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Last year Germany granted only 3921 patents, while England granted 9779, and the United States 20,420.

From the year the patent office was established up to the present time 3500 patents have been granted to females.

A squirrel was killed recently on its way from a grain field in San Joaquin County, Cal., and on examination of its pouches they were found to contain 819 grains of wheat, which goes to show how much damage a few of these animals can do.

According to the New York Herald, 'colonists who have returned to this country from Africa report that the condition of the American colored people who have sought homes there is truly pitiable.

The Civil Service examiners have some queer experiences. An applicant for appointment on the police force of one of our cities in filling in the replies to questions about his habits, wrote that he took five cocktails before breakfast.

A Daniel has come to judgment in Montreal, where a man has been condemned to pay one dollar damages for having called upon a person in a factory with the view of collecting debt.

American push is beginning to be not only appreciated but feared in Europe. It has been proposed to hold a World's Electrical Exposition in Frankfurt in June next, to be continued for five months.

The Shah of Persia's recent visit to Europe has been very beneficial to his subjects. Whether he has grown wise in his old age or anxious to appear progressive, the fact remains that he is doing a great deal for the improvement of the sanitary and moral condition of Teheran.

J. F. Jameson has been making a study of the voting habits of our fathers, and reports results very interestingly in the New England Magazine.

Where would Shou-wan Barnum be if all the world had the same opinion of the Chinese? The London Figaro.

The mild weather in the early part of winter during the past two seasons, has led many to suppose that the Gulf stream, whose influence upon the weather is considerable, is approaching nearer to the Atlantic shore.

A NECESSITY.

Some there must be who must bear the burden and the loss. Some there must be who must wear the thorny crown and cross.

THE ENGINEER'S STORY.

Did you ever hear of a railroad President running as fireman on an engine? Well, I know of one who did, and, if you've got time to listen to it, I'll tell you the story now while I smoke this cigar.

One day Bob says to me, 'Jim, ain't you and Molly never goin' to get married?' 'Just as soon as I can get my raise,' says I.

'What is it my man? I'm very busy,' says he. 'So I up and told him what I wanted. "How much are you getting now?" says he.

'Forty-five a month,' says I. 'Then he pursed up his lips, and hemmed and hawed a little, and says: "I don't see how we can give you anything more, my good fellow."

'I tell you I felt sore to find it didn't take much to know how to fire an engine, and I came mighty near throwing my job up and trying to get in on another road. But Molly persuaded me to hold on a little longer.'

Well, as I said, I hung on to my job, hoping that something would turn up that would give me a lift, till one day in August, 'The whole summer had been uncommon hot, but that day went ahead of anything I ever saw.

European Armies.

It appears that it is practically impossible to ascertain the fighting strength of the German army when placed on a war footing, on account of the complicated arrangements by which portions of the regular forces are worked into the present peace establishments of Germany.

A Delicate Operation on a Lioness.

Yesterday morning Keeper Havens, of the Gress Zoo, performed a very delicate operation. The silver lioness, 'Mollie,' chewed up a piece of raw beef, which the butcher had chopped up with a cleaver, leaving some fragments of bone in the flesh.

He did the work all alone, and no one else was present during the performance of the operation. Yesterday afternoon, after she had been released several hours, he visited the cage, and she met him with a gratified look, holding the wound up to the bars of the cage as if she were glad that he had performed the operation that relieved her, and she appeared as docile and kindly as a kitten, although she had been fierce and resentful before.

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ORIENTAL BED CLOTHING.

How Japs and Chinamen sleep in their native land. Chinamen of Wealth Buy Costly Beds and Bedding—\$5000 Not an Unusual Price to Pay for a Bed.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Put in a bowl the yolk of a raw egg and a teaspoonful of sugar, a pinch of salt and cayenne pepper; rub all together. Take fresh or canned salmon; if the latter, pour off the liquor, add it gradually to the mixture, thicken with the powdered yolks of four hard-boiled eggs.

Cut the white of cold fowl into neat fillets, using a sharp knife. Mark each piece with a mixture made of one tablespoonful of minced capers, two of minced boiled ham, three hard-boiled eggs, an anchovy boned and mashed, and two sardines freed from skin.

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Electric Light and Plants.

In the course of a recent lecture before the Royal Society, England, Dr. Siemens placed a pot of budding tulips in the full brightness of the electric light in the meeting room, and in about forty minutes the buds had expanded into full bloom.

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THE COSTLIEST BOOK EXTANT.

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HE, SHE OR IT?

I met a mother with a babe that was her perfect joy. (said, to win her favor, what a charming baby boy.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Misers ought to be large buyers of chest protectors. Wicked sinners are a direct tax on the truly good.—Pisanyne.

Kind words are like bald heads, they can never die.—Siftings. The sick man wants a constitutional amendment.—Merchant Traveller.

Married life is not all thorns. You strike a nettle once in a while.—Philadelphia Inquirer. Evergreen trees are the dudes of the forest. They make the sprucest boughs.—Boston Sentinel.

What is a laundry, mother? 'It is a place, my child, where your father sends his shirts to be torn into ribbons.'—Boston Gazette. 'Is it a crime to be a woman?' said the pretty agitator.

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