Graves—"No! Is that so?" "What have the boys been doing?" Merriman—"Pulling up the river."—Lovel Citizen.

Charles—"Mamma, to-day the teacher praised me." "Did he? What did he say to you?" "Well, he didn't exactly say so to me, but he said to my seat- mate: 'You are the greatest good-for-nothing in the whole class. I even t.ink more of Charles than of you.'"—Flicks of the Buzzer.

"It is a curious thing in public life," said Wiggins, as he laid his newspaper on the table, "that a windy, loud- mouthed importor often succeeds, while men of great merit are passed over."

"Not at all," replied Bobbley. "It's the most natural thing in the world to put the blow before the grate."

"In court," said the card on the lawyer's door. "Have in ten minutes; on many more; 'Gone to the hospital,' on the doctor's slate; 'On another,' 'we down and wait.'" "Gone to the bank," on the contrary's sign; "Arbitration," that young clerk of mine; "Back soon," on the broker's book; "Collecting rents," on my agent's book. They were all here to-day, a matter quite new. Very sorry to be unable to do, Then I had me bent to the baseball ground, And every man on the grand stand found,