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Hubert Herkimer, the famous English painter, sees the beginning of a splendid future for architects in America.

There is great complaint of the adulteration of food in the City of Mexico. Even the bread is tampered with.

It is predicted that \$500,000,000 of English and Irish capital will be invested in this country within the next four years.

They are attempting to acclimatize American oysters from Connecticut in several places along the coast of Sweden. So far the oysters thrive well.

There are in the Treasury vaults at Washington nearly a pint of diamonds and other precious stones that were presented to various Presidents by admiring friends.

The English "canteen," a system by which regular soldiers improve the comforts of army life—never too great at the best—has been introduced in American army posts with great success.

A man in Chicago threatens suicide if that city does not prove to be larger than Brooklyn. His fellow-citizens do not care what he does, comments the Detroit Free Press, if he will only live long enough to be counted.

General Sherman has offered a prize of \$100 for the best essay written by an army officer of the school of application on the subject of the influence Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has had on the civilization of the surrounding country.

In the United States Army there are eight per cent. of officers and ninety-two per cent. of men out of a total of 27,167, and in the English Army there are four per cent. of officers and ninety-six per cent. of men out of a total of 210,105.

The Washington Star says that the discovery by the ornithologists that a war upon the pestiferous sparrow, in order to be successful, must be carried on by Canada and the United States in concert, furnishes a new argument for union between the two countries.

At the close of the past year there were completed and in course of construction in this country eighty-five electric railways, comprising about 450 miles of track, and the reports show that during the first year over 18,000,000 passengers have been carried over these lines.

The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly said that a man's right under his patent for an invention is as absolute as under a patent for lands, and no one would say that one should lose the right to his house because some one else says fit to take possession of it against his will.

A Kentuckian shot himself with suicidal intent, the other day, and died after several hours of intense suffering. Being asked how it happened that with his known skill with the pistol he did not kill himself instantly, he said he wished to live long enough to be forgiven for his act.

Says Harper's Bazar: "The figure 9 in our dates is with us and has come to stay. No man or woman, now living, will ever date a document without using a 9. It now stands on the extreme right—1889. Next year it will be the second place—1890—and there it will stay for ten years. It will then move up a third place—1900—and rest there for one hundred years."

If any persons have been frightened by recent rumors of a coming deficiency in the beef supply of the country, they can find reassurance in this year's report of the Agricultural Department on farm animals. To put the statement in round numbers, there were 25,000,000 in the United States in 1860, 33,000,000 in 1880, and 50,000,000 in 1888, the year covered by the last report.

No Treasury in the world ever contained so vast a sum of money, boasts the San Francisco Chronicle, as that of the United States. The last statement shows that there is in the Treasury vaults over six hundred millions in gold and silver coin and bullion. Of gold coin and bullion the amount is \$303,594,319; silver coin and bullion, \$315,343,180. By the side of this vast accumulation the treasures of other countries, and those recorded in history, sink into insignificance.

A curious question of etiquette will prevent the Shah of Persia from visiting the Sultan of Turkey at Constantinople. The latter is too full of pomp and dignity to go down to the train to meet a guest, and always receives his visitors at the Yildiz Kiosk. The Shah, however, thinks that the Turkish potentate should meet him at the depot, and as neither will yield the point, the difference of opinion on this subtle question of etiquette will prevent the Shah from seeing the beauties of the Sultan's harem.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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FORTUNE NEVER DIES.

What's the use in chasing fortune? Fortune never dies. Have your grief, but never grievance. Waste no time in sighs. Everything will come to you. The world will better be— For rivers only run one way, and ever toward the sea!

THE YELLOW WHEELS.

By MARIANNE DE WOLF PERRY. JOE JEFFUS drove a coal team, a great lumbering two-horse coal team, and every day of his life, "Sundays excepted," perched high above his business, he thundered with his dusky load through the streets of the busy town.

Two things were open to him; he could demand that Joe come down from his perch and settle it then and there in the old-fashioned way, or he could get the number of his cart and make it disagreeable for Joe later on.

Looking at his damaged hat, which was not a cheering sight to see, and at his lovely, disfigured wheels he gathered up his reins and flew down the road. And Joe, it was the happiest moment of his life, just then. The consciousness of having hurt his enemy crowded out all other thoughts for the time, but the haul was still a long one, the sun very warm, the horses tired and listless, and Joe began to wonder if, after all, he hadn't made a fool of himself to say the least? What would the tired little woman say who never had heard of those "yellow wheels," if he should tell her what he had done? And then he wished his favorite wish, that he had never been born!

MEET YOU AND THEM WHEELS, THEY'LLER WHEELS.

And somehow I thought it was them wheels that was a-running over me, was a traveling up and down my life all the time. I didn't know who to hate or what to hate, because I didn't get nowhere, and you came the highest; you were the handiest, and so I hated you and them wheels. Ain't there no yeller wheels in your life, mister? Be the only man that hates something that he sees every day and never can have!

MILLIONS IN DIAMONDS.

WONDERFUL JEWELS THAT DELIGHT THE PERSIAN MONARCH. A Throne Blazing With Gems—The Dar-e-Noor Diamond, the Rival of the Kohinour. S. G. W. Benjamin writes as follows to the New York Herald describing a visit made by him to the store house containing the vast accumulation of jewels possessed by Nasr-ed-Deen, the Shah of Persia.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

HOW TO SEW ON BUTTONS. When you begin, before you lay the button on the cloth stuff, put the thread through so that the knot will be on the right side. That leaves it under the button, and prevents it from being worn or ironed away, and thus beginning the loosening process. Then, before you begin sewing, lay a large pin across the button, so that all your threads will go over the pin. After you have finished filling the holes with thread, draw out the pin and wind your thread round and round beneath the button.

COURTIERS.

What saith the violet unto my love? "I am blue, but thine eyes are bluer." What flauneth the north star down to my love? "I am true, but thine heart is truer."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The air of the desert—"The Camels are Coming." An aching void—a dude's headache.—Detroit Free Press. No one can blame whipped cream for turning sour.—Picoque.