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California's forty-five savings banks have \$114,000,000 deposits.

Texas has decided to set apart a spacious room in its Exposition building for an exhibit by the colored people of the State.

It is perfectly plain to the New York Mail and Express that the 5,140,000 soldiers who constitute the military force of the Triple Alliance only serve to create the necessity for the maintenance of the 5,805,000 men who form the aggregate French and Russian armies.

A census bulletin shows that there were 73,945 paupers in the almshouses of this country in 1890. The poor who receive outdoor relief will bring the number up to 109,000. That is not very appalling, reassures the Boston Transcript, in a population of over 60,000,000, and is a mere flea-bite in comparison with the pauperism of Great Britain.

It has been remarked upon as a singular phenomenon that the street railroads in many cities of the United States are owned in some other city. A new one has just been added to the list, eighty miles of street railroad in Detroit having passed into the hands of New Yorkers. It is not easy to see the reason for this phenomenon, confesses the San Francisco Chronicle, but the fact certainly exists.

The determination of the height of Mount Orizaba, located about 100 miles east of the City of Mexico, is the object of an expedition that has left Terre Haute, Ind., under the charge of Dr. Scoville of that city, who is accompanied by Professor Sinton of Bloomington and Professor Woolman of De Pau University. It is believed by Dr. Scoville that the single measurement that has been made of the mountain is inaccurate, owing to the defective instruments used. He holds that more accurate instruments will show that it is higher than Mount St. Elias, now regarded as the highest peak in North America. They will establish themselves on the timber line, and besides measuring the height, they will make a collection of native insects, snakes, fish, animals, and plants. The Mexican Government, which takes a deep interest in the success of their work, has facilitated it by granting them special privileges.

Says the Washington Star: That singular Chinese revolution which aims, it has been said, at striking down the existing Manchu dynasty and substituting for it a native dynasty by looting the foreign missions, that have nothing whatever to do with Chinese politics, is still revolving in the provinces. The Imperial Government hardly appears to realize its danger, if it be in any. The celestial are a people of fixed habits and ideas, but they do change their Governors once in long ages, retaining the childlike notion of a kingly ruler who alone can commune with the Supreme Being in the temple of heaven. For the rest they have the Confucian philosophy, the Taoist mysticism, the worship of ancestors and the widespread doctrines of Buddha imported from India. Supplementing all these moral, intellectual and religious conceptions and practices, the Chinese have the thrift, the industry and the toughness of fiber of all other eastern peoples combined. A change of dynasty would mean no change of the national characteristics.

In the estimation of the Boston Transcript "one of the most significant of possible indications of the genuineness of the bonds which unite Germany and Austria was furnished recently on the battlefield of Koniggratz in Bohemia, where deputations of officers from the various Austrian and Prussian and Saxon regiments met to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of that conflict which crushed all the pretensions of the Hapsburgs to authority in Germany. Perhaps the idea may have been gathered from America, where Gettysburg and many other fields have become familiar with the spectacle of such reunions of whitened antagonists. But the thing is absolutely novel in Europe, and the fact that the Austrians and Saxons on the one side could bring themselves to drink with the Prussians on this scene of their historic humiliation helps us to measure how truly the world has been changed since the Bonaparte empire was demolished in France. Perhaps the Saxons' part in the celebration is even more remarkable than that borne by the Austrians, for Saxony still recalls with bitterness how barely it escaped the fame of Hanover after the Prussian victory. After this there can be no question of the entire homogeneity of the interests and aims inside the German Empire. William is, as it were, to put the official seal upon this complete unification of his subjects in the autumn by reviewing Garibaldi's two army corps, something no Kassar Emperor heretofore has done out of fear of wounding South German susceptibilities.

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If I am weak and you are strong, Why then, why then, To you the braver deeds belong; And so, again, If you have gifts and I have none, If I have shame and you have sin, 'Tis yours with frailer hand to give, 'Tis yours with truer grace to live, Than I, who giftless, senseless, stand With barren life and hand.

