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A Belgian paper is publishing articles on the decay of the English Navy.

The German Reichstag has decreed that telegrams are inviolable secrets, except in criminal cases.

There has seldom been a time in the history of American enterprise, asserts Public Opinion, when capital was more reluctant to invest its idle money than it is at present.

Carlisle, Penn., the oldest of Indian training schools, was opened in 1879 and has graduated only three small classes. None of them, admits the New York Independent, have had time to show what they can do.

Judging from the number of charters taken out in the different States for the construction of railroads, it is estimated that upward of 7500 miles of new track will be added to the total mileage of the country this year.

The Journal of the College of Science, published at Tokio, contains articles on paleontology, seismography and natural physics, which would seem to indicate that, in the course of time, Japan will have its distinguished savants and scientific investigators.

Some of the wisest scholars delight in the collection of pamphlets, learns the Chicago Herald. Indeed, there are pamphlets which attracted little notice at the time of their publication a century ago that are now worth a hundred times the price they asked for them. Dr. Edward Everett Hale is one of these pamphlet collectors. He keeps his in a series of baskets suspended by rope and pulley from the beams in the ceiling of his study.

A hundred thousand children of Denmark, with penny contributions, procured a crown of gold, to be presented to the King and Queen on their golden wedding day. The gift is wrought to represent corn ears and clover leaves, and interlaced with a ribbon bearing the inscription: 'The children of Denmark have woven this crown for the occasion of the golden wedding of King Christian IX. and Queen Louise on May 22, 1892.'

One new creature in the next European war will be the Bosna-Herzegovinian troops, who are now exciting the admiration of Vienna by their superior physique, martial bearing, firm, elastic step and steadiness, as well as by their practical dress and equipment. Following the British example with native Indian troops, the Austrian Government decided to mingle indiscriminately in these new levies Christians and Mahomedans, Greeks and Roman Catholics, instead of keeping the sectaries apart. The plan is said to work admirably.

According to the New York Truth, the outcome of the experiment now being tried by M. Gilbert Tompkins at his Southern farm, near San Leandro, Cal., will, in all probability, be a complete revolution in the accepted method of training horses for speed. The system—the idea is not absolutely new, but has never before been applied on a large scale—consists in training horses in the water, making them swim in tanks of tepid salt water instead of the constant track work that has lamed so many promising animals. The swimming reduces flesh rapidly and strengthens the muscles and improves the wind as much as ten times the same time spent on the track, and a very little supplementary track work puts the horse in condition to make a record. Should this system prove all that it now seems to be, Mr. Tompkins will have done much to further the improvement of horse flesh.

The New York Sun says: Some of the members of the Foreign Legations at Washington who are well known in the New York clubs are sufferers by the unfortunate names which they have inherited. Mr. Grip, the Swedish Minister, for example, has had to listen to so much play upon his name since his namesake became a fashionable maulay, that it is a wonder he survives it. Mr. Ho, of the Chinese Legation, furnishes much mild amusement in social circles because it can be said with safety that he is not a rake—a comment which the Celestial mind absorbs blandly and blinkingly without comprehending fully its meaning. The late Persian Minister, Hadji Hassen Ghouli Khan (I am not quite sure of the spelling of all of it myself), found his name twisted in the mouths of menials as well as of the people he met socially that he probably looks upon Americans to this day as very ignorant people. There is an Italian in Washington who is not at all of the Legation set, who has gained some local prominence as Secretary of the Italian Society, whose unfortunate name is Isannora—a name which the vulgar have corrupted into Annie Rooney, to the Italian gentleman's great disgust.

LOVE STRONG AS DEATH.

Nay, say not, Sweet, that Love has turned away Because one day He gathered alien flowers while it was May, For Love is Love, and cannot go that way. The little loves there be that dance and sing, And kiss and cling, And praise the light and laughter of the Spring, But on dark days, like birds, forbear to sing. Shall Love that bore the blast and did not fall Now cower and quail— Strong Love that blancheth not then, to-day turn pale? Nay, Love is Love, my own, and cannot fall. Oh, could Love cease, or change, or pass away, Then the son's day Would turn to night, unlit by any ray; But Love, Sweetheart, can never pass away. —Philip Bourke Marston, in Independent.

A BUFFALO HUNT.



