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Russia is willing to spend \$90,000,000 on a new navy. The lowest estimate places the wealth of President Harrison's Cabinet at \$42,200,000.

Geologically and mineralogically, Nicaragua is said to be the richest spot in America.

There were 14,900 divorces in the United States during the last twenty years caused by drunkenness.

The project of neutralizing the banks of Newfoundland during the fishing season is exciting public interest.

It is said that unless the present conditions are changed the complete destruction of the Adirondacks is inevitable.

Fourteen ex-Senators are said to inhabit the Kansas Penitentiary, though only four of them ever conducted legislative business in the interest of that State.

Australia has just made to a projected railroad a grant of 16,000,000 acres, or 20,000 acres a mile. The grant to the Pacific railroads amounted to about 6400 acres a mile.

The Dakotas plume themselves, according to the Commercial Advertiser, upon artesian wells of such force and number as to make manufacturers of all sorts well within their possibilities.

Dr. Challie, the well-known statistician, states that the average life of woman is longer than that of man, and in most parts of the United States woman's expectation of life is greater.

There are, it is said, five men in America worth \$50,000,000 each, fifty worth \$10,000,000 each, 100 worth \$5,000,000, 200 worth \$3,000,000, 300 worth \$1,000,000 and 1000 worth \$500,000 each.

The Atlanta Constitution believes that Spain holds on to Cuba as a matter of national pride. The island has proved an expensive possession. In the insurrection from 1868 to 1878 20,000 lives were lost, and the total cost to Spain was about \$700,000,000.

"Life is a delicate possession, after all," concludes the Detroit Free Press. "A Michigan child was recently fatally injured by falling upon a lead pencil, and last week an English actress was killed by the accidental puncture of her neck with a knitting needle."

Miss Rose Porter, the well-known writer of religious books, is a most remarkable woman. Although an invalid, and forced to recline from her bed, she has already written some fifteen books, all of which have had extensive circulation. She lives in a pretty brick house in New Haven, Conn., and is much thought of in that city.

"The Albuquerque Democrat says: 'New Mexico covers a vast lake, and as wells are being sunk in different parts of the Territory this fact is being assured. A well sunk at Gallup has penetrated a body of water sixty feet in depth, and wherever a hole is sunk to the water it is found to exist in inexhaustible quantities.'"

The wide-embracing arms of civilization are rapidly stretching out to take in the whole world. One of the latest notable illustrations of this is the announcement made the other day that a cable will soon be laid from Bermuda to Halifax. In a short time, therefore, one can no longer get out of the world, so to say, by making a voyage to the Bermudas.

In a recent talk with a delegation of clergymen and others who called upon him to urge a more Christian policy in dealing with the Indians, General Harrison said emphatically that he should do his best in the direction named. He added, however, that "the Indians with whom he must be most concerned at present were not on the frontier, but here in Washington."

It is generally predicted that Oklahoma will be settled up with phenomenal rapidity. The Oklahoma Valley is one of the finest in the United States, with an abundance of timber and an altitude of 1600 feet above the sea. If any cattlemen are ill-advised enough to graze in the Territory, observes the New York Tribune, they may expect short shifts from the boomers, who will have many odd acres to settle.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: The Chinese Mandarins who have had charge of the repairs to the banks of the Yellow River could give Caucasian boodlers points in steaming public money under the guise of doing State work. The notorious California brush dam traps are entirely eclipsed by the Chinese officials, who have built an embankment of millet and dirt on top of the ice which was on the Yellow River, and then closed the great breach was satisfied.

THE LITTLE PERSIMMON-TREE.

A little persimmon-tree stood in the road, Oh fair to see! Like Topsy it "never was born but it grew;" This little persimmon-tree, By soft winds nurtured, by sweet dew fed, Its bright leaves trembled in constant dread, Lest some wicked catfish should cut off its head.

FORTUNE'S FAVORITE.

