

A stir provided for two years and having a crew of 11 men, started from Belgium on the 16th of August to find the South Pole.

Hen's Justifiable Bewilderment.

A most wonderful phenomenon has recently occurred at Boston, Lincolnshire. A poultry keeper placed a hen on 15 double-yoked eggs, and twenty-nine chickens were the result. It is said that the hen's bewilderment at this extraordinary brood from such an ordinary number of eggs was very pronounced. The chickens, which are black Minorcas, are now about three weeks old, healthy and peckish, and have been viewed by scores of incredible curiosity hunters—London Telegraph.

A Six-Foot Snake.

Harry Lowman, a resident of Baltimore, who is spending the summer in the mountains near Bland, Va., whilst out on a gunning expedition last week, came suddenly upon a large black snake of the racer variety, that was sunning itself upon the fallen trunk of a chestnut tree. Hearing a hissing sound, he looked around and saw the reptile darting its head in a threatening manner toward him. He raised his gun and fired at it, but missed it and sent the snake sprawling on its side. Lowman's presence of mind, Mr. Lowman started to run. He had not gone 20 steps before his foot became entangled in some brush and he fell to the ground. The reptile overtook him and entwined itself about his body and began tightening itself upon him. Screaming at the top of his voice Mr. Lowman attracted the attention of a wood chopper nearby, who came to his rescue. Seizing a club he readily dispatched the snake, saving the young man from a very serious ordeal and perhaps death. The snake measured six feet, seven inches. — Clambersburg Repository.

Lowdown Gazette, August 19.— Levi DeWester during the late dry spell, propelled his plow with four horses, which was sort of a novelty, but worked splendid. No need of waiting for rain. Tuesday morning, Emory Ayers, serving an eight months sentence for stealing, put a plank against the inside of the jail wall, upon which he climbed to the top of the wall and hopped down on the inside and made for the ridge, but he was discovered and pursued, being over-taken on the ridge by Frank, son of Sheriff Collins. He picked up a stone to resist being returned to prison, but thought better of it and went quietly back to serve out his sentence, which will expire in September, if not extended because of his attempt to get away.

Imagine yourself just arrived in the Klondike region in Macedonia gap in Shade mountain, four miles north west of Mifflintown, with the "best" intention of searching for gold. You have a pan in which to wash the sand and pebbles from along the banks of Macedonia run. You have a pick and shovel and ax and several hundred pounds of pork and other provisions that you had carried on pack of Indians from Philadelphia. There isn't a house near in which you can get shelter and the thermometer is at zero. It seems rough. How to keep from freezing is a great question under such circumstances. If the sand is not frozen a hole can easily be dug and a fire built in it, but with the thermometer at zero, the ground and sand and pebbles are a solid mass and there is no way by which you are and there is no way by which you can get shelter and the thermometer is at zero. It seems rough. How to keep from freezing is a great question under such circumstances.

IN THE SHADOW. Oh, she will have the best, dark heart, for all her face is fair— As deep and dark as though beneath the shadow For in her hair's a sprit's breath that no white spirit is. And in her eyes the hopeless glow of that white spirit's bliss. She has her name within the palm, the halcyon of her heart. She takes her soul and blows them forth as if they were the wind. And one falls back upon her breast that is his blissful home. And in the night to the night and as wind blown foam. And is there any home for him whose portion is the night? And is there any place for him whose doom is O wind, and bird, O wind and bird, O bird upon the wave. There is no home for thee, wild bird, but in the cold sea gaves. —"The Hill of Dreams," by Flann Macleod.

MUSEUM CRANKS.

People Who Want to Dispose of Alleged Valuable Relics. The amateur collector of curiosities generally has an exaggerated idea of the value of his treasures. No sooner does he get hold of something which he considers unique and interesting than he fancies that every museum in the country will jump at the chance of purchasing it from him. With this idea he continually calling upon museum keepers and trying to persuade them into exhibiting his so-called rarities. The curator of a popular northern museum has been much worried in this way during the last year or so. Only the other week a white haired old man came to him and showed him a dagger which he claimed to be the weapon used by King John in slaying the boy Prince Arthur. The dagger was quite a modern affair and showed no signs of age, but the old man stuck to his description strenuously. "My dear friend," he said to the curator in patronizing tones, "if you are so blind to your own interests as to refuse this dagger, it is no concern of mine. It has been in our family for centuries, and we are descended in a direct line from Henry de Bourne, the nobleman who refused to allow Prince Arthur's eyes to be burned out with red-hot irons. I'll give you one more chance, and if you won't have it I'll take it elsewhere."

MILLINERY.