LOVE OR MONEY.

"Frank, old boy, I am so glad to find you an occupant of this hotel, and, as I am a new arrival, and not posted, tell me who is here this summer."

"That's definite." "My wife has a cousin with her this year whose name is Annie Layton. She is young, handsome and accomplished. An heiress, too, Leonard."

"Ten thousand from a grandfather in her own right, and probably as much more when her bachelor uncle, who is her guardian, leaves this world."

"She is fancy free as yet, I believe, and I should be pleased to bestow my cousinly regards upon you, Leonard."

"Upon my word!" she soliloquized. "I am really much obliged to Frank! So his friend will try and win my money, will he? Not a word about me! Don't even ask if I am an angel or a witch. Think he could easily dispose of my income, and would even kindly allow me to buy finery with my own money. The impudent puppy! I'll make him pay for this, or my name is not Annie Layton!"

There was a splat of courtesy in the heart of the pretty heiress that had not been crushed out in any experience of her petted life, and that fanned up into a brilliant blaze under the provocation of this overheard conversation. She was scarcely to be censured for her annoyance, and she firmly resolved that if the suitor for her money had a heart she would add to the sting of her refusal of his offer by wounding that organ if possible.

So when Leonard Franklin was presented by pretty Mrs. Wyckham, to her handsome cousin, Annie Layton, he found himself bowing to the loveliest, sweetest woman he had ever seen, and he was greeted by her with a graceful cordiality that was flattering as well as delightful.

It was after breakfast upon the terrace that the introduction took place, and the gentleman, who looked handsome himself in his seaside suit, decided that the heiress was a very fascinating little damsel. Her dress of clear white muslin was relieved here and there with vivid red ribbons that well became her rich dark brunette beauty, for she was something more than merely pretty, with her large dark eyes fringed with their jetty lashes, and the heavy wavy masses of dark hair. The crimson cheeks, and the clear olive complexion, showing to the best advantage under the brim of her straw hat.

It was on the programme for the pleasure of that pleasant sunny day, that a party was to wander in shady woods, and there to enjoy a picnic luncheon. So, as the ladies and gentlemen marshaled for the procession, it fell out that Miss Annie Layton found by her side Leonard Franklin's handsome, manly figure.

Before the morning was over, Mr. Franklin was secretly wishing that he had not been so frank with his old friend. What if Frank betrayed him to his wife, and Bessie told Annie! He shivered at the mere idea.

PHENOMENON EXPLAINED

MAJOR POWELL TELLS THE STORY OF THE COLORADO DESERT. The Colorado River is retreating the Deep and Immense Basin that it Emptied Years Ago.

Water has burst into the desert of Colorado, and you ask me to give some account of this strange phenomenon, to which request I am pleased to reply, says Major J. W. Powell, of the Coast Survey, in the New York World.

This desolate basin forms a portion of what is known as the Colorado Desert. The Gulf of California is a narrow body of water about six hundred miles in length, lying parallel with the Pacific coast, from which it is separated by the narrow but mountainous peninsula of California.

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Through experiments made by English military authorities, it has been found that whenever the atmosphere is laden with smoke or mist the power of an electric light is greatly diminished by crossing the beam of light by that of another at a certain angle. At the point of intersection the illuminated space is practically made a screen.

