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An international exhibition of postage stamps will be held in Vienna in 1890 in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of their introduction.

Brazil is so vast and yet so poorly equipped a country that in remote sections the people did not know of Dom Pedro's deposition and the establishment of the Republic until some weeks after it had occurred.

A California judge fined himself \$50 for getting drunk, and turned over the money to a billiard, with instructions that it be recorded in the usual way.

People who believe that the climate of the new State of Washington is only a little less severe than that of Alaska, in Greenland, will find it hard to give credence to the stories of ripe strawberries and raspberries having been plucked from the vines in the middle of November.

A typically ignorant juror has been found in Iowa. He could name only eight States of the Union and three Presidents. He was firmly of the opinion that England is in Africa and that Canada is "out somewhere beyond California."

France and Germany are bowing and scraping and saying soft things to each other, but since 1870 France has spent \$675,000,000 and Germany only a little less to get ready for the next conflict.

Although the buffalo has become almost extinct in the United States, vast herds of this distinctively American "big game" roam over the boundless plains of northern Australia, and wallow in their sludgy pools.

At the recent review of the Turkish troops at Constantinople before the Emperor of Germany and a number of royal visitors, the greatest surprise was expressed at the appearance and action of the soldiers.

The newly-formed United States of Central America are arranging their antipathetic contract. For the first ten years the union will simply be an offensive and defensive alliance, and the President of the Union will have charge only of the diplomatic and foreign relations of the five Republics.

Cannibals are reported to be very prevalent on the west coast of Africa, near the British settlements and even within limits of British authority. A regular system of kidnapping is carried on around the towns for this purpose, and it is said to be dangerous for any one to venture outside the limits of the settlements lest they be captured and eaten.

A "coal palace," 150 by 300 feet and three stories high, is to be erected in East St. Louis, Ill. This palace will be a decidedly novel structure. The coal company will furnish the material for the superstructure—black coal of every kind, and wrought out by saw, by mason's hammer, and into artistic forms by the carver's chisel.

The United States may learn from Chili's recent experience that it is not an immigration that pays; that it is to say, if our own experience has not been sufficient. There is great activity in Chili and many immigrants are going in.

LIFE'S BETTER INFLUENCES.

Better the song and the smile, my dear, Better the song and the smile, my dear, Better the smile may linger here, Better the smile may linger here, Better the song and the smile, my dear, Better the song and the smile, my dear, Better the laugh and the jest, my dear, Better the laugh and the jest, my dear, Better the heart and of merry cheer, Chasing the shadows that oft appear, Better the laugh and the jest, my dear, Better the laugh and the jest.

A DENTAL TRAGEDY.

Smallbore made no secret of the fact that he meant "business" with Angelina Goodluck. She had a good figure, a pretty face, not too much brains and a cool million in hard cash.

The Goodluck parties, as everybody in the social swim knows, are delightful and jolly affairs. They are not sufficiently particular, perhaps, concerning the lineage of some persons they invite to suit those who hold strong and uncompromising opinions on the subject of "blue blood," but it has always been conceded that if any one gets bored at one of the Goodluck's entertainments the fault is his own.

It is not strange, therefore that Smallbore should have decided after careful consideration, to formally "pop" to Miss Angelina at the next Goodluck party. The fatal evening came round in due course as all evenings do, fateful or otherwise.

There had been nothing in the terms of their acquaintance for the past six months to justify such familiarity. In fact their relations had been decidedly "strained." But poor Smallbore was powerless in Bluff's hands.

He turned pale and clasped his handkerchief to his mouth while harrowing thoughts swirled through his brain. Great heavens, if he should smile he was a lost man! He could not stifle. He was robbed of his accomplishments and transformed into an awkward body.

Smallbore's affection was, under ordinary circumstances, of a well regulated and discreet character. But even the most temperate of woosers is likely to get his mental balance disturbed when he sees a rival, making love to the woman whom he has resolved to make his wife.

thing to quicken his judgment. Brandy and soda doesn't do that. "It's my private opinion," subsequently observed Seaspray, in the smoking-room, "that Smallbore is three sheets in the wind with the fourth flapping."

Smallbore, despite the brandy and soda, was of the same opinion, but as he explained to me afterward when making a clean breast of the whole business, he could not resist the temptation to steal down stairs, to see what Bluff was up to.

"Oh, Mr. Smallbore," she exclaimed, tripping up to him, "where have you been keeping yourself so long. I'm so glad I've found you. There are a lot of girls who are just dying to have you swing a duet with Miss Angelina."