Good news for you. Hats for 50, 10, 15, 17, 19 and 25c. Some better grades sold, Trimmed Hats for 35, 40, 50, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. All goods reduced at 41.

The Best After Dinner Pill.

Hood's Pills aid digestion, prevent that feeling of fullness or distress and gently, yet effectively, assist in the assimilation and digestion of food. They do not gripe or pain, and they do not weaken the body. On the contrary, they have a strengthening and stimulating effect. They rouse the liver, prevent sickness and cure sick headache. Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, perfectly harmless and may be used safely by delicate women and children.

\$7,800 GIVEN AWAY.

To persons who make the greatest number of words of the phrase, "Fatigue Attorney Wheelerburn." For particulars address the National Recorder, Washington, D. C.

Buy your hunting dogs and have them acquainted before the hunting season opens. I have the following to offer, guaranteed thoroughly broken on their game and reliable. Fox hounds, rabbit hounds, beagles, setters and pointers; also some fine Newfoundland, spaniels, collies, fox and bull terriers; fancy poultry and pigeons; Belgian and German hares; prices low. J. Howard Taylor, Aug. 27, 19.

REDUCED RATES TO GREAT BRITAIN AT WILKINS GROVE, VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

For the accommodation of persons desiring to attend this interesting picnic and exhibition, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets on August 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, good to return until August 30, inclusive, at rate of one fare for the round trip, from principal stations between East Liberty and Bryn Mawr on the Northern Central Railway north and including Lutherville, and on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division.

GRAND OPENING OF NEW FURNITURE STORE.

FERD MEYERS NOW MAKES HIS FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF MIFFLINTOWN. That he has opened a new Furniture Store, next door, east, to his large clothing store, on Bridge St., and invites to this opening, on Wednesday, September 1, 1897, where he will display the largest and finest assortment of Furniture ever shown in Mifflintown and which can be purchased at rock bottom prices. All goods were bought from the largest Furniture manufacturers in America, paying the lowest cash prices, which will enable him to sell all kinds of high grade Furniture at prices lower than any other store in the county. A special invitation is extended to all. Yours Truly, FERD MEYERS.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill an bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

LEAN MEAT.

It sometimes contains as much as Seventy-eight Per Cent of Water. Lean meat, it may surprise many to learn, is much more watery than fat meat. This may be illustrated by the fact that it takes very lean meat to contain as much as 78 per cent of water, while very fat pork may contain only 10 per cent. The flesh of fish is more watery than ordinary butcher meat. It sometimes contains five-eighths its total weight of water, and flounders six-sevenths. Among the foods which may be cited as containing but a small percentage of water, and consequently as dry food, are the nuts, which are nearly entirely devoid of it. The animal body has often been aptly likened, to a machine, and like all machines, it requires fuel to keep it working. Now this fuel it obtains from the food which it eats, and in default of food the animal tissue itself is drawn upon. Food, therefore, keeps the animal body warm and yields the muscular energy necessary for the accomplishment of the work which the body does. In this capacity it is the most important of food nutrients and all concerned.

Named the Fabric.

At a very early period in the northern republics became known as the fabric of the future, and it was given a great measure to the stimulus given by the maritime supremacy of the cities of Genoa, Pisa and Venice and to the corresponding activity in trade in such important Italian cities as Milan, Florence, Bologna and Padua. Milan and Mantua gave us milliners and mantua makers, and Leghorn attached its name to a certain kind of hat and straw. England, Ireland and Scotland have given names to many of the fabrics made in certain localities, of which tweeds, chevots and linsey woolsey are familiar examples. Worsted comes from the village of Worsted, near Norfolk, and fragnet may be traced to Drogheda, Ireland.

AGRICULTURE.

English horticulturists have come to the conclusion that it is a mistake to wait till November to plant the bulbs of tulips and hyacinths and crocuses and that when the summer display is over (September) the sooner bulbs are got in the better. Curious Accidents That Have Happened to Drivers After Hidden Treasures. "In this line of work we come across some curious accidents and narrow escapes," said Deputy Mine Inspector Frank Hunter the other night, as he was being asked for an explanation, the visitor said he had decided to present the museum with a priceless treasure which he had discovered the other night by Sir Francis Bacon. He had been preserving it for a long time, his history, in order that he might write his history, which he had at last completed in a manuscript volume of 320 sheets. The manuscript was of the year 1600, and was written by a man who was an expert, examined the paper and declared it to be worthless. It had apparently been

used in a sconce room until it had got so rotten for service and was then discarded. At any rate, it couldn't have been more than 70 years old. This report was communicated to the visitor, who thereupon took to raving like a madman and became so violent that he and his treasure had to be moved along by the police.