Coffee owes its stimulating and refreshing qualities to caffeine. It also contains gum, sugar, fat, acids, essential oil and wood fibre. Like tea, it powerfully increases the respiration, but, unlike it, does not affect its depth. By its use the rate of the pulse is increased and the action of the skin diminished. It lessens the amount of blood sent to the organs of the body, distends the veins and contracts the capillaries, thus preventing the waste of tissue. It is a mental stimulant of a high order, and one that is liable to great abuse. Carried to excess it produces abnormal wakefulness, indigestion, acidity, heart burn, irritability of temper, trembling, irregular pulse, a kind of intoxication ending in delirium and a great injury to the spinal functions. On the other hand, coffee is of sovereign efficacy in ridding over the nervous system in emergencies. Coffee is also, in its place, an excellent medicine. In typhoid fever its action is frequently prompt and decisive. It is indicated in the earlier stages before local complications arise. Coffee dispels stupor and lethargy, is an antidote for many kinds of poisons, and is valuable in spasmodic asthma, whooping cough, cholera infantum and Asiatic cholera. It is also excellent as a preventive against infectious or epidemic diseases. In districts rife with malaria and fever, the drinking of hot coffee before passing into the open air has enabled persons living in such places to escape contagion.—Boston Journal of Commerce.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

Perpelles are said to exist in Lake Nyansa, Africa. Pneumo-pneumonia seems to be quite prevalent in Great Britain. The atmospheric pressure upon the body of a moderately-sized man amounts to about fifteen tons.

Leading European physicians express the belief in very positive terms that Bright's disease is curable. A civil engineer has been looking Niagara Falls over, and his conclusion is that it is good for 3,000,000 years.

Waste sawdust and shavings are being utilized by Mons. Calmant, of Paris, France, for the production of this vegetable charcoal.

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FOR SUCH AS THESE.

O, earth of ours, thou'rt wondrous fair, With Heaven's sweet face o'erblending; With birds a-whirl through the golden air, Their songs of praise outending; And primrose paths o'er meadows where The gleam and gloom are blending.

But what see they of primrose ways Whose feet do faint and languish— How can they list to songs of praise Whose hearts are spent with anguish— How know they aught of fair, sweet days, Whose tears the vision vanquish?

O, not for such as those, bright world, Is all thy wealth of blooming; Nay, not for such as ways imperiled With sweets' loath gleam and glooming; And not for those that heaven unfurled Its face for Day's titulating.

For such as these, O earth, we know The best gift in thy sending; Is resting place—where all life's woes May have its perfect ending; Beneath the primrose flowers that grow Where gleam and gloom are blending. —Lucile Rutland, in Times-Democrat.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The budget state—matrimony.—Puck. The crook is always on mischief bent. —Pittsburg Post. A stirring appeal—"br-e-a-k-f-a-s-t!"—Washington Star.

Best recipe for catching a husband—Don't try.—Troy Press. Occasionally the wisest owl hoots at the wrong time.—Athens Globe.

The summer girl who is where the men are to be found is right in town.—Boston Transcript. Is an upstart aristocracy known as a codfish aristocracy because it has more bone than blood.—Puck.

Lawyers are unlike most people in one respect; nothing suits them better than good trials.—Lancet Courier. It is a perfectly proper thing to poach an egg, but to poach the bird that lays the egg is quite another thing.—Boston Transcript.

"Dere's millions in it," said the old colored man, as he gazol over the fence at the watermelon patch.—Binghamton Republican. Every man has an axe to grind, and looks upon every other man with an eye to inducing him to turn the handle.—Athens Globe.

It is a mistake about its being unwholesome to sleep; feathers. Look at the wing chicken and see how tough he is.—Richmond Recorder. Slang was not common in the days of Governor William Penn, else the boys would have called Penn "his nibs."—New Orleans Picayune.

At the present rate of scientific progress, it won't be long before farmers will use electric shocks in their cornfields.—Binghamton Republican. At dawn the fisherman goes away. That a batch of fish may be caught; He wanders home at the end of day. With a catch of fish he has brought. —Harper's Bazar.

A woman is getting ready to make trouble for herself when she starts out to be a heroine to the world. Her mission is to be a heroine at home.—Athens Globe.

THE FIRST IRISH IMMIGRANT.

