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The czar of Russia tells his subjects that he is an autocrat, as his father was, and means to remain so.

M. Andre, a European aeronaut, thinks he could get to the North Pole in a balloon at an expenditure of about \$35,000. He is still looking for a millionaire to blow him off.

The New York World announces that a prize of \$100,000 is offered by this Government for the best airship for passenger and freight traffic. Inventors have until 1900 to perfect their plans.

A movement is on foot in England to celebrate the sixth centenary of the British Parliament, which will be rounded out this summer. It was in 1295 that Parliament first assembled on the basis from which has grown the form of the present assembly.

The statistical fiend has been figuring out the cost of the chain letter business asking for stamps. He estimates that if the letter reached its fiftieth number and brought back ten stamps for each letter written it would take 101,372,794,958,094,779 cars to carry the stamps.

The examples of New York and Ohio in founding colonies for epileptics is about to be followed by Illinois, announces Harper's Weekly. The medical societies of that State and of the city of Chicago are moving in the matter, and have submitted a bill for the purpose to the State Legislature.

The Atlanta Constitution announces that Bishop Potter, of New York, practically endorses the plan suggested by Rev. Mr. Rainsford, some years ago, of having saloon attachments to the churches. In this way good drinks may be obtained by the thirsty, and the desire for company be gratified.

Twenty years ago the persons of the Emperor and Empress of Japan were sacred; they were seen by none save high court officials, and even to these the Emperor's face must be veiled. The Empress now visits the free hospital of Tokio, and talks or gives presents to the patients as freely as in any Western land.

J. Ross writes in the Engineering and Mining Journal that since Africa the Brazilian diamond-mining industry has fallen so low that the annual output is now not over \$150,000, when thirty years ago it was upward of \$2,500,000. Brazilian diamonds are so much smaller than the African that it does not pay to mine them against African competition.

The political and financial programme of the Russian Government for this year is of a comprehensive character. It includes the improvement of public credit, the extension of roads and communications, the development of commerce and agriculture and the promotion of the export of Russian manufactures. A special tax is proposed on all merchandise entering the port of St. Petersburg.

There were issued during the year 1894 20,803 patents. The inventive Yankee is not losing his grip, the New York Mail and Express makes apparent. In proportion to population more patents were issued to citizens of Connecticut than to those of any other State. Massachusetts ranks next. Rhode Island is third, New Jersey fourth and New York seventh. Montana and Colorado are fifth and eighth respectively.

Kleptomaniacs is the polite term for common stealing when the thief has money or social position, remarks the San Francisco Chronicle. The latest instance of this vice of the period comes from Paris, where a rich old collector of curios looted the Louvre and stole many valuable art relics. If these kleptomaniacs were treated like ordinary thieves we should hear of them less frequently. Because a man has no incentive to theft except cupidity is sufficient reason why he should be more severely punished than one who steals from necessity.

What the New York Mail and Express esteems an excellent scheme for an international postage stamp is shortly to be submitted to the various Governments of Europe by the German authorities. The exceeding inconvenience now existing in the case of those who wish to inclose stamps for reply in a letter addressed to a foreign country will be wiped out, and a stamp bearing the names of all the countries in which its value as postage is recognized, together with a table giving its value in the coin of each of those countries, will become universal if the scheme is adopted.

GRANDMA LAND.

There's a wonderful country far away, And its name is Grandma Land; 'Tis a beautiful, glorious, wondrous place With grandmas on every hand. Everywhere you may look or go, Everywhere that the breezes blow, Just grandmammas! Just grandmammas!

A NEIGHBORLY FEUD.

"I'll tell you, Frank, it's got to be the point where something must be done," said Mrs. Burnett, and as she spoke she rapped at the small knuckles that were moving toward the sugar bowl. Morton, aged nine, jerked his hand out of the way and laughed at his mother, who pursed up her lips to conceal a smile.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. Mortal Man—Uncompliement—A Sad Loss—Up-to-Date Young Miss—Woman's Rights, Etc., Etc. Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud? When he knows he's a weak-minded flat, By a fear of fair woman to wretchedly cowed To ask her to take off her hat. —Cincinnati Tribune.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Aluminum heel tips are coming in vogue in England. An electric tree feller is one of the most recent inventions. Argon, the new gas which has been discovered in the atmosphere, costs \$20,000 a pound to produce. Some students delving in old libraries now wear goggles to prevent inhalation of the book microbe.

UNCOMPLIMENTARY.

