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About 400 people are annually killed in Chicago, Ill., at grade crossings of railroads.

Spain has been steadily making a deficit for fourteen years past, and what is worse, seems to be making a bigger one each succeeding year.

The German Government is preparing a bill to regulate emigration. It is intended chiefly to restrict the activity of agents, who will be prohibited from carrying emigrants at the expense of foreign States.

Californians expect that within a year or two their State will become noted as a center for the cultivation of flowers for perfumery purposes, and thus become a rival to France and Germany, which have monopolized this business heretofore.

The country that has the cheapest coal, declares the San Francisco Chronicle, can depend upon winning the race for manufacturing supremacy. Statistics show that the average price of bituminous coal per long ton at the mouth of the pit in the United States is \$1.12, while in Great Britain the average is \$1.60.

The final accounts of the Paris Exposition have been made, and the results shown are exceedingly satisfactory. The total receipts, including the amount of \$5,000,000 received from the State and municipality, was estimated at \$8,600,000, but the actual income was \$10,000,000. The receipts from admissions were \$1,400,000 greater than was expected, while the expenditures were \$1,500,000 less than the estimated outlay.

The firing of the Miantonomoh's big guns without damage scores another naval triumph for the United States, is the boast of the San Francisco Examiner. Several of the English ships carrying large guns have found that the discharge of their own batteries was the greatest danger they would have to fear in action—there being a certainty that a few rounds would send the vessel to the bottom. The Miantonomoh will evidently be able to hurt something else than itself.

The inventor of the "whaleback" steamer, Captain McDougall, of West Superior, Wis., thinks that his type of vessel will make a more formidable man-of-war than anything afloat, especially for coast and harbor defense. He has had a number of pictures made of his idea of a belligerent whaleback. They are to be so constructed that in action they can be entirely submerged, except a small turret and the bow. In the bow are to be stationed two heavy guns, one of which can be run out and fired, while the other is drawn back for loading. The vessel has been patented in this and all foreign countries.

A chivalrous man is trying to awaken a little interest in Mrs. Columbus in this anniversary of the discovery that made her consort famous. He tells us that she was a Miss Palestrello, which is infinitely more distinguished than plain Mrs. Columbus. Her father was a navigator, and as a girl she made many hazardous voyages in company with him. She possessed a fine education and was a brainy, ambitious woman. It may be possible that she suggested the Western excursion to her lord and master, and spurred him on to his discovery, like plenty of other good wives to whom the husbands owe their fame.

Says the Gossip in the New York World: "One who witnessed the fire drill by Tiffany & Co.'s clerks during the recent blizz which threatened the great jewelry store tells me it was one of the best specimens of human mechanism he ever saw. At the first sign of fire the store was cleared of customers and the clerks took positions assigned them in practice. At the first signal the heavy iron shutters were closed, next the hose was uncoiled, and at the third command the jewelry was deposited in the various safes. There was no confusion, no conflicting orders or excitement. This admirable drill undoubtedly saved the firm from a heavy loss, as had a panic taken place, the result may easily be imagined."

This has been a great season for sport in the hunting regions of the New England States, announces the New York Sun. One taxidermist in Bangor has received fifteen moose heads for mounting this season, all of them being unusually large and fine. A fur buyer in Farmington who returned a few days ago from a purchasing trip among the trappers of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont brought more than a score of bear skins, a great number of fox skins, including a very fine gray, thirty beaver, about as many fisher, a quantity of otter, sable, coon, and cat skins, five or six muskrat, and as many skunk. He brought about two thousand muskrat skins in New Hampshire. The animals had been killed this season.

THE STATION DESPAIR.

We must trust the conductor, most surely! Why millions of millions before Have made this same journey securely And come to that ultimate shore. And we, we will reach it in season; And ah, what a welcome is there! Reflect, then, how out of all reason To stop at the station Despair!

A WINTER WOOLING.

"Genevieve Chamberlain is too silent," remarked Hal Balkan. "When she comes into a room I feel as if I wanted to shake a secret out of her perfect mouth; but, as she is very dainty and very really do it."

The young woman who sat near him as she spoke, painting, and who could not quite compare with a great beauty, thought that Balkan was showing off, being irritated by Genevieve's apparent indifference, and was trying to console himself by grumbling at her, although he would have been very critical of anyone else who dared to do so. This young woman, who could reflect intelligently, was, nevertheless, a perfect child in gullestiness. She was the sort of girl who would remain sweet and naive as an old woman.