BUFFALO is more timid than those calves browsing there, and more powerful than a lion. A trifle will scare the wit out of him; but unless you hit him in a vital part you can almost put a whole cartridge box into him before you will bring him down. The speaker was a raw-boned frontiersman, who for more than thirty years had lived in the West. He had taken Greley's advice and grown up with the country. He had swung through a wide range, and had lived among the mountains, but now owned a large ranch on the plains. Though engaged extensively in the cattle business, there was a time when as well as a largely engaged in the buffalo business. "Yes," he resumed, "you can send them flying as easily as you can a brood of chickens, but it will not require the wind of a thoroughbred horse to catch up with them. And when a buffalo runs he is the most ungainly, lumbering creature going. "Just about twenty years ago I was along here when down from the northeast roll a big herd of them, containing fully 30,000 buffaloes. It had been a dry season, and the hills were yellow when I heard the thunder of their heavy gallop. The earth fairly shook beneath their tremendous movement. Great clouds of dust rose above them, as though a cyclone was tearing up the earth and filling the air. That small stream we crossed a short distance back was not near so full of water as it is now. But the buffaloes had scented it, and had come from miles away for it with a mad rush. "It seemed as they approached that their speed quickened. The herd was led by a number of great, powerful bulls. Their eyes rolled, while their tongues hung from their open mouths. I had watched herds approach and pass me before. But, hidden behind a rock, so as not to disturb them, I watched with an entirely new interest the sweep of this herd, impelled by the fiery torments of a consuming thirst. I quickly perceived its object, and, as the channel of the stream is a trifle deep, I judged that there would be a sudden increase of speed for a brief moment when the banks were reached. "I had witnessed a comparatively dry river bed quickly covered by a foaming torrent, whose rising tides soon swirled and boiled up to the very top of the shores—a result of heavy storms nearer their source. I concluded from the impetuous rush of this turbulent stream of buffaloes that the channels of this river would soon be covered and quite filled. But a moment later my conclusions were more than realized. For when the leaders reached the very brink they plunged down the steep bank, and they would have suffered no particular injury from the sudden and swift descent, because a buffalo, though awkward and weighing a ton, when he goes down almost a precipitous decline will so combine a tumble with a slide and roll and leap that, much like a cat, he will soon be right side up at the bottom. It was what came after them that prevented the leaders from getting the best of the bargain in reaching the water first. "For this great herd was almost a solid, compact mass, and it had acquired such a momentum in its headlong career that consideration for the fate of the leaders were not of sufficient force, if even they had been entertained so much enough, to perceptibly check its movements. So down the banks they tumbled over and over, throwing many on the opposite bank. You would have supposed that fatal consequences would have resulted to great numbers. "The rush was soon stopped. Then herd widened out, those in the rear hurrying up and down the stream, and those tumbling into a heap into the bed of the stream rapidly extricating themselves, until, in an almost incredibly short space of time, every buffalo was comparatively free. I do not suppose there were more than half a dozen that were seriously injured. It is simply remarkable, the toughness of the buffaloes which used to roam in this great West. "Hunting the buffalo is existing sport. To an old hunter, though, it is usually a simple affair. For a long period during my life the commonness of the hunt rubbed off about all the novelty there was in it, and it came to be regarded as quite an ordinary event. "I want to say, too, that the wholesale way in which these huge animals were slaughtered by speculators is something which always riles the blood of a Westerner when it is referred to. And I cannot recall these grand old beasts without being reminded of the brutality and unparadiseable bloody work of many a white man from the East. "I remember a chase which took place down near the Arkansas River along in the early spring of the year 1860, I think. Our camp was beginning to suffer for provisions. One afternoon I mounted my pony, intending to wing some duck in a distant bend of the river, where there were selgy marshes, and where they found a favorite resort. But I was unable to discover the faintest sign of their presence, and, after exhausting both myself and my pony in a long search beyond, I concluded to stop where I was for the night. The next morning my hunt for ducks was made to appear a small and insignificant pursuit, unworthy of a strong man; for there in the distance was a great herd of buffaloes feeding. It was to the windward and consequently I ran no risk of being scented. Hastily eating what little lunch I had remaining from the previous night I started. Luck favored me. I discovered the serpentine line of a narrow hollow formed by the waters when great rains fell, moving to the river. This line wound around in a long and circuitous fashion until it came near the herd. I was soon into this hollow, and my pony picked his way down it as a fast walk. As I came near I could hear distinctly the ripping sound which innumerable mouths made as they tore the green grass from the sod. "I had not reached quite the point where I determined to mount the bank and make a charge upon the herd when I came unexpectedly into an opening where the banks lowered away, exposing me to the full view of the cows that happened to be browsing in that direction. They instantly tossed their heads and started. So pressing on at a fast walk was drawn and then some bulls gave a sharp snort, which was a signal for a general stampede. Away the whole herd plunged. It was then or never. So spurting my pony up the grade I rode after them. They were in good condition for leading me a long race, and swept away like the wind. But my pony possessed unusual qualities of speed and I gained on them gradually. I came close to the stragglers, but, as I was after some tempting steak, I had no disposition to shoot down anything that I could reach. 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