

ABENOO artist in New York... representing himself as the grandson of the Father of his Country.

HEALTH officers in New York... Health officers in New York undertook to ignore "la grippe," but the disease was not so inconsiderable in return.

THE French Anti-Tobacco Society... claims to have discovered by experiments that tobacco smoke poisons meat and vegetables ready for cooking.

THE cruiser Baltimore is getting ready to sail for Norfolk, where she will take on her armament and then be sent to the fleet at sea.

TO GET an idea of the importance of the popular movement in Lisbon to England, one should remember that it is only three-fourths the size of Pennsylvania, and has about the same population.

THE use of high tension electric light wires would not remove the danger, and it seems that he was right. Recently an underground wire, heavily charged and badly insulated was the cause of an explosion in a New York subway.

THE attempt of the little kingdom of China to resist the Chinese assertions, especially as to a recently discovered valuable commodity, has recently caused the King to sign a decree, the contents of which have recently been discovered.

BISHOP POTTER, of New York, is opposed to the compulsory use of the Bible in the public schools. "Many people," he said in his Sunday sermon, "are agitated over the compulsory reading of the Scriptures in our schools. I do not believe that any good would come out of such legal compulsion."

THE amicable settlement of the famous contest in New York over the Bible in the public schools, the result of the most noted legal controversy, resulted in the history of American litigation. This case was as remarkable in its way as any chapter in the strange romance of the Stwart history. The amicable settlement is, however, alleged to have cost \$3,000,000; so that the matter may be said to have ended in a blaze of glory in a legal sense. The fact that any settlement was reached short of the absorption of the entire estate in the expenses of the contest is a certificate of the good sense of the litigants.

THE law changing the Presidential election in Mexico, so that the President could serve a second time without another term intervening, was well known to have been drawn in the interest of General Diaz, and it is now said to be considered certain that he will succeed himself. The country is tranquil, every confidence is felt in him, and there seems to be no desire for a change. Mexico's export for 1888 reached the total of 169,158,435, as against \$48,855,938 for the previous fiscal year. This is a remarkable growth, and one in which Americans ought to take more than usual interest.

It is not improbable that "nobility was to blame" for the falling of a church wall in Brooklyn by which two persons were killed and several injured. The building, whose walls appear to have been substantially built and of proper proportions, was incomplete, and while in this condition, with the mortar not yet hardened, it was caught by a violent wind storm, which could not be foreseen or guarded against. If the building had been completed, it might have withstood the storm of a century. We recall the falling of a church wall in Philadelphia under somewhat similar conditions twenty-two years ago. It was rebuilt of the same dimensions and materials, the structure completed as originally designed, and it is standing yet. Accident is not necessarily brought about by the designer or builder.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY NATURE. A Piece of Marble on Which is Pictured a Mountain Scene.

Colonel A. C. Hawley, formerly Adjutant General of Minnesota, walked into the Grand Pacific Hotel recently with a curious piece of stone under his arm...

The picture is of a mountain river winding along at the foot of high and rocky cliffs. Above the cliffs are precipitous mountains reaching half way down to the top with pine trees and stunted shrubs.

The curiosity was given Colonel Hawley by Major Knappen, who owns the stone. The marble is an authority for the statement that the picture in the marble is an elegant reproduction of the scenery on the side of the valley opposite the quarry in which it was found.

One of the men working in the quarry climbed half way up the mountain and noticed a piece of marble, which was lying with the surface exposed. He examined it closely to discover its quality and saw the picture. After it was brought to the surface, the marble became more distinct. Major Knappen brought the slab to Chicago and took it to a marble finisher, who ground it off in the shape of a piece of surface and polished it. This last polishing brought out the details of the picture.

Senator Wilson, of Iowa, a few days ago introduced a bill to remove the charge of treason against George W. Harkness, of Red Oak, Iowa. The story of this case is peculiar. In 1861, at the age of 16 years Harkness enlisted in the 42nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry at the little town of Bedford. He marched away to the war and served in the Army of the Tennessee, as at the siege of Vicksburg and at the battle of Gettysburg, having suffered neither wound nor disease. He went back to his home at Bedford and at the age of 18 married a girl named Mary. He was called again to the Army of the Potomac and in 1864, in the closing operations about Richmond, found himself suddenly ordered with his command to the front.

Five days before they moved young Harkness received a letter from his wife. She was ill and appealed to her husband to come home at once. He obtained leave, and three days later was in Bedford. That night a provost guard in search of deserters invaded the Harkness home. Harkness was arrested and dragged him away, despite the piteous appeals of his sick wife. The next day a daughter was born and the young mother learned that her husband had been taken back to his regiment. His case never came to trial, for it was found he had been absent on leave, but it appears the charge of desertion, which was entered at the time of his arrest, was not removed from the record.

THE INK-BOTTLE CRASH. Who Gave the Advice.

