

The chrysanthemum will be the national flower...

It is now reported that Dr. Peters is alive. If this report is true, the report recently of his decease was incorrect.

Announcements of the World's Fair fund the New York World, in referring to the subscription, says: "There is no spontaneity."

With the admission of the two Dakota, Montana and Washington, an area...

Some one has suggested that Admiral Walker and his squadron be ordered to Rio Janeiro to encourage the new republic.

The postage on parcels should be reduced as proposed. It can be done without great cost to the Government.

The public may get some idea of the quality of low-priced revolvers by noting that when the Government...

The gambling saloons of Monaco have been enlarged on account of increasing business, and it is pretty evident that the scientific Prince of Monaco...

To be the possessor of a unique thing is a great delight and satisfaction to many people, and should there be any of that description among the Parisians...

THE Marine Conference is now considering the adoption of a rule requiring all boats to carry lights at night.

ALTHOUGH several European nations are reported to have adopted a smokeless powder for small arms, General Benet reports that "no American has yet submitted for trial a smokeless powder."

UNCLE SAM should have copyrighted the title United States. There are three nations on the American continent now known as the United States—our own, the United States of America, the United States of Columbia and the United States of Brazil.

SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER.

When it Comes to Asking Questions, Fair Woman Takes the Cake.

"Women are our worst cases," said old Dr. Bismuth to me the other day. "It takes them an hour and a half to tell how their labors got buttoned up their noses, and how they themselves feel when they think they are sick. And when it comes to asking questions, there's no heading them off at all. I explain in the simplest manner every detail in regard to their taking the medicines I give; and after I've got them out, and the door locked and bolted they'll come rushing back to go through with this catching."

"Oh, doctor, what did you say to take first—the drops or the powders?" "The drops first."

"And then the powders?" "And then the drops again?" "Yes, yes."

"How often did you say?" "Every two hours—it is marked on the medicine."

"Oh, yes, it is marked on the medicine." "Oh, is it? How many drops did you say?" "Six."

"In how much water?" "A teaspoonful." "And then one of the powders?" "Yes, yes."

Ottawa and the Government Buildings.

Ottawa is the capital of the Dominion of Canada, made so by the choice of the Queen. When it was a question of making a selection, both Montreal and Toronto were anxious for the honor, but the Queen bestowed it finally upon Ottawa.

The Government buildings of which we are speaking, views, taken during an artist's tour this summer, are situated on a hill called Barrack Hill, in the midst of beautifully laid out grounds, and are a fine example of picturesque architecture.

The main structure contains the Senate Chamber and House of Commons. There are two departmental buildings, one on each side of the main building, and a third departmental edifice called for the growth of affairs in the north-west.

Ottawa itself is a great lumbering center, and the busy whir of the saw-mills is heard the whole day long, whistling and booming in the distance.

The principal mills are clustered around the Canadian Falls. Much of the power of the Ottawa is derived from the falls, and the river's turbulent rapids, which serve to run quite a number of saw-mills.

In the summer months when the busy hum of the mills fills the air, and the colors in the warmth of the sun, they are the brightest; but in the spring freshets their grandeur increases, and they, as the increased volume of water flows, seem to carry everything before them.

The writer is indebted for the above beautiful description to Stuart Cumberland, Esq., of Ottawa, in his very interesting book entitled "The Queen's Highway."

Rose Hartwick Thorpe, the author of "Curlew Nest Not King To-night" is a woman who is wished her health and her husband's health, but as her own health suffers there, they think of making Southern California their future home.

How it Turned Out.

"I'm going now to run away," said little Sammie Greer, one day. "I can do just what I please; I'll never have to knock my shoes. Or wash my face or comb my hair. I'll find a place, I know, somewhere, and never have again to fill the bathtub."

"Good-by, mamma," he said, "good-by!" He thought his mother then would cry. She only said, "You go, dear!"

Quick through the alley-way he sped. The big chip-block he did fill. He washed his face and combed his hair; and then he went to bed.

At the same instant the moon peeped over the hills, and the stars shone white and bright in the sky.

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SAVED BY A PARROT.

"Stop thief!" "Halt, or I fire!" The watchman paused beside a lilac bush, fragrant with the blossoms of May, and leveled his revolver.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The total Indian population is less than 250,000. Of these 21,232 live in houses, and 9,512 families are engaged in agriculture.

The newly selected capital of South Dakota got its name of Pierre from Pierre Chouteau, one of the St. Louis Continentals in the days when all that region traded extensively in furs with St. Louis.

A sign that is attracting hundreds of people to where it hangs, on a narrow street in London, is a notice, "Coffins made and repaired. Extra strong ones for country people."

Probably the largest yellow pine tree in America was cut down recently by a Kentucky farmer. It was forty feet in diameter at the base, and had made five thousand feet of lumber.

When a Chicago clergyman hung out his sign to the public some of his brothers were horrified at the innovation, but when they discovered that that same sign brought him about three couples a week, they were glad they stroked their chins in a seductive way and declared that he had a great head for business.

The second of 1889 has been the worst experienced by the Providence (Mass.) Grand Bank and Building Association for fifteen years.

A New York school was to be opened and the principal was to be a well-known florist to furnish him with stands of flowers which should be appropriate for the occasion and yet have some allegorical significance.

When the case of Lyne Laird and Polly Balloo was called on for the first time, the jury never thought of giving her baby a drink, and yet, from the very nature of a baby's food, it is more apt to require water than any other food.

KNOW THYSELF.

Do you believe in witches, spirits, elves, fairies, vampires, ghouls, gnomes, gnomes, bogies, brownies, pixies or imps, or any of the kind?

Do you believe in an evil genius? Do you believe in the evil eye?

Do you believe in a devil with horns, cloven foot and long spikes tail?

Do you believe in a ghost who appears in a graveyard at midnight and walks up and down a church, or in a church house?

Do you ever employ anything at a salaried?

Do you feel uncomfortable when you spill salt?

Do you sit down with thirteen at table?

Do you ever made uneasy by hearing the insect commonly known as the death-watcher?

PROVERBS ABOUT RAIN.

When there is unusual clearness in the atmosphere, and objects are seen very distinctly, there will probably be rain.

If it rains when the sun is shining, it will rain the next day.