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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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A Tennessee paper predicts that cotton will get down to five cents a pound in another year or two, if we go on producing big crops.

An increase of 150,000 people in ten years is not so bad for a State which has had so much trouble over paying its debts as Virginia has, thinks the Washington Star.

The Chilian war has had a very serious effect on the English hatmakers who supply the majority of the Chilians. The latter have had no time to attend to their sombreros.

The Massachusetts Legislature has passed a law prohibiting the erection of buildings over 185 feet in height above the street, except in the case of grain elevators, sugar refineries, steeples, towers, and purely ornamental structures.

The Belgian Government has issued an order forbidding all freight traffic on the State railroads on Sundays and the great festival days. On these days no goods are to be received except perishable articles, which are to be conveyed by fast trains.

The Emperor of Japan has declared himself an enemy of duelling. In a recent decree he ordered that every man who accepted a challenge should be fined heavily and imprisoned from six months to two years. Any one who causes a duel is subject to the same law. Insulting a man who has declined to fight on the field of honor is also punishable.

As stated in a report of the British Board of Trade, the United States sent to British ports in 1890 504,391 cattle and 384,646 sheep, while Canada sent 83,588 cattle and 121,309 sheep. This is an enormous increase in trade since 1877, in which year the United States exported to British ports 11,523 cattle and 1,312 sheep, and Canada 7630 cattle and 10,275 sheep.

Women doctors are becoming to numerous in England that there is competition for the appointments in hospitals. When the Government decided to supply women doctors in the hospitals for Mohammedan women, there was a call for a limited number of women physicians. So many applied for the position, declares the New York Advertiser, that it will be a serious task to select from the number.

The New York Advertiser observes: Italy's "fatal gift of beauty" has brought upon her many woes. Whether it was California's fatal gift of her "glorious climate" that brought down upon her those fatal hordes of Chinese we cannot tell. But her woes never end, it would seem. Backed by Federal legislation, she is on the point of stemming the tide of Celestial immigration. But now we learn that the Japanese have found her out. There are now said to be 5000 Japs in California; a number soon to rise to 20,000.

The recent outbreak against the Prince of Wales is, says London Truth, proof positive that loyalty in the old sense of the word has ceased to exist. The Queen is respected as a woman, but not as the descendant of a line of Kings. The monarchy rests upon the fragile basis of the good conduct of the occupant of the throne. As a principle it has already disappeared. It has become a mere question of expediency whether we shall have a King or do without one. Kingship will last out my time, but it is doomed. Whether England will get on better or worse for being a republic, I do not know; but a republic England is likely to become before fifty years have expired.

Thirty thousand tons, or two thousand carloads, of staff will be used in the construction of the main buildings of the Exposition at Chicago. It has been decided that all of the buildings will be faced with this material. Staff was first used in France about 1876, and first used in the buildings of the Paris Exposition in 1878. It is composed chiefly of powdered gypsum, the other constituents being alumina, glycerine and dextrine. These are mixed with water without heat, and cast in molds in any desired shape and allowed to harden. The natural color is a murky white, but other colors are produced by external washes, rather than by additional ingredients. To prevent brittleness the material is cast around a coarse cloth, bagging or oakum. The casts are shallow-like, and about half an inch thick. They may be in any form—in imitation of cut stone, rock, faced stone, moldings, or the most delicate designs. For the lower portions of the walls the material is mixed with cement, which makes it hard. Staff is impervious to water, and is a permanent building material, although its cost is less than one-tenth of that of marble or granite.

WATCHING FOR THE MORNING.

When the shadows gather, And the night grows deep, And the weary eyelids Cannot close in sleep; 'Mid these hours of sadness, With their solemn warning, Comes that song of gladness, "Watching for the morning."

THE STAFF OF THE BRIGGS. "BUGLE."

BY WILLIAM EARLE BALDWIN.

Mr. Bernard Bergeois was startled. He jumped visibly, and nearly dropped a handful of type he was taking from a galley to the form on the imposing stone. It was incompatible with the dignity of the foreman of the mechanical department of the Briggsville Bugle to lose his self control in this way, and he looked around uneasily as a fluffy haired girl at a case near by sniggered and made a whispered remark to another compositor; then they looked at him and laughed.

For the copy is all in. I think he is writing to you upstairs to come back, and he doesn't know you are here already. "If he will only say he was wrong, and ask my forgiveness," the woman muttered, looking out of the window at the pattering rain. Then she started up, seemingly unaware of the boy's presence. "But I mustn't ask too much. I was in the wrong as much as he."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Flexible cast-iron is new.

Paper wheels increase in popularity. Freshly powdered charcoal is an excellent absorbent of foul gases. A Pittsburgh house will supply the machinery for an iron works at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The first overhead trolley road in England is to be built in Leeds by the Thomson-Houston company.

THE CROW AS A PET BIRD.

IT CAN BE TAUGHT TO TALK BETTER THAN THE PARROT.

The Way to Train Them While They are Young—Amusing and Curious as They Get Older and Wiser. Crows make very amusing pets for any one who can put up with their innate spirit of devilry, and besides that they can be taught to talk more distinctly than most parrots, says Nature's Realm. It is a common idea among the country people that they will not talk unless their tongues are cut at a certain tender age. Be that as it may, I have heard crows talk excellently that never had their tongues cut, and some whose tongues are cut never will talk at all.