Many a night I have lain awake in terror, fearing that the truth abut at the ink bottles would come out. But I never did, and now that the fear of punishment is past, I may as well tell it myself. The ink that we use in our schools is made of indigo and sugar. We had just got in the new school-house that winter and we were very proud of the school. It was painted a brilliant white outside and he plaster was a brilliant white inside, and there was a door at the end with a small platform, and three windows on each side of the building, one set of windows looking over the big swamp and the other set looking over the village.

The teacher that we had that winter was particularly hard on us boys. Perhaps he was right about it, but we all hated her, and taking it all in all, she had a pretty hard time of it that winter in the village. The ink that we used cost five cents apiece. There was also a great deal of home-made ink in vogue, which was concocted with sugar and indigo. Some of the boys had a little of this, and they used it to write in a copy-book, which was apt, when laid on too thick, to have all the characteristics of copying-ink, and to smear. The opposite teacher had a bottle of ink that was made of sugar and indigo. He had a bottle of ink that was made of sugar and indigo. He had a bottle of ink that was made of sugar and indigo.

Some of the pupils who were rather inclined to be snobbish and put on style over the rest of us, had glass ink bottles and they used these to write in their books. The ink was made of sugar and indigo. They used these to write in their books. The ink was made of sugar and indigo. They used these to write in their books. The ink was made of sugar and indigo. They used these to write in their books.

Before any answer could be given another bottle exploded, and then one of the stone bottles shot its cork clear up to the ceiling and into the pure white plaster drove a fountain of boiling hot ink, which splashed on the ceiling with a ragged, ugly black blotch that never could be got out to the day the school-house was pulled down. By this time all the girls were crying and the boys were standing as far away as possible from the stove, with white faces and trembling limbs. The teacher quickly took the situation and rushed down to the stove, which was firing off a shot about once a second, and with one fell sweep of the pointer, which she held in her hand, she shot the ink bottle out of the window. As she did so two or three of the bottles went off and splashed the hot ink all over the wall at that end of the room and on part of the ceiling. The pupils who had been innocent victims of the affair and who had lost their nobby glass bottles, at once took the ink bottles and tried to cork the ink bottles to blacken the ink.

A Street Tragedy.

The drunk of evening had settled down. People were hurrying through the town. A careless driver, a carriage was seen. A crowd gathered upon the street. Blood and torn papers marked the fall of a victim.

THE WIFE AND THE DIVORCE.

"Self-willed and ill-tempered! I'm enough of you for your good!" "Oh, yes!" "I've been thinking of you for a long time, Susan. You've been so good to me."

A LESSON FOR LOVERS.

"I'm glad to hear of your success, Susan. You've been so good to me." "Oh, yes!" "I've been thinking of you for a long time, Susan. You've been so good to me."

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Veretschni pictures will probably remain in America permanently. They were entered in bond, of duty, and the time allowed by the bond having expired, duty has been paid on the entire collection. Max O'Reil (Earl Bristol), who has spent some time in Ireland, says: "I have often been asked why I have not written a book on Ireland. The answer is this: I cannot write on the faults of people, and I never could find any in the Irishman." O'Reil has been at the library store.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

An audience in an Indian village in Michigan, becoming disgusted at the tameness of a theatrical performance, chased the actors out of the theatre and organized a dance. The orchestra, who were not a little scared, consented, after some coaxing, to provide the music.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The recumbent statue of the Emperor Frederick by his tomb has been finished in the city by Professor Begas, of Berlin. The statue is clad in the cuirassier uniform, and lies on its back on a huge sarcophagus. The hands are crossed on the breast, and hold a laurel wreath and the hit of a sword.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The terror of the Sultan when he heard the particulars of the Brazilian revolution led him at once to distribute a large sum among his Alban and Nubian slaves, and to order the pay of the Turkish and other troops which are to be paid off at once, though no one knows where the money is to come from.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A Nuremberg firm is bringing out a new kind of sole for boots and shoes. The sole consists of a sort of trellis work of spiral metal wire, the interstices being filled with gutta-serena and surrounded with rubber. The sole is strong and supple, and is made with special nails or two ordinary nails, and can be produced 50 per cent cheaper than the ordinary prices for leather ones.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

According to a despatch from Vienna, the star of Bethlehem will again be visible in this year, which will mark its seventh appearance since the birth of Christ. It comes at intervals of 600 and is of wondrous brilliance for the space of three weeks, then it wanes, and disappears after 17 months. It is the most conspicuous star in the constellation Cassiopeia and it remains in sight.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A cold spring has been discovered on a farm at Stonington, Conn., whose waters have a peculiar but transient effect on the rheumatism of the veins swell, and one feels for about ten minutes as if he were about to explode. Then the sensation gradually subsides until, however, it has been entirely. The water is the talk of the neighborhood, and as there seems to be no harm in it, many have tried it. A sample has been sent to Boston for analysis.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A remarkable find has just taken place at St. Paul, Finsterlin. On removing a granite block to the south-west of the village a Roman flagstone was observed, which had previously served as a cover to a box of wood now fallen into decay. Inside were found over 10,000 small, plain Roman coins of the Emperor Valerian, Constantius Maximus, Lucinius, Constantine the Great, and Constantine II. They are well-preserved and date from 250 to 380.