The Physician—"Your fever always seems to leave you when I come in." The Patient (irritably)—"Can you blame it?"—Chicago Record.

MORE THAN HE EXPECTED.

Chicago Man (politely)—"Ah! allow me to hand you your hat, sir. This wind is terrible." St. Louis Man—"Yes; I saw you pick it up. Glad you confessed having it. I shall not forget your honesty, sir."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

STRICTLY CORRECT.

"It strikes me," said the man who knows something of everything, to the theatrical manager, "it strikes me that you have a good deal of nerve to say that you engaged your company at an enormous expense, when I happen to know that not one of them gets more than \$10 a week."

AN ACCOMPICE.

Briggs—"You remember, you told me yesterday about how you called on Miss Willowsnap and succeeded in kissing her." Griggs—"Oh, yes, I believe I did."

A WIDOW'S YOWL.

An English parish clerk, seeing a woman in the churchyard with a bundle and a watering can, followed her, curious to know what her intentions might be, and discovered that she was a widow of a few months' standing. Inquiring what she was going to do with the watering can, she informed him that she had been obtaining some grass seed to sow on her husband's grave, and had brought a little water to make it spring up quickly.

PERSECUTING A POET.

John G. Whittier was greatly loved by strangers, who not only called on him, but thrifly insisted on putting up with him all night. "There has no idea," said his sister, "how much time Greenleaf spends trying to lose these people in the streets. Sometimes he comes home and says: 'Well, sister, I had hard work to lose him, but I have lost him. But I can never lose a her. The women are more pertinacious than the men.'"

THE AGE OF TREES.

Much speculation has been indulged in as to the length of time during which trees of particular kinds may live; but anything like an absolutely accurate estimate is obviously impossible. Approximation to exact knowledge is all that can be obtained. Such an approximation, however, is interesting, and here it is. The cedar has been known to live 2000 years, the cypress 800, the elm 300, the ivy 335, the larch 575, the lime 1100, the maple 516, the oak 1500, the olive 800, the orange 630, the spruce 1200, the walnut 900 and the yew 3200.

TO PRESERVE THE HAIR.

"What'll you have on your hair, sir?" interrogated a barber to one in the chair. "Nothing at all? Not even water? Well, do you know that you are one man in fifty? The other forty-nine want a decoction of some sort to make their hair lay smoothly and shine nicely. To tell the truth, though," he continued, in a confidential tone, "it would be a great deal better for their hair if they also persisted in having their locks combed dry. Nature has placed a little oil on the root of each hair, the duty of which is to supply the hair with natural oil, and make it smooth and supple. The use of water, bay rum, oil and other hair dressings takes the place of this natural oil, and the excess wither from disease. And so, unless the use of dressings is discontinued, the hair is liable to grow hard and stiff. I would advise every one to discontinue the use of all hair dressing, and to let the hair come to its own natural color and texture. About three weeks of dry brushing will replenish the oil sacs, and thereafter the natural oil will do the work thoroughly. No, sir, I wouldn't advise any one to wet the hair in combing it. Bad practice. Next."—New York Ledger.

DETECTIVE ABILITY.

A some what glibly but quite successful bit of elucidaion is credited to M. Bertillon, the anthropometrist. On his back, in bed, a man was found dead, dressed in his deceased's clothes, and set in his usual chair. The confiture was as it used to be, and the hue of life was brought back to the face as nearly as stage paints could make it. Then the revival was photographed, and the photograph was sent to every gunsmith in Paris. One of them recognized a person who had bought a revolver two days before, and the weapon was identified the weapon. —Fall Mall Gazette.

HOW SCRIPTURE WOULD BE VALUE.

"Mr. Serimple," said the magistrate to the rising young lawyer, "I want to make use of your valuable services." "Very well, sir," said Serimple, as he gazed at the joyous prospect of a first brief. "What can I do for you?" "A firm which competes with my house," replied the magistrate, firmly, "is about to bring a damage suit against me and I want you to get them to engage you as their attorney."—Chicago Record.

FIVE ACRES OF WINTERGREEN.

Wintergreen Island, situated opposite Essex, Conn., was in past years considered as profitable a five-acre tract of land as the town contained, owing to its producing immense quantities of wintergreen. This land was heavily covered with pine trees which shaded the vines. The berries were so plentiful that many bushels were gathered every year and were taken by agents, who shipped them to Boston and other cities. But their end came when the trees were cut down. The harvest was from the middle of November until the snow covered the ground. Birch has taken the place of wintergreen, and the section abounds with birch oil distillers. The difference between birch oil and wintergreen oil is very slight, and thousands of gallons of the former are sold every year for wintergreen extract.—New Orleans Picayune.