BEFORE THE GATE.

They gave the whole long day to idle laughter.

They gave the whole long day to idle laughter. To fitful song and jest, To moods of soberness as idle, after, And silence, as idle, too, as the rest. But when at last upon their way returning, Taunting, late and loath, Through the broad meadow in the sunset burning, They reached the gate, one fine spool hindered them both.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Even the funny man sometimes gets out of humor.—Dallas News. The bow-legged man has the bulge on the bicycle.—Birmingham Republican. Venison is sometimes deer at any price, but often it isn't.—Elmira Gazette. No man is ever so hard up that he can't raise an umbrella.—Elmira Gazette. How to get a woman to keep a secret—Give her chloroform.—Texas Siftings. Should the telephone girl wear "yellow" shoes in summer?—Boston Bulletin. There is a whole world of difference between the North and South poles.—Life. The proper time for experimenting with airships is in fly time.—New Orleans Picayune. Some one asks: "Who is the really happy man?" Some other man.—New York Recorder. The politician who wrote an open letter wishes now that he had kept it closed.—Texas Siftings. Badly says the most difficult part of a drinking song is the "refrain."—Binghamton Republican. A goose farm has been started in Michigan. It will be managed by a Michigan-der.—Texas Siftings. Wooden—"What a funny head that fellow has." Wagg—"Yes. He's a humorist."—Boston Courier. A man's idea of being good to a woman is to give her opportunities to be good to him.—Athens Globe. Husband—"Do you suppose that if you could dress on \$40 a year?" Wife—"I could, but I can't."—Lowell Citizen. A man who will lie for himself without hesitation will recoil with horror from lying for you.—Athens Globe. "And she rejected you?" "She did." "By Jupiter! And yet you say that women have no sense."—New York Press. "How contemptuous the gentleman behind the but is," said a Boston girl at the base-ball match.—Washington Star. "Papa says Mr. Blaque is a promising young man." Her Sister—"He is, indeed; he's engaged to six girls!"—Life. Maul—"I'd hate to think that you'd throw yourself at Fred." Maud—"Why not? He's a good catch."—Brooklyn Life. One trouble about unpleasant people is that it generally seems impossible for them to get out of the way.—Milwaukee Journal. Batley (in history exam).—"They say that history repeats itself. Ah! if it would but repeat itself to me!"—Harvard Lampoon. If the small boy who runs away to go swimming doesn't make a clean breast of it while he's in the water he won't when he gets out.—Buffalo Express. When Edison's cinematograph comes into general use, we shall at least be able to see what that sweet-voiced operator at the Central office really looks like.—Life. Thatcher—"Nixon seems like a dull sort of fellow. Does he ever crack a joke?" Boston—"Has too—always. Can't see into it if he doesn't."—Kate Field's Washington. Mauna—"Now, Pussie, you must go to nurse and tell her to put you to bed; it's past 8 o'clock. Pussie—"No, Maunie, dear, it isn't; cook has just told me it is only half past."—Fun. It is so perplexing to be told that a married man has been released from his sufferings at last—you can never tell whether it is the man himself who has died, or his wife.—Pseudoblast. "Your son has been graduated!" "Yes." "Now the question is, will he be able to make his knowledge useful, to impart it to others?" "I guess so. He has begun to impart it to me."—New York Press. Bolivar (an enthusiastic advocate of cremation).—"I wrote the Cremation Company last week asking them to file my formal application to be cremated." Van Dyke—"Ah! Did you receive a reply?" Bolivar—"Oh, yes. They told me to come early and avoid the rush."—Brooklyn Life.

ARMADILLOS IN TEXAS.

Mr. Cullen, who resides some eight miles from Austin, Texas, brought into that city recently an armadillo which he captured near his home. Its back resembles that of a tortoise. It has a nose resembling an alligator or opossum, and has long claws which resemble those of a bear. The armadillo burrows in the ground like a ground-hog and is peculiar to the South American and Central American countries, whose inhabitants esteem it good food. It is rather an odd find in this country, though. Mr. Cullen says there are a good many of them to be seen on Williamson Creek, in that county.—New Orleans Picayune.

FACTS ABOUT THE MOOSE.

In the Zoologist Mr. Lockhart, an experienced hunter, gives some interesting facts about the moose. The senses of hearing and smelling in the moose are remarkably acute, and the animal is cunningly lies with its tail to windward and eyes to leeward, so that it can scent an approaching enemy from one side or see him from the other. When sleeping or ruminating, the ears of the moose are perpetually moving, one forward, the other backward, alternately, like those of a horse. Before going to rest the moose turns on its side and lies down near its trail, so as to be able to hear or smell its pursuer before he comes up with it.

UNIQUE CARPET FOR A CHURCH.

A unique carpet is being made for the Church of Le Cour de Jesus, Montmartre, in Paris, by some Parisian ladies. It will cost \$20,000, and the names of the workers are to be embroidered around the border. The centre represents Montmartre, and above are to be the arms of the city of Paris.—Chicago Times.