He was a happy-go-lucky fellow, my uncle, Colonel Edouard Griffard. He was ever ready to risk his life, to take any chance, and chance seemed always to favor him. Among his comrades he was known as Fortune's favorite.

DOMESTICATION OF THE BUFFALO.

Regarding, then, the buffalo as an animal well worthy conserving, what are his good and bad points? First of all, he is hardy, not liable to disease, and on the plains of the American and Canadian Northwest he can forage in deep snow and live in the open air all winter long.

TRAINED NURSES.

The service of trained nurses has now grown into an essential part of the more scientific and careful medical practice in serious cases. The nurses are in constant demand, especially those who have gained a little standing. Their salary is \$20 a week, with board.

CORNERING THE MARKET.

Watching the Markets—They Buy and Control the Supplies and Beat Them Out at Big Profits. The ocean cable has revolutionized commerce. It has wiped out of existence the old-time merchant who speculated in his own odd way on the rise and fall in prices of the products of foreign countries.

FARMERS' HOUSES IN JAPAN.

The native house of the Japanese farmer is a shell-like affair, built up of the ground, with sliding paper screens for walls, and with no facilities for heating excepting the little charcoal braziers by which they warm their hands, while the feet are kept warm by sitting on them.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

HOW TO RENOVATE BLACK CASHMERE.

Boil a handful of tea or peppermint leaves if you design to renovate black cashmere in a pot of hot water, strain, and in the decoction wash the cashmere. When clean, rinse thoroughly, wring and wrap in white muslin until nearly dry, which should be in about twenty-four hours; iron on the wrong side while damp.—Detroit Free Press.

TO PAPER LIMED WALLS.

The lime-washed wall is brushed over with a strong solution of alum, after which the following preparation is used, viz.: Eighteen pounds of finely powdered white bole, a kind of clay to be procured at the paint or drug stores, is softened with water, the surplus water being poured off; one and a half pounds of powdered glue are boiled with one gallon of water until dissolved, and this is mixed with the bole and two pounds of calcined gypsum; the mixture is forced through a hair-sieve by means of a stiff brush, and is then diluted with hot water to the consistency of a thin cream.

CABBAGE COLDS.

Chop cabbage; season with little salt and vinegar. Sweeten with rich cream and turn over cabbage just before serving.

BOILED TONGUE.

Let it stand in water over night, and in the morning wash out the salt, which is put into the water to preserve it. Boil in plenty of water till tender. Remove the skin while hot, and when the tongue is served garnish it with parsley.

ASPARAGUS.

Cut the heads about five inches long; let it stand in cold water half an hour, then tie in bundles; put them into boiling water, with salt to taste, and boil twenty minutes. Take them from the water, drain, remove the string and serve on slices of toast.

BEEFSTEAK AND ONIONS.

Cut the steak three-quarters of an inch thick and fry in hot butter, and when nicely brown remove from the frying-pan and keep in a hot dish before the fire; have in readiness a plateful of sliced onions seasoned with pepper and salt, put them into the pan and cover to keep in the steam; when soft and brown pour over the steak and serve immediately.

SPINACH.

Pick over carefully, remove the yellow leaves and cut off the ends of the stalks. Wash in four or five waters, then lay in a colander to drain. Put it into a saucepan of boiling water, with a tablespoonful of salt. When it has boiled three minutes strain the water off and fill up again with boiling water. Keep it boiling till tender, which will be in about ten minutes; squeeze it dry, lay it on a dish and cover in squares.

ROAST LAMB.

Secure a quarter of lamb, trim and roast in hot oven so as to be cooked through and nicely browned all around; make a gravy from the drippings in the pan, pour this gravy over the lamb. Chop one large bunch of green mint very fine and mix with one pint of vinegar and three-quarters of a pound of pulverized sugar, stir until thoroughly mixed, and serve. This sauce can also be boiled and cooled again to make a stronger mint flavor. Wash off the contents of two cans of French peas, put in a saucepan with a piece of butter, salt and pepper, toss over a fire to become thoroughly hot, and serve.