THE PORTER HIS BOOTJACK.

A traveler recently witnessed an amusing episode on a train between Chicago and Kansas City. A very respectable and well-to-do gentleman was in the car when he became aware that he was struggling with his boots. He first put one foot on his knee and tugged. As he was traveling his boots were new. The boot wouldn't budge in that position, so he placed the toe of the other boot on the floor and tried it that way. The boot stuck. Then he hooked his foot around the other leg and took hold of the heel and tried to "work" it off, but it wouldn't come. At last he went in search of the porter and demanded a bootjack.

Down in the coal mines there is one passage that is three miles long, and is called the "chamber air" and does not seem to circulate. Upon the walls there is a gathering of moisture, and if you puff a cigar in one of these chambers the smoke will seep the walls, where it clings with an unobtrusive but persistent spray of weeds under running water. That dew on the walls is white damp, and the dead air of the chamber where it is found is poisonous.

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The Republican state convention will meet on Thursday, to-morrow at Harrisburg. When J. D. Mertz, residing near Rock Rock School house in Walker township, went to his barn on Tuesday morning, August 24, he discovered that some party had stolen a few chickens. He had a hard time in seeing in the barn-yard, the track of a horse and wagon. The incoming track was almost washed away by the out-going track, was plain. He followed the track through Frog town and around by William Kaufman's place to Center and northeast of Centre to Charles Stauffer's place. Then he came to Mifflintown, obtained a search warrant and warrant of arrest, and with deputy Sheriff Austin Calhoun, went to the Stauffer place and searched the premises. It was late in the afternoon when they arrived there and that gray little time. Stauffer came out at home. They arrested a young man named William Babbs and proceeded to search the premises. Under the barn floor, which is constructed on pillars near the ground they found some wheat, and in a box found in a manger they found another lot. The two lots amount to about ten bushels. Night came on and they gave up the search for the time. Stauffer came about dusk and was arrested and with Babbs brought to town and put to jail. Babbs confessed to the stealing, but Stauffer denies having anything to do with it, further than he loaned the horse and wagon to Babbs and so the case stands this Wednesday morning, August 25.

MIFFLINTOWN MARKETS.

Wheat ..... 96  
Corn in ear ..... 28  
Oats ..... 32  
Rye ..... 32  
Cloverseed ..... 12  
Butter ..... 12  
Ham ..... 12  
Shoulder ..... 12  
Sides ..... 2  
Lard ..... 7  
Timothy seed ..... \$2.00  
Flax seed ..... 60  
Treatment of the above ..... 65  
Sorghum ..... 85  
Middlings ..... 90  
Ground Ala. Salt ..... 1.00  
American Salt ..... 75 to 80c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

1897.—Wheat \$1.04 to \$1.07; corn 35c to 36c; oats 26c to 27c; live hogs 9c; old roasters 7c; spring chickens 11c; butter 10c to 12c; eggs 14c to 15c; sugar 30c to 35c; apples 75c to \$2.50; potatoes 35c to 40c; plums 6c to 8c; peaches 10c to 15c; sweet corn 20c to 25c; a basket; Pennsylvania tobacco fillers 40c to 14c; Havana running lots 12c to 15c; mixed hay at \$6 to \$8.50; timothy hay \$11.50 to \$13; East Liberty cattle market for cattle 6c to 5c; hogs 24c to 42c; sheep 24c to 4c; veal calves \$6.50.

Life of the Sultan.

The Sultan, in his book, "The Sultan and his Subjects," his life is of the simplest and most arduous. He rises at 6 and works with his secretaries until noon, when he breakfasts. After that he takes a drive or a row on the lake, with his secretaries and attendants, which may bring him to regret that he did not remain idle. Every bone and muscle aches with the intolerable poignancy that is known to convalescents from yellow fever. The treatment of his majesty's ailments is nearly dead, the sufferer is nearly buried. A hole is dug in the soft earth, and the victim is made to stand up in it while the dirt is thrown around him until only his head is seen above ground. The treatment of the prisoner that is so common and in a short time the patient has fully recovered.—Butte (Mon.) Miner.

LEGAL.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Hon. JEREMIAH W. WINS, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for the Forty-First Judicial District, composed of the counties of Juniata and Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania, and W. N. STERRETT, Associate Judge of the said Court of Common Pleas of Juniata county, by precept duly issued to the Sheriff of said county, have caused to be read and published in the public office of said county, the following: That the said Court of Common Pleas, for the Forty-First Judicial District, composed of the counties of Juniata and Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the said precept, as the same is on file in the office of said court, to wit: That the said Court of Common Pleas, for the Forty-First Judicial