Smallbore didn't appreciate the significance of that emphasis. He was only too glad to get rid of her. Meanwhile a false theory concerning the cause of Smallbore's defective speech had traveled like lightning.

At War With the Bubi. The Bubi tribe, who inhabit the little island of Fernando Po in the Gulf of Guinea, recently made a raid upon the town of Santa Isabel, and had it not been for the timely arrival of a Spanish gunboat they would probably have reduced the town to ashes.

Talking to Oneself. Everyone has, doubtless, at some time or another caught himself talking to himself and smiling as he walked along the street, and has felt his ears get hot as he wondered how many people had observed him and put him down as an escaped lunatic.

An Alligator's Nest. Alligators, as a rule, have a regular place of retreat on the bank of a stream or tarn. This is excavated with their fore paws, and according to some crackers, the dirt is carried away in the mouth of the engineer, who bucks into deep water and discharges its load, then returns to renew the operation until it has made itself a spacious home under water.

Realizing sense of what that evening had cost him was the sight of those precious false teeth glistening at the bottom of a tumbler filled with water. He knew that he could never so far sacrifice his pride as to tell Miss Angelina the true cause of his seemingly strange conduct.

WISE WORDS.

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food. The readiest and surest way to get rid of a nuisance is to correct ourselves. The morning of life is like the dawn of day, full of purity, of imagery and harmony.

Purity of heart is more by far than power of brain, more than deftness of hand. Human welfare is all built up on moral purity. Our acts are the outcome of thought, and the character of the thought depends on the moral state.

The Bubi are among the most peculiar people ever discovered. Though their island home contains only about 800 square miles, and the whites, Portuguese, British and Spanish, have been in possession for four centuries, the natives were almost a little known, as though they lived in Central Africa until a few years ago.

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Clams on Toast—Chop up two dozen small clams; simmer for thirty minutes in water enough to cover them. Beat up the yolks of two eggs, add a little cayenne pepper and a gill of warm milk, with half a teaspoonful of flour stirred into a little cold milk.

Beefsteak Pie—Take tender steak that has been cooked, cut in small bits with seasoning, a little water or gravy, and bake in a raised crust one hour.

Boiled Bluefish—Make a rich dressing of rolled crackers well seasoned with pepper, salt, butter and sage. Stuff the fish and wrap it in a well-floured cloth, tie loosely or sew it up. Salt the water it is to boil in, put in the fish and place it where it will cook gently, allowing eight or nine minutes per pound.

Raised Pork Pie—Make a raised crust as for chicken pie; take the bones of a loin of pork, chop fine, season with pepper, salt and powdered sage and fill your pie crust; put on the top crust, fasten the edges well and rub the top over with the beaten yolk of egg; bake it two hours with a paper over it to keep from burning.

RUSSIA'S HOLIEST CITY

Kiev and the famous Petchersky Monastery. A Remarkable Establishment Enclosing Sixteen Churches and a Vast Area of Catacombs. Kiev, which was once designated by the late Czar in an official ukase as the Jerusalem of Russia, is the cradle of the Muscovite orthodox faith.

The most interesting portion of the agglomeration of buildings contained within the walls of "Petchersky" are the catacombs, the entrance to which is well nigh impossible to obtain in consequence of the crowd of picturesque beggars, cripples, blind men, and vendors of more or less spurious relics who encumber the spot.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

THE DEADLY COLD BED. If trustworthy statistics could be had of the number of persons who die every year or become permanently diseased from sleeping in damp or cold beds, they would probably be astonishing and appalling.

HOW TO LAUNDRY COLORED COTTONS. I find it more difficult to wash some cottons, particularly calicoes, than gingham, without causing them to fade, says a writer in the Detroit Free Press.

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JUST DO YOUR BEST.

The signs is laid when men commence A-faulty fault with Providence. And talkin' 'cuss the earth don't shake. At every prancing step they take. No man is great till he can see. How loss is great till he would be. If striped to self, and stark and bare, He hung his signs out anywhere.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Making lots of money—The mins. It is the scissors grinder who likes to see things dull. The Republic of Brazil deposes and money dispenses. A clothes call—"Say, you heathen Chinese, isn't my washing done yet?"

Angry Father—"Another tailor's bill, I suppose. Well, what's to be done about it?" Son (meekly)—"That's for 'out to settle." Clothier and Furnisher. "The unicorn who sees the legend 'Paint' can never pass it by. Without putting out his fingers. To seal the paint is dry."

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