The Chicago Herald's expedition to discover the spot where Columbus first landed, has brought out at least one historical fact of importance that has hitherto escaped attention. The world is at last in possession of the name of the first Irish immigrant to America, whither so many of his compatriots from the green isle have since followed him. The journal of Columbus, discovered by Navarrete in 1790, has been brought and a careful examination discloses the fact that Columbus's companions on the voyage included one "Guillermo Ires, Natural de Galney, en Irlanda," who was left behind when the greatest and most intrepid of navigators returned to Spain bearing the greatest news, of whose infinite importance no one then even dreamed.—New Orleans Picayune.

Almost every one knows the distress occasioned by a sudden tendency to cry at a time when one wishes to appear particularly unmoved and even stoical. Marjorie never cries when any little mishap befalls her, and has been known to sustain without shedding a tear severe bumps that have rapidly acquired a black and blue aspect. But the other day Araminta, her dearly loved and tenderly cherished doll, fell into the open grate and received a contusion of the nose which was most unpleasant to contemplate.

Marjorie winked very hard for a few minutes, and then running with her injured Araminta to her mother, she buried her head in her mother's lap, sobbing: "Oh, mamma, I don't want to cry, but my tears have all come unfastened!" —Chicago News.

Uncle George was married last week! Frank's comment on that was contained in a long whistle. "Frank, you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" said Bessie indignantly. "Never mind, Annie. Come to my room, darling."

And Annie allowed herself to be led away to her cousin's room to be petted and comforted and sympathized with, and to listen to the warmest assurances of unchanged love, offers of a home, and a thousand pleasant words from Bessie, till Frank came up and confirmed the whole of it, and said:

"Leonard Franklin desires an interview with you, Annie, in the private parlor. And Annie, before you go, will you let me say a word to you, as if I were your brother?"

"Certainly I will."

"You are sure it is I you love?" she asked in a very low voice.

"Before I had known you a week, I had quite forgotten you were an heiress, darling. I only knew you were the only woman in the world I could ever love, or whose love would be precious to my heart. The few foolish thoughtless words, which I spoke to your cousin contained no meaning whatever. Surely you may trust me now. Be my wife, and every hour shall prove to you how tenderly I love you. Speak to me, Annie, why do you hide your face?"

She did not tell him it was to hide her smiling lips, and her dancing eyes; but she allowed him to draw her into his loving arms, and fold her in a tender embrace.

"You will be my wife, darling!" he whispered, and then she looked up, and meeting his eyes frankly and bravely, she said: "For I believe now you love me, and I love you with my whole heart. Stop, Leonard, do not kiss me yet, but let me first rectify my mistake. I forgot to mention my Uncle George drew all my money from the bank before it broke, and now has it in safe deposit elsewhere. Also it was a mistake my saying uncle was married. Now, darling, I have proved your love."

Frank and Bessie received an explanation and were considerably surprised.

"But, Annie," said Bessie, some time later, "what on earth were you crying about?"

THE PHOTOGRAPH ANTICIPATED.

In Fenelon's "Fables," written in 1860, may be found an interesting chapter, entitled "Voyage Suppose." Of the marvels related in that story we read: "There was no painter in all that country, but when they wished the portrait of a friend, they put water into large basins of gold and silver and made this water to face the object they wished to paint. Soon the water would congeal and become as the face of a mirror, where the image dwelt ineffably. This could be carried wherever one pleased, always giving as faithful a picture as a mirror." Who will say that Fenelon did not anticipate the photograph?—St. Louis Republic.

The absent-minded youth was interrupted by the horror-stricken girl. "Mama! My name is not Maud!" The situation was desperate, yet fortune did not desert him. "But, my darling Louise, what an amusing anecdote here for if it is not eventually change your name!" She thought he had premeditated the joke and he thus was saved.—Philadelphia Times.

An eminent scientist computes that a comet will strike the earth, on an average, about once in every fifteen million years. We hate to knock out the calculations and estimates of an eminent man of science, but cold facts are stronger than theories, and we are compelled to say that we have been here over forty years and there has never been a comet struck the earth since we've lived here. If it did, it must have come along in the night.—Durdette.