THE OLD VANE.

Creak-a-ty-creak! Creak-a-ty-creak! The' skes be lino or gray. Here, from my perch, a word I speak To all who glance my way. Flushed by the morning's earliest light, Before the town's awed, Kissed by the starry beams of night, With every wind I whir. Ever a message true I speak, Creak-a-ty-creak! Creak-a-ty-creak!

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Dressed hens look chic. Late habits—Night gowns. A heart gardener—The barber. Court plasters—Awards for damages. Words of wait—"Bring that bill next week." Waiter's epitaph—He couldn't wait any longer, so he went. Better to be a loan than in bad company was not written of our umbrellas—Life. Even the tiger is not without affection. He is very much attached to his paw and maw. Girls who use powder don't go off any quicker than those who don't.—Boston Courier. The homely girl is seldom mentioned, and the pretty one is also seldom mentioned. The railway sandwich is an instance where they never succeed in making both ends meet. Even the most unemotional man can't contain himself when he goes to sea.—Terror Haute Express. A Stray Thought.—"Do Few—"I have an idea." Van Ripper—"Can't you find the owner?"—Munsey's Weekly. The press feeder sooner or later finds that the press is in temperate. It often takes five fingers.—New York News. Tommy—"What did your mother do for your cut finger?" Little Johnnie—"Licked me for cutting it."—Essex. Lobsters and babies are alike in one respect. They both turn red when they get into hot water.—Burlington Free Press. Artist—"What do you say to my new picture?" Critic—"I am not going to say anything to it unless it says something to me." "You can't do anything without money, my boy." "Oh, yes you can." "I'd like to know what?" "Get in debt."—Statesman. It is an indication that peppery times are near when the salts are mustered for action on board of a man-of-war.—Boston Courier. A long-winded artillery captain had his pocket picked in Denver recently, and his companions speak of him as "another rifled bore." The highest office in the gift of the President is that of Postmaster at Mineral Point, Col. It is 12,000 feet above the sea level.—Norristown Herald. The pretty young misses at church fairs are continually laying themselves liable to arrest on the charge of robbing the males.— Rochester Post-Express. Though a maiden's voice be squeaky, 'Tis it cannot be discerned. That the dollars of her duty Make it very silver toned.—Detroit Free Press. A Born Grumbler.—"I am the unluckiest man living. Here I find a piece of money, and it is only a nickel. If any one else had found it, it would have been a quarter!" She—"Isn't Miss Ambler a perfect daisy?" Mr. Jonathan Trump—"Yes, they are all daisies, but after awhile they lose their petals in the game of 'love me, love my pet.'"—Life. "It is the partings in this world that give us pain," sadly sings a poet. It is the meetings too. If you don't believe this, ask the man who has a note to read.—Boston Courier. The old-time flashlight was even dimmer than parlor gas. Still, the young men of those days were very well satisfied with it and didn't call early to avoid the rush.—Terror Haute Gazette. "You say your son is a painter, Mr. Browne. Is he a landscape painter?" "No, I think not. His last job was on the Gateway flat house. He is more of a fire-escape painter."—Harper's Bazar. "You appear to be in good health," said a prison visitor to a convict. "It is only in appearance, sir," replied the convict. "for the fact is I am confined to my room more than half the time."—Siftings. A busy doctor of Scranton, Penn., sent in a certificate of death to the health officer, and inadvertently placed his name in the space for "cause of death." This is what might be called accidental exactness.—Chicago Herald. A five mouse fell into a pan full of milk. It swam round and round in its efforts to get out, but in vain. However, through the activity of its movements the milk was at last churned into butter, when the mouse was enabled to jump out of the pan and regain its liberty.—Osselle de Quatrecent. The number of places of religious worship in England and Wales, certified, recorded, and on the register at the close of 1888, was 25,897, an increase of 630 in the year.