Nellie Featherly looked round at Balkan in a moment, and said: "Now there is nothing mysterious about me." "You? I should think not! You are so fearless, straightforward and amusing."

"You have not quite enough illusion about me, I think," pouted Nellie, over her satin scarf, which was just bursting into flower and leaf. "You have made me out just one of the ordinary, useful, toss-me-aside kind of women, and, although you are right, I do hate to bear the fact repeated."

"I don't care what you think of yourself, or how you construe my appreciation of you," answered Balkan. "I am perfectly content with enjoying your traits and sitting near while you paint."

Nellie went on busily, with a dozen pretty motions, and a rather dissatisfied expression of countenance. Whether it was her work or his words which annoyed her, Balkan was not quite sure.

"That's exquisite and no mistake," he went on, peering over at the drawing board on her knees, upon which the satin was stretched. "Oh, please don't say pretty things," Nellie cried. "Somehow you seem insincere to-day."

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Electric elevators increase. There's an electric hammer. Recent experiments have shown that liquid oxygen is magnetic.

Steam locomotives are to be tried on the Chicago (Ill.) street lines. The best inglass dissolves completely in hot water, leaving no visible residue. The jeweler has drills as small as that they can bore a hole only one-thousandth of an inch in diameter through a precious stone.

The globular brass lantern, hitherto in use for military service purposes, is to be superseded by a folding lantern for use in tents. There is a new sanitarium in the Riviera of Italy for the inhalation of ozone for the cure of most weaknesses, particularly tuberculosis.

The best material for hardening and tempering malleable iron and steel goods is said to be leather cinders, made by burning waste leather. Children are not numerous in France. Out of 10,000,000 families in the Republic one-fifth have no children at all and another fifth have one child each.

The star Sirius, which is shown to be about double the size of our sun, emits from forty to sixty fold more light than the sun, owing to its matter being much more diffused. Recent explorations in the district of Sonora, Mexico, show that the coal deposits in the San Marcial Valley will amount to fully 60,000,000,000 tons and it is of excellent quality.

Dr. Koch's lymph, according to the results of the experiments communicated to the last meeting of the Berlin (Germany) Society for Internal Medicine, seems to have proved trustworthy, even as a means of diagnosis for tuberculosis. A French inventor has attached a tiny incandescent lamp to an ordinary pencil for use by reporters and others having to take notes at night. The light is not affected by rain or wind. The battery is carried in the pocket, the wires passing down the sleeve.

A novel method of testing the condition of a horse's feet is to attach one terminal of a light battery to the bit and the other to the shoe. If the foot is improperly penetrated by the nails the animal will squirm under the test, but will give no token if there is no irritation. The natives of Madagascar formerly followed the moon in determining time, but since the influx of missionaries the Queen issued an edict that the Christian year should be followed. But in commencing the year the first year the date of the first day was set some time in October and November.

The red color of the markings on Jupiter is believed by Mr. Barnard, the eminent astronomer, to be an indication of their age, the spots or markings (other than the white spots) being dark or black on first appearance, but afterward becoming red. The great red spot seems to be no exception to the rule. The success of the existing electric railway in London, England, has given an impetus to the movement for locomotion of a similar kind. For consideration during the forthcoming session of Parliament there are no fewer than five bills which propose either the construction of new electric railways or the extension of lines already authorized.

AN INGENUOUS ROBBER.

A Colorado man has devised an electrical machine that successfully operates in placer deposits of gold that could not be profitably worked by the sluice method. The method employed for saving the gold is that of collecting it by means of the electric current, so that it forms an amalgam from which the precious metal may be easily separated.

SINGULAR CAPTURE OF A SWAN.

John Jordan brought a large white swan to Pendleton the other day, and tells a queer story as to how he got it. While near his house, on East Birch Creek, he saw some eagles chasing the swan in the air above him. The unfortunate bird, in its anxiety to escape, flew directly over the young man's head, and with a quick spring he managed to seize and bring it down, the disappointed eagles flying away.—Portland Oregonian.

A FAMOUS MAXIM'S ORIGIN.

The famous maxim about two blades of grass growing where one grew before has been attributed to many prominent men, and among others, especially to Lord Palmerston. It really occurs for the first time in "Gulliver's Travels," "Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together."—New York Recorder.