AN ORCHID FAD.

Joseph Chamberlain's fidelity to the orchid has done more toward strengthening the cult of the flower than the action of anyone else. His attention was first directed to the orchid in an accidental manner about twenty years ago, and since that time he has been adding continually to his collection at Highbury, near Birmingham, England, until at the present moment he has between 5000 and 6000 plants of all kinds, which have been drawn from all parts of the orchid-producing world. Altogether they fill thirteen glass houses. —Chicago Times-Herald.

UNFAITHFUL.

If man could rule his love of change would rule. The purple dignity that wraps the hills, Pinked out from the blue sky some perfect star, And set it elsewhere, as his fancy wills. Train the garnished apple tree more straightly up: Lift violet head, so long and meekly bowed; With some new odor fill her purple cup, And glid the rosy fringes of a cloud.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A fast man easily runs into debt.—Puck. The poorest form of leading is belonging to a literary society.—Aitchison Globe. Unless you flatter some people they imagine you are slandering them.—Galveston News. It is very hard to admit that a man younger than yourself has more sense.—Aitchison Globe. In the bright lexicon of the grocer, even aspic is adulterated until it is not all aspic.—Puck. Sheriff's advice to a merchant—"Don't advertise and I'll do the rest."—Profitable Advertising. The man who becomes a successful hypocrite has to work at it every day in the week.—Bam's Horn. China invented gunpowder, but it was so long ago that she forgot what it was for.—Cincinnati Tribune. A man doesn't look as pretty at a piano as a girl; but, as a rule, he sounds prettier.—Aitchison Globe. The man who commits suicide for love perpetrates a slur on all the women in the world except one.—Puck. "These are pretty poor patent leathers you have on." "Yes; but they were all right before the patent expired."—Yale Record. It's a wise young housekeeper who excuses her bad cooking on the ground of typographical errors in her cookbook.—Philadelphia Record. Nearly every one has been wicked enough in his life to feel painfully embarrassed when invited to a mind reading party.—Aitchison Globe. Professor—"Mr. Wakenup, can you tell what besides chloride of iodine is found in salt water?" Wakenup—"Why, yes; fish."—Yale Record. Weazer—"The Populists used to have a band wagon; what have they got now?" Teazer—"Nothing but the wagon's tongue."—Philadelphia Inquirer. Time flies. It seems but a few days since a woman we knew was cutting out scraps of poetry, and now she cuts out only sure cures for rheumatism.—Aitchison Globe. Chicago Alderman—"Who are you and what do you want?" Old Party (with lantern)—"My name is Diogenes. Let me pass. I'm not looking for you."—Chicago Tribune. Mrs. Elephant (after trying knot in her spouse's trunk)—"There, now! I guess you won't forget again to bring the baby some of those cocoanuts when you go down to the jungle."—Puck. One fact should be known by him who'd drink From Fortune's golden cup: By Fate is the man turned down who waits For something to turn up.—Puck. Madgo—"I wish we could meet some of the leaders of our set this afternoon." Mamie—"That's easy enough to do. Just put on your ugliest dress and go out for a walk."—Chicago Record. Little Sister—"Any new studies this term?" Little Brother—"One—elocution." "What's that?" "It's learnin' how to read a thing so it will sound as if you was at the other end of a drain-pipe."—Good News. Visitor—"It must be very difficult to produce such an exquisite work of art." Dealer—"Nonsense. Almost anybody can paint a picture; but finding a victim to buy it after it is painted is where the art comes in."—Tit-Bits. Little Dot—"Uncle George says I'm too loquacious. What does that mean?" Mamie—"That means you talk too much." Little Dot (after reflection)—"I guess big words was made so folks could say mean things without hurtin' anybody's feelings."—Good News. "Eustace has been cared of his habit of boasting." "How was that miracle accomplished?" "He was dilating on the size of his income the other evening in a mixed crowd when one of the persons present spoke up and remarked that he was an income-tax collector."—Chicago Record. A Strike Against the Hospitals. There is a strike against the hospitals in Vienna. In Austria the private doctor is almost unknown, as nearly everything belongs to a medical club, by which, on payment of a trifle, medical attendance is furnished whenever required. These clubs have long had an agreement with the public hospitals to give admission to sick members for thirty-six cents a week. The hospitals are now trying to raise the rate to fifty cents per week and the clubs have struck against them.—Chicago Herald.