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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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A writer in the New York Sun figures that a national campaign costs about \$20,000,000.

The futile efforts made to revive interest in archery show how thoroughly dead the noble pastime is.

There are 7,000,000 children of school age in the United States who are not reached by the influence of the Sunday-school.

One of the odd features of our naturalization laws is that an army officer need not be a citizen, but a naval officer must be.

A number of influential papers in this country want the United States to buy Cuba if it can be had peacefully and for \$100,000,000.

The rainy season in India failed to arrive on time this year, and there has been a drought and much suffering.

The first things taught Alaskan children are dancing, shooting the bow and arrow and smoking. It is a common thing to see a mother take the child from her arms and give it her pipe.

There are three American ladies who are not obliged to purchase stamps. Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. Grant are the fortunate three.

A British vessel is now surveying a route between Australia and Canada, preliminary to laying a telegraph cable. The cable will be 7500 miles long, and the work of laying it will take three years.

Certain public-spirited citizens of San Antonio, Mexico, have built at their own cost a handsome theatre there, and given it to the town upon condition that the net proceeds of all performances in it shall go to the schools.

How many people know that the Legislature of Kansas years ago offered a \$1000 to the first man who raised a family of thirteen children within the borders of the State? Such is a fact, however, asserts the New York Graphic.

Florida mourns the loss of the sweet notes of the meadowlark. Formerly hundreds of them could be heard singing, but their nests have been so systematically broken up or robbed of their young that they are rapidly disappearing.

It is officially estimated that the losses by fire in the United States and Canada for the first six months of the present year amount to the enormous total of \$28,280,000, a sum far in excess of the losses in corresponding periods of several former years.

The best speech made at a recent codification meeting at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, was that delivered by Miss Florence Molinelli, a young actress. It was elegant and witty, and pleased the people so much that they are trying to induce her to stump the Territory.

In the traditions of the gentle Chipewags, whose country this was, says the New York Sun, there are hints of the sun stone, as they called gold, and the experts believe that under the deep waters of Superior there lie veins of prodigious wealth in gold, silver and copper.

Who was the last man killed in the war? This is not an easy question to answer, but in the town of Union, Me., some of the people think it was Jacob Siddinger, of that town. He was killed on the very day of Lee's surrender to General Grant, and in the latter part of the day.

General Boulanger, on a pension of \$1600 a year, pays \$2400 a year rent and spends \$50,000 a year on himself and an equal amount on the establishment of his wife and two daughters at Versailles. Now they say that Mackay, the American millionaire, supplies him with the extra cash.—Graphic.

A Pekin, (China) correspondent of the New York Observer, describes the new foreign college for the instruction of Chinese youth in the English language and foreign science as two stories high, built around four sides of a court, 100 feet square. An astronomical observatory will be erected within the walls.

Model villages for manufacturing operatives are cheerful products of the time. The last experiment is Mr. Hartley's village for 1400 operatives of the jam factory at Liverpool. Great attention is being paid to the picturesque grouping of the buildings, and when completed the village will have plenty of garden and air space.

No Southern State, except Virginia, is said to be represented in the old hall of the House in the Capitol of Washington by a statue of any of its historic men. It is well known that Congress gave permission to each State to send two such statues to this famous hall, and that most, if not all, of the Northern States have gladly accepted the privilege.

THE SONG OF THE SCYTHE.

Far up on the mountain-side, Where swiftly, like phantoms, glide The cloud-land shadows, I hear a mellow scythe, With a buoy sound and blithe, In the rocky meadows.

A CHAMPION OF THE SEA.

When I got my rating as able seaman I could have navigated a ship to any part of the world. I did not enter upon the occupation through force of circumstances, but because I loved the sea.

DEALERS IN OLD JUNK.

USES TO WHICH ALL WASTE MATERIAL IS APPLIED. How the New York Junk Dealer Makes a Living—An Aristocracy in a Small Trade.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Drying Lace Curtains. The easiest way to dry lace curtains after washing them is to take a dry, sunny day, fasten them to the line by one edge with clothes pins only a few inches apart.

A MEMORY.

Home, through the meadow, a maiden came singing, A sweet bird was singing aloft in the trees. My heart heard their song and will hear it forever.

HUNOR OF THE DAY.

Over the range—The cook. A good deal—a hot hand. High rent—A hole in the top of your hat.

WISE WORDS.

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RECIPIES.

SPONGE PUDDING.—Two eggs, three-fourths of a cup each of butter, four and a half cups of sugar, one cup of flour and the sugar, eggs and flour; bake in cups and serve with sauce.