JEB'S HORSEHAIR SNAKE.

Jeb took a horsehair every day and rushed down to the lake, and watched to see it change into a snake! He'd seen little snakes in puddles that looked like horsehairs, so he thought all horsehairs would be snakes if they had time to grow.

Every time it rained the highway gleamed with temporary lakes. All perturbed with writhing horsehairs which had been turned into snakes; they looked like snakes, they looked like hair, and Jeb he said the rain had turned the horsehairs into snakes—'twas easy to explain.

So he put horsehairs in the lake and watched from day to day To see them turn to wriggling snakes and swim and crawl away. But though he gazed intently with eyeballs tense and strained, The horsehairs still were horsehairs and as horsehairs still remained.

Perhaps we all are much like Jeb—beside life's sheltered lakes We watch for harmless horsehairs to turn into noxious snakes, The hissing vapors of the soul, the serpents of the brain, Are mostly fangless horsehairs and will ever so remain.—Sam Walter Foss, in Yankee Blade

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A tumble-down affair—A wres' match.—Texas Siftings. "The great heir of fame"—"Lo, the Conquering Hero Comes." The chief attraction about a miser in his charming heirs.—Texas Siftings. When a man takes a fatal step he is sure to put his foot in it.—Pittsburg Post.

Advice from the Century Dictionary, page 4908.—"To pop the question. See pop."—Life. An "ice jam" is anything but a sweet thing to the Maine logger.—Boston Commercial Bulletin. It is profitable to know one's self; but there is money in knowing just how others rate us.—Pack. "A simple look is all I crave," said he. "Gaze into yonder mirror and say, 'it,' said she."—New York Journal.

"Cecil Van Duse gave me a piece of his mind to-day." "I noticed you weren't as brilliant as usual."—Truth. When a man resolves to be good and patient the next pair of shoes he buys are sure to pinch him.—Acheson Globe. Setting a broken neck is a great feat of surgery. Still it doesn't quite come up to putting a head on a man.—Boston Herald.

The world is full of men so engaged in saying "Amen" that they fail to see the contribution basket.—Acheson Globe. The man who can't keep up with the procession in this world mustn't expect to enjoy the music of the band.—Elmira Gazette. Unwed—"What is this servant-girl question I hear so much about?" Benedict—"How many nights may I have off?"—Boston Post.

"Do you know, I don't think much of Mawson!" "You don't have to. You can size Mawson up in two seconds."—Brooklyn Life. An unpledged legislator may have "a bit of his own," but other men are making desperate efforts to get his ear.—Columbus Post. Why Two Friends Parted: "Oh, say, I know a good thing I'd like to put you on to." "What is it?" "Ice."—Indianapolis Journal.

Of all the fools, who leads the van? If it were put to vote I think he'd be the silly man Who jumps to catch the bait.—Judge. Debtor—"I can't pay you anything this month." Collector—"That's what you told me last month." Debtor—"Well, I kept my word, didn't I?"—Texas Siftings. Judge (after the jury has acted against his judgments in acquitting a man)—"Give this man his liberty, but watch your coats and umbrellas."—Pileggi's Blotter. Things one would wish to express differently. "Well, good-by, Miss Smith. Tell the others I was very sorry not to find any one at home—a—a—a—except you—a."—Punch.

There are people who have lived to old age for no other reason apparently than that they have never been able among the multiplicity of diseases to decide which one to die of.—Boston Transcript. D'Arbigny—"Miss Daggett was in to see my color studies yesterday, and she liked them immensely. What an artless little creature she is." Stanlock—"That's what makes her like your painting."—Boston Post. Mr. Getup (of the firm of Getup & Howell)—"Where in thunder is that worthless office boy? Have you sent him anywhere?" Mr. Howell—"Yes, confound him! I've just sent him out to find another job."—Chicago Tribune. Undertakers are candid people. A gentleman called at an establishment last week and ordered an outfit for a funeral. "Dr. Blank sent me here," he said. "Oh, yes," said the undertaker. "Dr. Blank sends us all his work."—London Tid Bits. "What are you doing in my house?" asked a man who surprised a burglar at his unlawful work. "Your house!" exclaimed the burglar, as he commenced once more to put silver spoons in his pocket. "You seem to imagine that I don't know the title to this property!" in your wife's name.—Brooklyn Life