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RATES OF ADVERTISING:

One Square, one inch, one insertion... One Square, one inch, one month... One Square, one inch, three months... One Square, one inch, one year...

A Porto Rican has figured out the U. S. A. following Porto Rico means Uncle Sam's Addition.

The marriage of a former Vice Consul to a servant who has graced a New York kitchen will be a happy union of the consular and domestic services.

With British Blue Books and French Yellow Books it may be said that the talk of war between England and France is not entirely colorless.

What on earth is all this for? General Kitchener was heard to mutter when he saw the throng assembled at Dover to welcome him.

Experiments conducted under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture at Washington for a couple of years are said to indicate that hog cholera, or swine plague, can be treated with success and with comparatively little expense.

It does not need reference to the well-known maxim, "Just as the twig is bent the tree inclines," to show the importance of inculcating frugal, saving habits among children.

There can be no gainsaying that we went wild over our victories against Spain; that we fell pell-mell over each other in efforts to reward our gallant sailors and soldiers, and that we made perfect manna of ourselves in the receptions we gave to our returning heroes.

THE BABY ON THE TRAIN.

Everybody restless, Grumbling at the dust, Growling at the cinders, Pictures of disgust.

A ROUGH DIAMOND.

OD help us, Miss Elsie, the bank has been robbed! A hundred thousand dollars gone, missie! and poor master away! Oh, dear! oh, dear!

Why are you here again, Harold? she cried when he was standing there in front of her. "When I gave you that last money you promised to stay away altogether, and try to get something to do."

But Elsie would not see it in that light for a long, long time. It was not until her brother had fully enlarged on the grim necessity of the case, not until he had forced her to plainly understand the consequences if he did not have money at once, that she finally consented to go to the editor of the Blackmore Times.

THE CHINESE CHOPSTICK.

Most Efficient Device For the Purpose Ever Invented. With the evidences of Asiatic contact supposed to be so strong in Central America, one might have imagined that so useful a device as the simple chopsticks would have secured a footing.

TALE OF A DESERTED CITY.

Meadow Lake, in California, is called the American Pompeii. In Nevada County, California, repose the remains of one of the strangest towns on this continent.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Nervous people should be relieved to know that a search of medical literature reveals no substantial case of burial alive. It has been found that the soot produced when acetylene gas is burned with a smoking flame gives carbon of a high grade.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The solutions to these puzzles will appear in a succeeding issue. 1. A piece of timber. 2. Formerly. 3. To examine closely. 4. A pavilion.

SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.

5.—A Double Acrostic— T O M B H E R O E N O S H U R T U N T O B E A N

THE MARE THAT GOT LEFT.

A Scottish paper tells a story of Sandy Mc—, a Forfarshire farmer, who had been spending an hour or two in the evening with a friend a couple of miles away.

ON CRUTCHES.

When I listed folks all said, "Ah! I guess they hit it right, 'Jim's so good at raisin' Ned."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

He—"There is always something unsensational about a pretty woman." She—"Yes; it's a man."

WANT NO AMATEUR COOK-MISTRESSES.

London cooks are beginning to rebel against taking service with a mistress who knows, or who thinks she knows, something about cooking.