

The World's Fair Committee appointed by Speaker Reed is a five-sided affair; two members favor New York, two Chicago, two St. Louis, two Washington, and one has not yet expressed his preference, if he has any.

Work on the Hudson river tunnel, connecting Jersey City and New York, is about to be greatly expedited, probably with the purpose of heading off the proposed bridge across the Hudson.

What need there is for a Society to Protect Children from Cruelty is shown by a few figures from its annual report, which says that 708 cases were investigated, involving the welfare of 1762 children; that 165 cases were prosecuted, and that 400 children were removed from brutal parents or guardians.

The employees in first and second class post-offices claim to be the most overworked and poorly paid persons in the service of the Government. They are now making an organized effort to limit a day's work to eight hours, overwork to be paid for extra. They also ask for 15-day vacations, with full pay, and for a stated increase of salary up to a certain maximum.

What might appear strange in the electric light accident at Newburgh, New York, the death of one man from the shock, while another man, and even the first fire-knower, escaped, is easily explained by the circumstances narrated in the dispatches. An electric light wire is said to have been in contact with an iron rod leading to an awning post. The insulation on the wire was saturated by rain. In this condition the wire served to be insulated, for water is a good conductor of electricity, and the current in such a case would flow from the wire through the iron rod and awning post to the ground.

To love is to ask of another the happiness that is lacking in ourselves. The most elusive woman may be the most voluptuous if she loves. To amuse the public what a sad vocation for a man who thinks. When a woman is no longer attractive, the reason is to be inconstant. There is more merit in subduing passion than in giving an injury. As for a little more money and a little more time, why not one if either one or the other would make you a happier man.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The girl of fourteen, in Columbus, O., who created a sensation recently by eloping with a man nearly 3 times her age, is now a widow, her husband having died from pneumonia, the outcome of an attack of the grippe. It is stated that a hotel to contain 400 rooms and to cost \$1,900,000 will be erected in Chicago at the corner of Dearborn, Quincy and Jackson streets. It is to be fourteen stories high, exclusive of the basement. There were five Hungarian weddings in one house, in East Bridgeport, Conn., recently. They were each celebrated in e-stame and according to the custom of Hungarians. Important banks of marine sponges, including all the kinds most valued in commerce, have been discovered on the southern coast of Sicily. They extend from 15 to 18 marine leagues in length, and are from 20 to 31 feet in depth. Greeks and Italians are hastening to the spot. Outside Salomina another oysterery has been found, of ancient Thibulian times, with many super-plat still unopened. In many of the oyster shells inscriptions are inserted a clause that whoever opens the oysterplugs, and places there another cover, shall pay a certain sum to the oysterery. An avert correspondent of a Western journal, who feels that the projected spell of mild weather justifies him in working off some summer literature, is writing a series of monthly or bi-monthly-odd child who can talk plainly, and who could, at the age of three weeks, utter a few words. A company has been formed in London to erect a tower in that city on the Eifel plain. The tower is to be 1,250 feet high. Five hundred pounds are offered as a prize for the best design for the proposed tower, and £25 for the second best design. The competition is open to the world. The dress worn by Mrs. Robert B. B. in the case of the late Mrs. Z. Z. of Morristown, recently, was, it is said, made of a piece of silk especially woven for the Empress of Austria. Worth was made to order for two gowns, and then the pattern was destroyed. French designers both gowns. Burglars recently broke into a house in London, but obtained little booty for their pains. A man in giving an account of the affair, spoke of much valuable property they overlooked. Acting on this hint, the rascals paid a second visit, and made a great haul. They left a note expressing their obligations to the newspaper reporter. A party of surveyors in the wild Gagai mountains of New Zealand, have discovered and brought back to civilization a white woman, who has been identified by a scar on her body as the daughter of a Scotchman, who died years ago, when a child, by the Maoris. She was living with a Maori as his wife, and could not remember a word of her own language. A marble tablet, possessing great interest for acclimatists, has been found in Agaff, China. On it is the following inscription: "1832, 11th of the month of the year of the dragon, a noble man named Mr. Robert, who had not been killed in any of the uprisings. An undertaker, in Burlington, Vt., has completed a remarkable contract which he had made with a man who had a large oak tree on his place cut down and transformed into lumber. An arrangement was then made with the undertaker to manufacture a casket out of the lumber and enclose it in an outer case in readiness for the funeral. The case came up recently, and the undertaker found the casket and the deceased buried in it. The Rev. Henry B. Elliot, a Presbyterian minister of New York city, thinks he has discovered the origin of Madonna's "Madonna del Popolo," or "The Madonna of the Veil," which was thought to have been lost for many years. Mr. Elliot's reason for his belief in the authenticity of the canvas is that when he first secured it, twenty years ago—how, he does not state—it was exactly an English copy of the original. It is recognized that his conclusion is based on a strong probability, and that he is as respectable a figure in the world of letters as if he professed Greek.—N. Y. Times.